

# Good News Letter

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101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015; (740) 363-7021

Dear FBC family:

With our Christmas celebrations behind us it is time to turn our attention toward the New Year. As with most years, we will face challenges, opportunities and change. As we continue to gather for worship and Christian education we continue to equip ourselves for the work of the Kingdom of God.

I am not much for New Year's resolutions. I think each of us make the choices everyday that will determine whether or not we are faithful people. However, the beginning of a New Year is a good time to challenge ourselves to think about the role the church plays in our lives.

Having lived for so long separated from my extended family the church has been my family. Particular communities of faith have nurtured me and strengthened me as I have faced the uncertainties of life. My hope and prayer for the new year is that we will continue to invite people to join with us on the journey of faith. As we continue to take the risk of opening ourselves up to what God has in store for us we will grow as a community of faith.

Did you ever get cold feet? That is usually a question you ask about facing some difficult situation. However, in my case it is a literal

expression of what happens every winter. This year I am going to make a change to avoid cold feet. Starting at the first of the year I am going to start working from my home office. I anticipate this



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change lasting through February. I will have my calls forwarded from the church.

As always if you have a particular need you should feel free to call the parsonage. I have discussed this with the deacons and with the parish council. Both groups are supportive of the idea. It will also save a little on our usually high utility bills during the winter.

As a reminder, if you need to get in touch with me the following

numbers will get the job done:

Church 363-7021  
Home 362-6033  
Cell 815-6170

We also have a new email address:  
timchesser@earthlink.net.

Please try to use the cell phone number only if you can't reach me at the other number, but don't hesitate to use it in case of emergencies.

I will continue to be available for prearranged appointments at the church or in homes. If you feel like you need or want a visit just let me know.

Your Pastor,

### ABWM

American Baptist Women met Thursday, December 18 at the church. After a short program, we packed boxes for our shut-ins and our extended family. These boxes of fruit, candy, cookies and jelly were delivered by members and we hope they enjoyed our short visits and the goodies we brought! We should all endeavor to visit through the year, not just at Christmas.

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Our January meeting will be on Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jeanne Ekelberry (433 North Liberty Street). We will be putting together bags for Turning Point. The Swisher family will come in February to talk to us. More later about items we would like from you.

Please plan to come in January; we would love to see you.

— Jeanne Ekelberry

## Women's Retreat

Make your plans now to attend our women's retreat on January 24th at Asbury United Methodist Church from 9:00 until 3:00. Our main focus will be Seeking Growth--developing five holy habits that lead to spiritual growth. There will be plenty of time for fun, fellowship, and food. The cost will be \$10.00. You will be receiving a letter with all the details soon but reserve the date now.

— Kathy Chesser

## Business Meeting

On Wednesday, January 28 we'll have a covered-dish dinner at 6:30, followed by our annual business meeting at 7:00.

## Pulpit Exchange

Our church will participate in a pulpit exchange on Sunday, January 25. Pastor Chesser will be preaching at Valley View Evangelical Friends Church. (We don't know yet which pastor will be coming to First Baptist.)

## Trustees Notes

### • The Steeple—

The major portion of the slate and flashing repair has been completed. The painting of the ridge rolls (the metal work down the corners of the steeple) and tuck-pointing of the loose bricks around the dormer window built into the steeple will have to be done in warmer weather.

The weight of the crane used on the job broke the water line to the church. We now have a new water line all the way to the main under the street, including one of the new meter pits. The city covered their portion of the line, from the



shut-off valve to the street. The contractor with the crane will cover the rest.

• On Sunday afternoon, November 30, Community Central Baptist used our sanctuary for a service of baptism. Pastor Don Brooks officiated. Peter White served as building host.

• The pipe organ was tuned and serviced by John Muller of the J.W. Muller Pipe Organ Company. The cost was \$230.00.

• A thank you goes to Larry Faulk for repairing and redecorating the Christmas tree after it fell over with quite a smash during the first week in December.

• Jimmie Moore was elected chairman of the trustees for the new year.

— Peter White  
Board of Trustees



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Jan. 4 Cynthia Biggar  
Fred DeBiasio  
Shirley Parker  
5 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  
Nick Porter  
26 Sophia Stephenson  
27 Steve Baker  
30 Calvin Turner

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

## Personals

• **Matthew Lovell and Annette Fritsch** were married on November 8th at Clintonville Women's City Club, with Reverend Tim Chesser officiating. The OSU Statesmen and Alumni sang. A reception followed the ceremony. Barbara Lovell attended the guest book and Debbie Lovell gave a toast. Annette and Matthew went to San Francisco for their honeymoon. Matthew and Annette Fritsch-Lovell reside at 4884 Hunt Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242. Mary Lou says they were very blessed to have the family together for this special time, with some family members whom had not been together for many years.

• **Debbie and Vic Fogle** are sharing the wonderful news that they are expecting a baby in August.

## Forest Gump in Heaven

The day finally arrived when Forest Gump died and went to Heaven. Saint Peter met him at the Pearly Gates and said, "It's good to see you, Forest. I must tell you, though, that Heaven is filling up fast and we're now giving everyone an entrance examination. The test is short, but you must pass it before you can enter Heaven.

Forest said, "It sure is good to be here, St. Peter, sir. But nobody ever told me about an entrance exam. I sure hope the test isn't too hard; life was already a big-enough test."

"Yes, I know," said St. Peter, "But the test has only three questions. Here's the first one— what two days of the week begin with the letter 'T'?"

"Shucks, that's easy," said Forest. "That'd be today and tomorrow."

The saint's eyes opened wide. "That's not what I was thinking, but you do have a point and I'll give you credit for that answer. Now here's the second question, Forest—how many seconds are there in a year?"

"Twelve," said Forest.

"Twelve?" exclaimed St. Peter. "Why in Heaven's name do you think there are twelve seconds in a year?"

"Shucks, there's got to be twelve seconds," Forest said. "January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd..."

"I see where you're going with this," interrupted St. Peter. That wasn't what I had in mind, but I'll give you credit for that answer, too. Now the third and final question. Can you tell me God's first name?"

"Sure, Forest replied, "It's Andy."

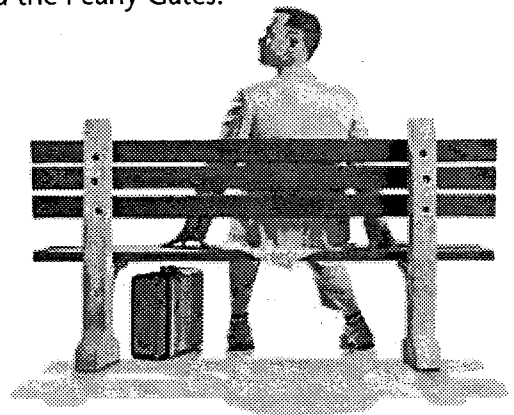
"Andy?!", exclaimed St. Peter. "How in the world did you come up with 'Andy' as the first name of God?"

"Shucks, that was the easiest one of all," Forest said. "I learnt it from that song—'Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me, Andy tells me I am His own...'"

St. Peter sighed and opened the Pearly Gates.

"Run Forest, run!"

— submitted by Beth Trigg






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## 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
				<b>New Year's Day</b> 1 	2	3
<b>Epiphany</b> 4 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	5 7:00 Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	6 7:00 Board of Christian Education at the Parsonage	7 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir  ○ Full Moon	8 12:00 Young at Heart	9 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	10 9:00 Parish Council Calendar Planning
11 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	12 7:00 Deacons; Boy Scouts	13 7:00 Trustees	14 7:00 Choir	15 7:00 ABWM  ☽ First Quarter	16	17 8:30 Men's Breakfast
18 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b> 19 7:00 Boy Scouts 	20	21 7:00 Choir  ● New Moon	22 7:00 Parish Council	23	24 9:00 Women's Retreat at Asbury (until 3:00)
25 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship (Pulpit Exchange Today) <i>February newsletter available today.</i>	26 7:00 Boy Scouts	27	28 6:30 Covered- Dish Dinner 7:00 <b>Annual            Business            Meeting</b>	29 ☾ Last Quarter	30	31

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Dear FBC family:

There is a wonderful chapter in the Old Testament that establishes a sea change in Israel's understanding of personal responsibility. Ezekiel 18 eliminates the proverb, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." As the chapter unfolds we learn that children will not be punished because of the sins of their parents, but instead will be responsible for themselves.

I thought of this chapter in Ezekiel as I was thinking about communion, children, and First Baptist.

Because of the fairly unique way we structure our lives together we must make decisions based on our uniqueness. Standard Baptist practice follows a predictable pattern: profession of faith, baptism, communion. Because we are a believer's church we believe that taking communion should follow baptism. However, since we do not require rebaptism we are in a quandary. At what age should a child be baptized as an infant partake of communion? Should children who have not been baptized be allowed to

take communion? Who should make these decisions?

I believe that parents are ultimately responsible for the spiritual education of their children. This education takes place in the home as well as in the church. Parents are in the best position to evaluate the spiri-



tual maturity of their own children. If we believe in the importance of communion as presented in the Bible we will never make such a decision lightly. I have some excellent material available to help parents have healthy discussions with their children about God. Please ask me to get you a copy if you feel your children are ready for such a discussion.

While we cherish spiritual freedom at First Baptist we affirm our belief in the Bible as our authority in faith and practice. The scriptures warn

against eating and drinking the elements of communion without discerning the body. Can we ask anything less as a church?

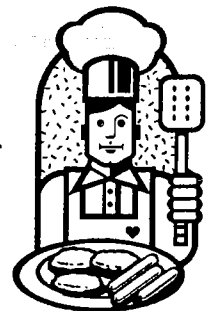
As Baptists we believe that the grace present in communion comes from our appreciation of what we are doing and our desire

to become one with Christ. Perhaps we should all give some serious thought to what the Lord's Supper means to us as individuals and as a church.

See you in church this Sunday,

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Bring your appetite to the annual pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 24 at 6:30 pm. Once again the men will be cooking. Bring a talent, skit, reading, etc. to share. It is hoped that some of our young people will share their musical talent, also.



-Larry Faulk

## Ash Wednesday

Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, which is the period of 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter. This year Easter comes on April 11.



## Christmas Ornaments

Christmas ornaments are still for sale. If you missed purchasing one of the brass Sesquicentennial Celebration ornaments for Christmas, or if you would like to get a head start on next year, they are still available for \$5 each. See Kathy Chesser while supplies last.

## ABWM

American Baptist Women thank all of you who brought items for Turning Point. We will continue to collect each week until Sunday, February 8th.



We invite you all men, women and children to stay after church on February 8th. Bring a sandwich and have lunch with us. Soup and drinks will be provided.

Our speakers from Turning Point will be Mr. and Mrs. Swisher. We hope to have a big collection of personal care items to send back with them.

—Jeanne Ekelberry

## Exciting News...

There are still many opportunities to impact the spiritual lives of our youth! I really think this IS exciting! What better way to insure that the FBC will be around to celebrate another landmark anniversary than to spend some time with the future: deacons, trustees, finance committee members, etc. of FBC. Who knows, maybe one of our youth will be a pastor! Make an investment in our future... sign up today for nursery, tweenies and junior church so that we can continue to offer these important services.

— Liz Bowman

## VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
Jan. 25	Faulk	L. White	Turner
Feb. 1	Griffith	Wickum	Lovell/Grubbs
Feb. 8	Mercer	—	—
Feb. 15	—	—	—
Feb. 22	—	—	—
Feb. 29	—	—	—

*Thank you to all volunteers!*

*Please continue to sign up and fill in the blanks.*

## Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

The final tally for the RMMO offering was \$534.03. Thanks to all who helped us reach our goal.

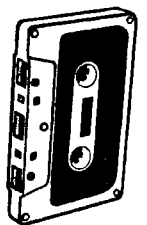
—Linda White  
Mission Education Chair

## Sandie Heizer Festival of Praise

You're invited to attend the annual Sandie Heizer Festival of Praise. The service will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 1 at Trinity Baptist Church in Marion. An offering will be taken to benefit Judson Hills Camp, a favorite project of the late Sandie Heizer.

## Tapes of Services Available

Did you miss last week's worship service and wish that you could at least listen to an audio recording of it? Or did you want to review a previous sermon?



Or did you want to share a service with a friend, neighbor, or shut-in? Well, you are in luck. First Baptist Church attempts to record each Sunday worship and maintains a library of most services. Please see Pastor Tim or one of the deacons to "borrow" a particular recording.

In reviewing our 2003 library we need a copy of the September 28 service. If you have a copy, please share it with me.

— Larry Faulk

# BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

JOHN FAWCETT (1740-1817)

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HANS GEORG NÄGELI (1768-1836)

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:

2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4. When we a - sun - der part, It gives us in - ward pain;

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.

Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
 And oft - en for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet a - gain. A - MEN.

## The origin of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

John Fawcett, the hard-working minister of a small Baptist church, was invited in 1772 to become the well-paid pastor of Carter's Lane Church in London. He accepted the offer and preached his last sermon in remote Wainsgate, where he had labored for the equivalent of one hundred and twenty-five dollars a year. He was about to depart when his congregation gathered around him, expressing their love and dependence.

Fawcett was so moved by his congregation's actions that he changed his plans and stayed for the rest of his life at Wainsgate and neighboring Hebden Bridge. "Blest Be the Tie" is a touching commentary on that incident. Many have loved the hymn; it was a favorite of Dwight L. Moody.

—submitted by Jean Wickum;  
 from the book "A Treasury of Hymns"

## Trustees Notes

The trustees met on Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 pm under our new chairman, Jimmie Moore. Our regular meeting night is the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Members were chosen for the following positions:

Archie Trigg—Vice Chairman  
 Steve Ferguson—Secretary of the Minutes  
 Bud Sykes—Rep to the Nominating Committee  
 Jimmie Moore—Rep to the Finance Committee

- The bill for the major portion of the steeple repair came from Mid

State Contractors of Marion. The cost of slate and flashing repair was \$5,460.02. The remaining work of painting and mortar work on loose bricks in the dormer window built into the top of the steeple will be done when it is warmer in the spring.

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- A big thank you goes to Bud Sykes for this beautiful new wood cabinet in the kindergarten/tweenies room. This room will look much better without supplies scattered everywhere.

- A thank you goes to Melissa Mercer for donating a lightly-used toy set of a plastic refrigerator and store for the kindergarten/tweenies room. The old, beat-up, metal ones were pitched.

- The fire extinguishers were serviced by B & J of Marion, Ohio. Seven out of the nine in the church were due to be recharged this year, so the cost was \$273.00.

—Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb. 1 Melissa Neill  
2 Elizabeth Bowman  
2 Fred Grubbs  
4 Mary Early  
6 Janet Inscho  
15 Deborah Van Broekhoven  
24 Emilie Trigg  
Meagan Fogle

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## Sesquicentennial Wall Hanging

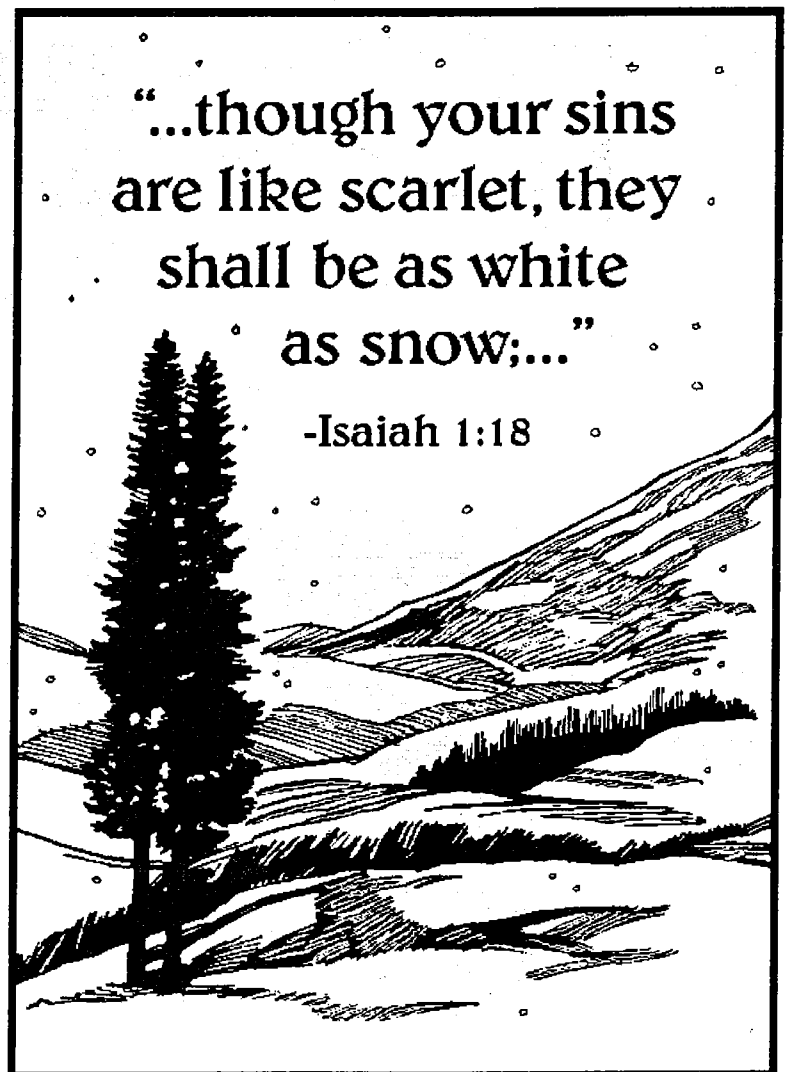
Our sesquicentennial signature wall hanging will be in the sanctuary during the month of February to complete our year-long celebration. If you have family members who grew up in our church but now live somewhere else now and have not signed it, then please see me. (I'll have special pens with me.)

We lost one special member this year and gained two new baby boys. We celebrated with former members and caught up on marriages and births—kids in college

and out on their own. Letters and photos from those who could not come helped bring us closer to old friends.

It has not been decided where to keep this part of our history, but I hope that it can be used again in 10, 20, and 50 years from now, and that our children who signed it in 2003 will look at their signatures and will remember how they helped to celebrate our sesquicentennial, and will be reminded that they are keeping their faith and our church active.

—Jeanne Ekelberry





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Dear FBC Family:

The America for Christ Offering gives us a unique opportunity to help strengthen our walk and work in making disciples of Jesus Christ in the United States and Puerto Rico.

American Baptist Regions and National Ministries seek to provide people, churches and communities with resources to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to help integrate Christ-centered decisions and acts into our daily lives. Some of those ministries include Christian centers, homes and hospitals, military and prison chaplains, camps and conference centers, volunteers, educational and devotional resources, new church planting, evangelism, and racial justice and reconciliation.

Our America for Christ offering makes sure these ministries happen.

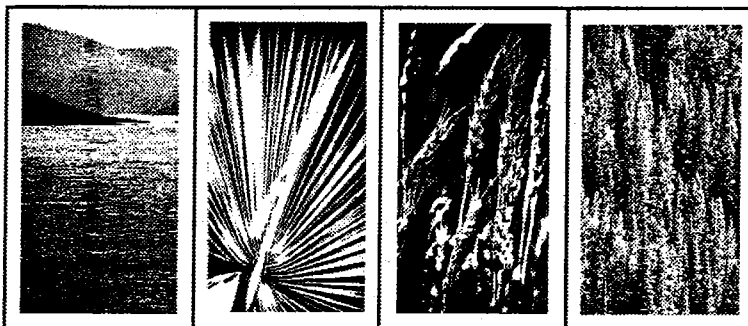
Our American for Christ Offering helps encourage a young woman who makes a decision at a youth conference to pursue a call to ministry, a young man who dedicates his life to housing ministries for the poor because of kindnesses shown

to him as a youth at a Christian center, and a retiree to become a surrogate grandparent to a special needs child.

I urge you to join me in giving generously to the America for Christ Offering this year. Christ showed us that we can make a difference by reaching out to our neighbors.

## Lenten Bible Study

When? Sunday nights from February 29 to April 4  
What time? 7:00 P.M.  
Subject? The Parables of Jesus  
Teacher? Pastor Tim Chesser  
Child care? Yes  
Where? Sr. High Room



## AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2004 DO, LOVE, WALK, GIVE!

Thank you for what you do to show love to your neighbors in this country and walk humbly with God as you give to the American for Christ Offering.

Please bring your America for Christ Offering on March 21 when we dedicate our gifts. Our Goal this year is \$500.00.

Your Pastor,

## Benevolence Offering

Did you ever wonder where the money goes for that special offering before communion? The Benevolence Offering is taken the first Sunday of each month before communion. It's administered by the Board of Deacons for needs within our church and local community.

If you have a need or are aware of someone who does, please let Pastor Chesser or one of the Deacons know. Benevolence giving can be included in your church giving statement if you 1) write a check or 2) place your offering in one of the pew envelopes and put your name on it.

If you have any questions please see Pastor Chesser or one of the Deacons.

- Jennifer Turner

## Making Choices

Dear Church Family:

The sermon on the Sunday you will receive this newsletter is "Making Choices". Two days after that sermon, all of our members who live within the Delaware city school limits will be asked to make a choice at the polls.

As a church, we are not allowed to publicly support individual candidates for office. However, we are free to speak to the issues of the day. I encourage you to support the emergency school levy that will be on the ballot on March 2.

My support for the levy springs from my dual roles of pastor and parent. As a parent I know that my son, as well as other children, will be harmed if this levy does not pass. Draconian cuts proposed by the school board will ripple through the coming decade. As pastor I believe these cuts will harm our community in ways we have not begun to imagine. The scriptures admonish us to seek the good of the community where we find ourselves. A yes vote on the school levy will bring good for our community.

Your Pastor and Sam's Dad,

-Tim

## Chrismon Tree

By next Christmas we hope to have an exciting new tree for our sanctuary. An idea has been talked about and approved by the major boards of our church to have a Chrismon Tree. We will soon begin assembling materials to make Chrismon ornaments.

Chrismons (a coined word meaning Christian monograms) are



Christmas tree decorations used in many churches across the United States. They are always gold and white - no other colors are used. The gold refers to the majesty and glory of God, and the white refers to our Lord's purity and perfection. We will point to Christ as the Light of the World by using tiny white lights on the tree.

The Chrismons may be decorated with items such as beads, ribbon, pearls, and gold thread. They take the form of Christian symbols representing biblical and theological ideas familiar to Christian believers. Most of the symbols have been used by Christians for centuries to represent characteristics of Jesus Christ and of the sovereignty of God. We will soon have supplies and detailed instructions for the ornaments. If you have a particular talent for detail and fine work, please consider how you can be a part of this project.

To finance the purchase of a new tree, tiny white lights, and the necessary supplies to make the ornaments, we will be accepting donations. This will be a Memorial Tree. You may give money in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The tree will belong to everyone and will be a lasting tribute to the love we have for our families and others who have been special to us.

Please pray about your participation in this effort. If you wish to contribute you may give your money to Jane Moore, along with a paper stating in whose memory or honor it is given.

-Jane Moore

## Thank You!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with our children's ministry. There are still a few openings on our current sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please fill in

the blanks and spend some time with our FBC children.

Our new sign-up sheet will be up soon and will offer many more opportunities to share your faith with the youth. If ideas are needed for Junior Church, please see me; we have a large number of resources available.

Thank you,

-Liz Bowman

## Trustees Notes

■ The dehumidifier in the pit of the elevator shaft had recently been very loud, and then quit working altogether, accompanied by a strong burnt electrical smell. It was discovered that the fan had gone bad. This is an industrial dehumidifier designed to operate between 40 and 60 degrees, much lower than a home unit that would freeze into a block of ice at those temperatures. Worly Plumbing Supply put us in touch with the Oasis Company in Columbus, the very plant where it was made. They said we should bring it in for repairs. A new fan motor was installed at a cost of \$69.89, saving the church five to six hundred dollars over the cost of replacing the unit. Jimmie Moore removed the unit, made two round trips to Columbus, and installed the dehumidifier, with Peter White assisting.

■ Several small jobs that had previously "gone wanting" have been completed:

- 1) A handbar or "grip" was installed on the frame of the door that the choir uses to enter the sanctuary, making it easier to get up the three steps. A thank you goes to Bud Sykes.
- 2) A loose floor tile in the doorway of the tweenies room was glued back down. Another thank you to Bud Sykes.

3) A small shelf was installed on the wall in the handicap restroom so someone can place personal items there while using the room.

4) The blue paint in the nursery was touched up in several areas, especially on the badly-scratched wall by the restroom.

■ Two pianos were tuned, three others were "touched up", and some repairs were made to one in the fellowship hall and the one in Barb Reed's classroom. Piano tuner Richard Dacks did the work. The cost was \$190.00.

■ Our organist tells me that someone has recently been changing the organ's controls and leaving them in the wrong positions. Please remember that our organ is over 100 years old and contains fragile wood fittings. Parents, be sure your children know that they shouldn't play with the organ. If they are too young to understand, please supervise them, especially if they are in the church during the week. If you are an adult who is interested in the organ, please speak to one of our three organists.

— Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

## Piecemakers

The Piecemakers Quilt Guild will have a work day on Saturday, March 20 from 10:00 to 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Baby quilts will be made which will be donated to the At Risk Program. If you wish to help, come for an hour or for all day. You don't need to be a quilter; you can measure, cut or tie. We finished 30 quilts last year.

Also, there will be a free display of quilts at the Delaware library during March. There will be info sheets on the display table near the front door, and look up towards the second floor to see the quilts.

—Jeanne Ekelberry

## Dinner at 6

You are invited to share dinner and fellowship with 5 to 7 other First Baptist friends. The board of Deacons is sponsoring a series of monthly dinners (initially targeted for April 17, May 15, and June 19) for small, rotating groups (6 to 8) within our fellowship. The purpose of the evenings is to enhance our fellowship by sharing dinner in our homes, getting to know one another more personally beyond the opportunities in worship, Sunday school, and our other church activities. It's also a chance to share good food and conversation and to celebrate our shared relationship at First Baptist.

Each dinner would be hosted by a volunteer who would establish the "dinner time", provide the main dish and vegetable as well as confirm the attendance of the scheduled participants. Other attendees would bring salads and desserts to complete the meal. All are charged with having fun and fellowship.

Please commit as a couple, a pair, or as an individual to "Dinner at 6" by filling out the response form and returning it to Larry Faulk by Sunday, March 7th.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be a Host  Yes  No

Thailand and Michelle Bradley at Church of Hope South Dakota State Prison and our Ohio Scholarship Student Randy Brookes of Geneva at Ashland Theological Seminary.

We also have responsibilities to the Association for the programs they administer. Our White Cross quotas for this year include \$60 for Nicaragua for mission work and \$20 to the Phillipines for fabric and thread as well as surgical masks.

Our \$60 Overseas Purchase Plan Request for Nicaragua is part of a total White Cross request of \$26,000 to aid ABC medical missionary Dr. Gus Parajon and "PROVADENIC". Provadenic is an ecumenical, community-oriented primary health care project which also involves another ABC doctor, Adalia Guttierrez-Schellinger. This organization addresses needs of people, towns and their environment. Child and maternal mortality rates have dropped below those in nearby countries, yet Nicaragua is Central America's poorest nation, and our money goes a long way toward creating caring, coopera-

feel free to ask us any questions concerning ABWM.

We thank you for past support of our projects and we welcome you to attend any meetings.

—Evelyn Lee, Treasurer

## ABWM in March

American Baptist Women will go to the Sarah Moore Health Care Center on Saturday, March 20 at 1:00 p.m. We will visit with residents there and have a sing-a-long. Please bring a dozen cookies to share, and we'd love to have men, women and children visit with us.

—Jeanne Ekelberry

## Personals

• **Bertha Van Brimmer's** sister, Gloria Huddleston, passed away in Columbus on February 23.

• **Geneva Evan's** sister, Mary Heffner, passed away in California on February 6.

Matthew 13, Mark 4  
• **Jeanne Ekelberry** had outpatient surgery at Grady. *Zube D*

• **Natalie Griffith** fell on the ice and broke her arm.

• **Larry and Pam Faulk** and Pam's sister Pat Rose vacationed in Florida for a week while visiting their mom.

• **Marci Sander** spent a week in Austria with her parents.

• Recently **Beth and Archie Trigg**, owners of Apple Tree Cottage Tea Room, received two awards from the Delaware County Health Department.

The first, known as "The Gold Plate Award", was distributed to 35 local restaurants for offering heart-healthy options. The second was "The Clean Restaurant Award", given only to restaurants that rate a 90% or above on health inspections.

The Triggs have been at their current location (333 West Central Ave.) for over three years. They extend a cordial invitation to their church family to stop for lunch or tea and scones.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mar. 5 Ben Turner  
7 Robert Foor  
12 Evan Trigg  
Sydney Kauf  
13 Amy Pfarr  
15 David & Kim Keethler Ball  
Barbara Lovell  
18 Dave Lovell  
20 Natalie Campbell  
27 George Riedmiller  
28 Bec ky Sykes  
31 Kristina Aier

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## Annual Business Meeting

Noteworthy items from the Annual Business Meeting held Wednesday, January 28, 2004 (Oh, what excitement there was in only 50 minutes!!):

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

- The Deacons helped to plan the Founders Day Service held last February.
- Alison Mowery was issued a License to Preach by our church.
- The Board of Deacons for 2004 include: Larry Faulk, Dave Lovell, Betty Porter, Jennifer Turner, Alison Mowery, and Pat Foor.
- The Deacons' disbursed \$1,825.00 of the Fellowship Fund during 2003.

### **Peter White reported for the Trustees:**

- The largest project for 2003 was the steeple repair. Total cost was \$5,460.02.
- Jim Van Brimmer helped repair the heating unit in the Pastor's office.
- Jim Van Brimmer and Dave Lovell installed the protective railings in the stairwells.
- Peter White painted the Pastor's office.
- A broken window in the Fellowship Hall was replaced.

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

- We reached our goals for each of the four special Mission offerings during the year.

- The Lenten Bible study, led by Randy Turner was successful.
- Five families from our church participated in the Vacation Bible School at First Presbyterian.

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

- This year's retreat will be Aug. 13-15, 2004 at Judson Hills Camp.
- Twenty-five people attended last year's retreat.

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

- There were various activities throughout the year, which included all-church events, a summer picnic, Women's Sunday, dinner out, and packing boxes for shut-ins.

### **Melissa Mercer reported on behalf of Nichelle Trigg for the American Baptist Youth:**

- The youth have remained busy the whole year.
- This past quarter the ABY participated in several service projects including: helping at the Christmas Clearing House, serving at the Andrews House during Second Friday Dinners, and helping decorate the church during the Hanging of the Greens service.
- They also made time for fun events including a trip to Mad River Mountain and having pizza together.

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

- The group continues to meet

monthly for covered dish luncheons.

- They continue to send cards to shut-ins, former members and friends.
- They also continue to send coupons to the Armed Forces.
- They contributed money to the Christmas Clearing House.

### **Kathy Chesser reported for the Sesquicentennial Committee:**

- The Committee planned and executed a variety of events throughout the year to celebrate the church's 150th year.
- As a final project, an updated history of the church will be written by Karen Stoner.

### **Betty Porter presented the Treasurer's Report:**

- Balance on hand Jan. 1, 2003 was \$13,102.34 and the balance on hand Dec. 31, 2003 was \$11,462.83. A difference of \$1,639.51.

### **Point of interest:**

- Our church received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ohio Memories Projects for the on-line contributions to the Ohio Memorial Scrapbook that was made for the Ohio Bicentennial celebration last year.

*— Prepared by Melissa Mercer,  
Church Clerk*

*W. County Trust Fund*

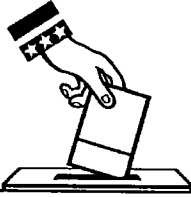


# MARCH 2004

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 Board of Christian Education; Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	Election Day 2 	3 7:00 Choir	4 10:00 Sewing (changed to Thurs. this month only)	5 9:30 Church Women United	6 ○ Full Moon
2nd Sunday in Lent 7 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 7:00 Lenten Bible Study	8 7:00 Deacons; Boy Scouts	9 7:00 Trustees	10 7:00 Choir	11 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Retreat Committee	12 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	13 ☾ Last Quarter
3rd Sunday in Lent 14 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 11:45 "Soul Sisters" Drawing 7:00 Lenten Bible Study	15 7:00 Boy Scouts	16	St. Patrick's Day 17 7:00 Choir 	18	19	20 First Day of Spring 8:30 Men's Break. 10:00 Piecemakers 1:00 ABWM at Sarah Moore ● New Moon
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Note: April 4 is Palm Sunday

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# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

Easter is coming! In the midst of all the snow last week we looked for signs that spring was going to return to central Ohio. Regardless of the weather, we know that Easter will come. There can be little doubt that Easter Sunday is the most significant Sunday of the year. One of the prophets encouraged God's people by saying, "Arise O sleeper."

On Easter Sunday many of those who have been asleep in their spiritual lives will arise and attend worship services somewhere. Many will moan and complain about those "Easter only" worship attendees. However, we should give thanks that there is at least something that can get people to think about their relationship with God and our common destiny. Easter reminds us that we are dying. It also gives us a chance to hear again the promise of God. As we sing He is Risen we testify to our belief that we shall also rise from the grave. No other power on earth or in heaven can truly conquer our fear of the end. As much as we are tempted otherwise, we must leave to God the question of whether celebrating the resurrection once a year is enough.

Those of you who were in worship last Sunday heard of some of the problems facing the American Baptist Churches of Ohio. Of

immediate interest to our church is the possible closing of the Judson Hills facility. Not only do we have long association to the camp, but it is also the site of our annual church retreat. As much as we might wish for this camp to continue the long term drain on Region finances do



## HOLY WEEK

not allow for wishful thinking. Like the Easter problem mentioned above this is a problem of not enough churches committed to strong support of our common ministries. FBC Delaware has shown a commitment to our shared ministries and will continue to do so.

With the worst of winter behind us I will resume regular office hours on April 5. We will be vacationing from March 29 through April 4. If

you need help please contact your family care deacon.

Invite someone to church this Sunday.

Your Pastor,

## Maundy Thursday

On Maundy Thursday (April 8), a candlelight communion service will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Please enter and leave in silence.

## Good Friday Observance

On Good Friday (April 9), a "Way of the Cross" procession will begin at 11:00 in front of St. Mary Catholic Church (82 West William Street). A large cross will be carried ahead of the procession to 14 places to commemorate events of that day, then carried into the church to be the centerpiece for the Good Friday service which will follow. The procession is patterned on an ancient Christian liturgy in which pilgrims traced the path followed by the condemned Jesus.

At noon, an ecumenical community prayer service will begin at

St. Mary, and will last around one hour. Ten local ministers and a number of musicians will participate. This annual event, conducted by the Delaware County Ministerial Association, has become a welcome and well-attended tradition in the community.

## Church Directory Available

The 2004 edition of our Church Directory is now available in the vestibule. The information in the directory is compiled by the Board of Deacons.

Please note that it's **not** a membership list.

Please check your family's listing. If it contains any errors, let us know and we'll

put a correction in the newsletter. (You could give the info to the pastor, to a deacon, or put a note in the newsletter box.)

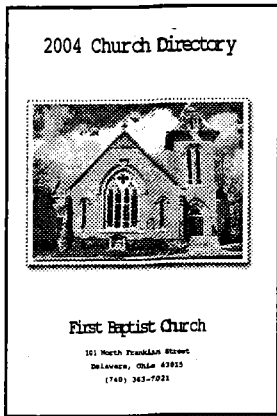
Note: If a birthday or anniversary is incorrect in the directory, it will also be wrong in the newsletter this year unless you tell us.

## Quarterly Business Meeting

On Wednesday, April 28, we'll have a covered-dish dinner in the fellowship hall at 6:30, followed by our quarterly business meeting at 7:00.

## Teacher's Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Sunday School teachers on Sunday, May 16, after church.



## VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
March 28	C. Grubbs	Sykes	Turner
April 4	E. Faulk	Wickum	B. Reed
April 11	K. Chesser	S. Chesser	Bowman
April 18	P. Faulk	Sykes	Griffith
April 25	L. Palmer	L. White	DeBiasio
May 2	P. Faulk	?	?
May 9	?	?	?

Thank you to the people who have volunteered to help with our children's ministries for the next few weeks. Please consider adding your name to the list on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room to help with these important services. Thank you.

— Liz Bowman

## Women's Bible Study

Beginning April 18th, I'll be leading a women's bible study on Sunday nights at 7:00. This will be a 6-week study at the church. The title of the study is *Wrestling With Life — Lessons from the story of Jacob*. The schedule is:

- Apr. 18 Struggles with our parents and siblings
- Apr. 25 Struggles in marriage
- May 2 Struggles in our jobs
- May 9 Struggles with our children
- May 16 Struggles with tragedy and death
- May 23 Struggles in relationship with God

This will be a time of Bible study and sharing our stories with each other. All women of the church are welcome to come to any or all of the sessions.

—Kathy Chesser

## ABC of Ohio Church Leadership Conference

The American Baptist Churches of Ohio Annual Church Leadership Conference is almost upon us. It is not too early to start planning to hold the date open for this exciting event. Details are below

**When:** Saturday, April 24, 2004

**Where:** First Baptist Church of Sunbury

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Speaker:** Dr. Bernadette Glover-Williams

**Workshops:** There will be numerous workshops during the afternoon hours. Lunch is included with registration.

**Registration:** Registration information is available through the church office. The cost is \$15.00.



## Conversation Area Update

At this point, most of you are aware that there is soon going to be an exciting new look to our Sunday School Assembly Room. The display cases that have been borrowed from Ohio State University are due to be returned. The area that they now occupy will soon be transformed into a comfortable sitting area with a multitude of uses.

A committee, appropriately named the "Conversation Area Committee", has been formed and has met once to talk about the plans for the area. We're very excited about the possibilities and are on the hunt for what we'll need to have this area become a reality.

In all the excitement, we do realize that money doesn't just grow on trees! We're looking at a variety of ways to finance this project and one of those ways is through monetary donations from our church family. Currently, we are uncertain of the need for donations of furniture.

We have a very good feeling about this project and are viewing it as a way to continue the celebration of our church history. We'd like very much to incorporate some of the pieces from the display cases into the decoration of the conversation area. Those details are still in the early stages.

We are, however, interested in having your help with a new name for this "Conversation Area". We'd like for it to somehow incorporate the idea of perpetuating our church history and it being a new step for the future of the church. All that without it being a mouthful to say!! See how creative you can be!

Thank you for considering your part in making this project a success.

—Melissa Mercer, Chair

## Retreat News

The Retreat Committee hopes that you all will plan to attend this year's church family retreat at Judson Hills, to be held the weekend of August 13 to 15. This year's leaders will be Don and Rebecca Taylor. More information will be coming to you in the following months.

— Pam Faulk



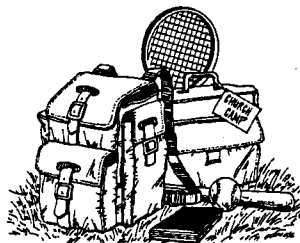
## Join the Party...

That's the theme for this year's summer camp!

There are opportunities at

Judson Hills and Kirkwood for kids K-12. Remember, the church will assist in sending our kids to camp by paying for 1/2 of the cost. Please check the bulletin board in the next couple of weeks for more details, or see me.

— Liz Bowman



## Soul Sisters

If you are part of the Soul Sisters program, you should have notified the person whose name you drew. Try to remember your soul sister in some way this month.

— Pam Faulk

## Thank You

To: Mr. Turner  
From: The Children of FBC  
RE: Candy!!

Thank you Mr. Turner for the endless supply of lemon candies on Sunday mornings! You're the best!

—submitted anonymously

## ABWM

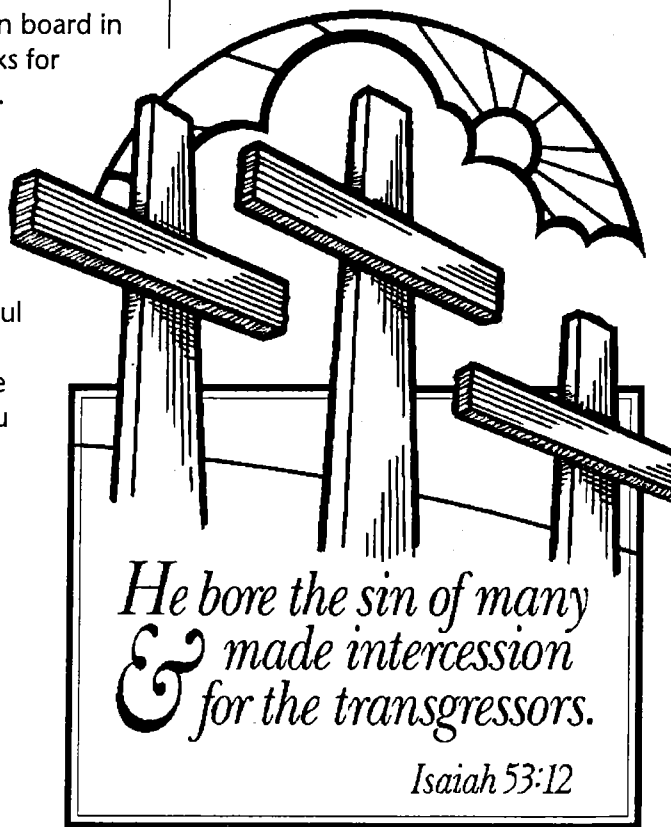
A.B.W. went to Sarah Moore Home on our first day of spring—it was 70 degrees and a little rain!

We had a great turnout—19 men, women and children came to visit and sing lots of old songs. Thanks to all who came and helped. We had great plates of cookies to share and it was so good of Willa Corder to play the piano for us.

We also took nine lap robes that our sewing group had made and donated them for the residents.

We will not meet for sewing on the first Wednesday of April.

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Our next meeting of ABW will be on Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 at the church. Plans for the program will be announced later.

Please remember your Love Gift Boxes. We haven't met for a regular meeting lately so they should be full!

— *Jeanne Ekelberry*

## 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 Melissa Mercer or Jim Stephenson by Palm Sunday, April 4.

— *Jim Stephenson*

## Church Directory Update

*Please make the following change in your copy of the church directory:*

**Aiden Ferguson's** birthday was listed incorrectly. It should be June 10.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- April 2 Adam Mowery  
3 Timothy & Deanna Fogle  
10 Jane Mercer  
13 Benjamin Grubbs  
Tim Rice  
15 Ray Serviss  
16 John Ball  
17 Dorothy McGhee  
19 Grace Campbell  
20 Melissa Gillette  
Fred & Pam DeBiasio  
Tammy Ferguson  
21 Jimmie Moore  
24 Michael Grubbs  
27 Colin Ferguson  
29 Deborah Fogle  
Anna Ball

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## Personals

• A reception was held in the fellowship hall after church on March 14 for **CRAIG, ANGIE, JARRETT, TUCKER AND CHASE SIPPOLA**, who will be moving to Villa Rica, Georgia. We'll miss them and wish them all the best.

• **DEBORAH VAN BROEKHOVEN** was bitten by a dog while taking a walk. The dog's owner gave her a false address, making it impossible to confirm that the dog didn't have rabies, so Deb had to take a series of rabies shots as a precaution.


# APRIL 2004

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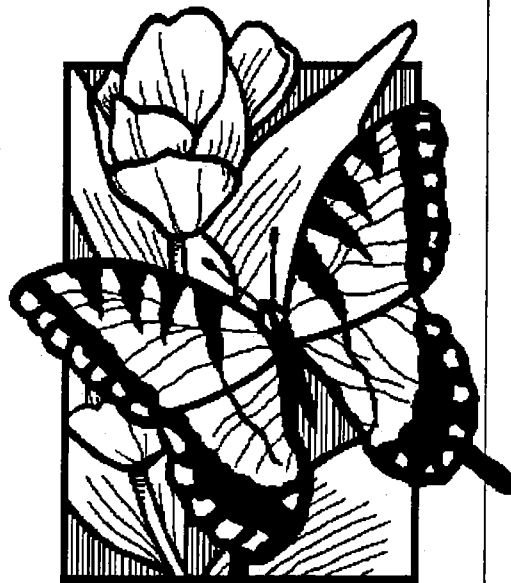
Dear FBC family:

Traditionally our church has collected the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during the month of June. The Board of Christian Education decided this year to start the educational part of this offering on May 16. The day of the offering will be June 6. The OGHs offering is our way of joining forces with all the mainline churches through the Church World Service arm of the National Council of Churches. The offering is divided between CWS and the ABCUSA. You will learn more about this process during the promotion period.

In ABC of Ohio news the region board met on April 16 to deal with our ongoing financial problems. Of particular interest to many of you the closing and sale of the Judson Hills camping facility was not approved by the board. However, major changes were implemented. After timber harvesting all but 60 acres including all the buildings will be placed on the market. The positions of secretary and maintenance person were eliminated. At the end of the current camping season there will no longer be an on site director. Future discussions will be held about the possibility of associations or other entities taking over responsibilities of Judson Hills.

In further action the Region Board voted not to fill the vacant Area

Minister position at this time. Also a support staff position will be terminated by April 30. Unlike the area minister position this position will mean the termination of a current employee.



M A Y

Discussions about relocating the Region Headquarters will continue. I have a more detailed report available in my office. Please let me know if you have further questions.

News from our global Baptist Family: According to a report in Baptist World: A magazine of the Baptist World Alliance the first Baptist church ever in Iraq was recently dedicated in Baghdad.

Named the National Evangelical Baptist Church in Baghdad, "the church will be the foundation and cornerstone upon which all future Baptist work in Iraq will take place. Over 700 people attended this service with Baptist and ecumenical leaders from all over the Mideast.

Invite a friend to church this Sunday. They will thank you for your caring.

Your Pastor,

## Blanket Sunday

On Mother's Day, Sunday May 9, we will once again have the opportunity to remember or honor a special woman by contributing five dollars (\$5.00) per blanket to Church World Service. This service will be during our regular worship.

Special forms for your designations will be available as you enter the worship service. These forms, along with your money or check, will be attached to the Church World Service Blanket. All of these gifts will be contributed to Church World Service to help with their worldwide programs to serve those in need.

The completed list will be published in the next newsletter, noting those remembered or honored as well as the contributors. This is a thoughtful way to remember your special ones while helping others.

—Evelyn Lee

## From the Conversation Area Committee

Since last month's newsletter, we received one suggestion for a new name for our Conversation Area. The suggestion was to call it the "Gathering Place". The committee liked the sound of the name and felt it lent a warm feeling to the space and would foster a friendly, comfortable aura in which people could meet.

The Conversation Area Committee has been busy this past month shopping around for furniture ideas, color options, accessories and reasonable prices. Be sure to check the poster board that is displayed in the Assembly Room which shows our findings. The financial goal for this project has been set at \$3,000. We feel confident that this amount will provide us with enough funds to purchase the items that we have spent time researching and feel would be suitable for the space. The committee is ready at this point to formally ask for monetary gifts or pledges to make this vision a reality. In addition to gifts and pledges, we are asking families to consider the use of Memorial Gift monies. We hope that you would prayerfully consider your financial gift of support for this exciting new vision for our church home.

—Melissa Mercer, chair

## VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
May 2	P. Faulk	-	Turner
May 9	-	L. White	Turner
May 16	-	Wickum	L. White
May 23	B. Lovell	-	Bowman
May 30	-	-	Bowman
June 6	<i>Childrens' Day; just one volunteer needed</i>		

## Childrens' Ministries Summer Schedule

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who have helped with our children's ministries.

The Board of Christian Ed has decided that Jr. Church will not be offered during the Summer months. This will allow the children the opportunity to attend the worship service during a time when there is no Sunday School.

Also during the Summer, our nursery and tweenie classes will be combined (to meet in the nursery room), since there is currently only one child in each class. This means that during the Summer months (June 6 to September 5) we will need one high schooler or adult to sign up to cover the combined class (no preparation required). Children ages 5 and up will be present for the entire worship service during this time. Please help to make them feel welcome!

Remember, Jesus was once a child who laughed, cried and fidgeted too!

Thank you.

—Liz Bowman

## Children's Day

On Sunday, June 6, our church will celebrate Children's Day. During the worship service, we will be recognizing the Sunday school classes, teachers, and graduates, and presenting Bibles to those children finishing second grade. This will also be the first Sunday of summer hours, so church will start at 10:00.

## American Baptist Women

American Baptist Women will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13 at the church. Please note that this is a change of date!

Our program will be presented by Sandra Coffee and we'll learn how The American Red Cross responds to disasters locally and nationally.

We will resume sewing on May 5th at 10:00. Please bring a sack lunch and join us.

A special thanks to Jane Moore and Melissa Mercer for our April meeting program. Our scheduled program by Barbara Reed was postponed due to her pending surgery. Hope to see you soon, Barbara!

Jane and Melissa did a great job of telling us what the meaning was for the chrismons. Plan to join us

later when Jane teaches us to make them for our church Christmas tree.

—Jeanne Ekelberry

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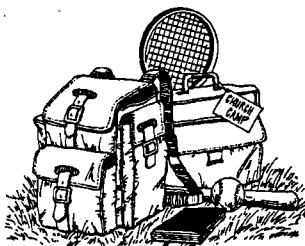
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## Summer Camp

Please remember to check the bulletin board for important information about

summer camp for ages K-12. As most of you know, Judson Hills is scheduled to close at the end of this camping season. This may be the last chance for your children/grandchildren to go to the camp where generations of FBC families have attended. Remember that the church will pay 1/2 of the cost for anyone wishing to attend.

—Liz Bowman



## Experience the Beauty of Judson Hills

Plan now for your family to attend the annual church

retreat at our beautiful Judson Hills camp the weekend of August 13 to 15. Dan and Rebecca Taylor will be leading us. We are hoping to have a large group this year. Please mark your calendars.



## Church Members in Community Chorus' Comedy

Melissa Neill, Phil Mercer, Jane Moore, and Dave Lovell will be participating in the Delaware Community Chorus' return performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's hilarious operetta, "Trial By Jury."

Many people have asked the Community Chorus to repeat this clever spoof of the English court system of the past "just one more time". This single performance will be held in the Willis Intermediate School auditorium at 3:30 on Sunday, May 2.

Ticket holders are also welcome to attend a 3:00 pre-concert talk by director Jim Keyes. His talk is part of a high school class on operetta.

Tickets are \$8 each (seniors \$7) at the door. If you have a group of 5 or more and order in advance, you can get discount tickets for just \$5 per person.

A meal/theatre combo ticket is also available for \$20 per person (must be ordered in advance). It includes a \$5 admission to the performance plus a meal at Bun's Restaurant either before or after the performance. The meal includes one of four pre-selected entrees, tax, and drink. (It does not include dessert or gratuity.)

If you wish to purchase a discount ticket or the meal/ticket combo, you must order and pay by Wednesday, April 28. Tickets can be ordered from Melissa Neill, or from any other member of Community Chorus. Cash or checks accepted.

If you prefer to order by mail, send your order and payment to Melissa at 421 North Franklin St., Delaware, OH 43015. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

For more information, call Melissa Neill at 363-5603.



## Church Women United

Church women in Delaware County will celebrate May Friendship Day at Zion AME Church, 140 S. Washington St., on Friday May 7 at 11:30 a.m. The event begins with a pot luck luncheon so bring table service and a

dish to share. Please join us for a meaningful celebration of friendship with other women and with Jesus Christ.

—Karen Stoner  
Vice President of CWU

## All Church Picnic

On Sunday, June 6, we will have a picnic at Blue Limestone Park after church for the whole church fellowship. The picnic should start at about 11:30 a.m. Bring a covered dish to share, your own table service, beverage, lawn chairs, and any outdoor equipment you want to bring. We have had a big turnout for this the last few years and hope to have another great time this year.



## Teachers' Meeting

On Sunday, May 16, there will be a meeting for all Sunday school teachers right after church in the meeting room downstairs.

## Thanks

Our thanks to Sunbury Garden Center for donating pansies and violas to area churches (including ours) for Easter, as they have for the past several years.

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.

## Church Directory Update

*Please make the following changes in your church directory:*

**Karen & Steve Stoner's**  
email address:  
SSTONER43015@peoplepc.com

**Jennifer Linn's**  
email address:  
jlinn@columbus.rr.com

## Personals

- **BARB REED** had heart valve replacement surgery at Riverside and is now recuperating at her daughter's home.
- **RANDY TURNER** broke his leg while skiing in Michigan.
- **LINDA WHITE** broke a bone in her foot.
- **PAM & ERIN FAULK** took an ocean cruise.
- **KAREN STONER** visited sister Susie Leonard and Susie's husband Jeff in Pennsylvania, and daughter and son-in-law Stef and Pete Heizer in Seven Hills Ohio, during school break week.
- **PETER AND LINDA WHITE** took a train trip to California for 2 weeks.
- **NATALIE GRIFFITH** took a trip with her high school choir to New York City where they sang in Carnegie Hall.
- **THE LOVELLS** visited Debbie, Vic and Willard in North Carolina.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

*Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson*

## THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Consider this: You have watched a kite fly in the wind. Would you say the string that holds it is burdensome?

No, it is there to control the kite. The kite will not fly unless it is in partnership with the string. The string and the kite are yoked together. You cannot cut the string and expect the kite to soar right up into the heavens. When the restrictive yoke of the string is cut, the kite will crash to the ground.

The string, in fact, gives the kite direction and purpose. It helps the kite sustain its position against the wind and use the wind to its advantage. Without the string, the kite would be at the mercy of every passing influence and would doubtless end up trapped in a tree. When it's time for the kite to come to earth, the string gently reels it in, safely passing by tree limbs and telephone poles.

In a like manner, the yoke of the Lord Jesus is not burdensome. He walks alongside and helps us carry the burden. Just like the kite string, His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

*— submitted by Jean Wickum;  
from the book "Breakfast  
With God"*

# MAY 2004

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# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC Family:

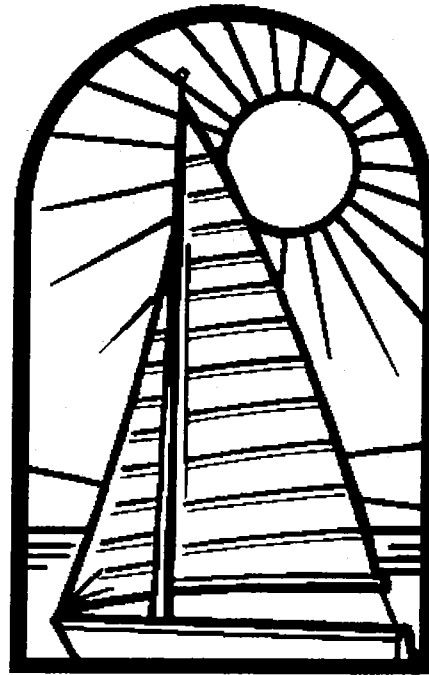
Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:23-25

From reading the above text it is obvious that sporadic church attendance has been a problem from New Testament times to the present. Can there be any doubt in your mind reading the above scripture that the habit the author refers to is a bad habit. In recent weeks we have been exploring a vision of what the church could look like. Part of that vision is to have all the parts of the body of Christ participating. If worship attendance is a random event then you have not been able to share in this vision exploration.

Some would suggest that we simply need to offer some practical reasons to encourage people to make regular church attendance one of the habits of their lives. This seems sort of like a cost benefit analysis. If you give up the time and energy to attend church you will receive a certain benefit. While there are certainly benefits involved in being an active participant in the life of the church, that is not usual-

ly the focus presented in scripture. I would like to offer an alternative way of looking at this matter.

The scripture from Hebrews reminds us that the one who has



## JUNE

promised us eternal life is faithful. It follows from that confession that we are also expected to be faithful. For emphasis the author adds that this is all the more important since the Day of Judgment is approaching. If your level of commitment to the church is low do you think there is no cost involved?

Participation in the body of Christ is a holy obligation. Can you ignore obligations without consequences?

In Psalm 73 the psalmist says, "Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had well nigh slipped." The psalmist received relief from his grief when "I went into the sanctuary of God."

Exciting things are happening at First Baptist. Are you a part of them? It is not too late to start new, good habits.

Your Pastor,

## Children's Day

On Sunday, June 6, our church will celebrate Children's Day. During the worship service we will be recognizing the Sunday school classes, teachers, and graduates, and presenting Bibles to those children finishing second grade. This will also be the first Sunday of summer hours, so church will start at 10:00.

## Tools of Hope

On Fathers' Day (Sunday, June 20) you will again have the opportunity to remember or honor a special

man in your life by giving five dollars (\$5) to purchase Tools of Hope for Church World Services.

The goal of this program is to provide the most appropriate form of aid in the most timely manner possible: from tents and emergency supplies in the wake of disaster to material assistance, education and training and small-enterprise loans as part of sustainable development programs. This may be 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 the designated moment in our worship service on Fathers' Day. The complete list of donors and those being remembered or honored will be printed in the July newsletter.

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

— Evelyn Lee

## Church Family Retreat

Dan and Rebecca Taylor have an exciting theme planned for this years church family retreat—"Do You Really Want to Follow Jesus? Then...".



Please make every effort to attend the weekend of August 13-15 at Judson Hills Camp. There will be activities for the whole family to enjoy. Watch for an informational letter coming in your mail in the next few weeks with information about this years retreat.

— Pam Faulk

## ABW

ABW will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 17 at the home of Melissa Neill, 421 North Franklin Street.

This is our summer picnic, so bring food to share. Drinks and table service will be provided.

We will also talk about future plans for ABW and election of officers.

— Jeanne Ekelberry

## Thank You

On behalf of all the Sunday school classes, I want to thank all the teachers and substitute teachers who taught Sunday school this past year. We truly have a dedicated staff of teachers!

— Pam Faulk

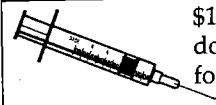
## CHRISMON UP-DATE

Preliminary work has been done toward construction of the Chrismon ornaments for our tree this year. Materials have been assembled and we are ready to have a workshop to demonstrate methods to use. The workshop will be in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 23 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch; beverages will be provided. If you have needle-nose or round-nose pliers, please bring them along.

Donations toward expenses thus far total \$40. We will need more to cover the cost of the new tree and other decorations. Please remember — you may donate in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Any questions? Call me at 363-0234.

— Jane Moore

## Every Gift Makes a Difference



\$10 can provide 200 doses of Polio vaccine for children.

## Prayer for Writing a Check

(Our "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering will be taken in June.)

Dear Lord, I need to write this check. I've got the number, the date and the amount. Thank you, Lord, because I have a job and am able to work. Thank you for the health and strength to be able to do my work. Thank you for the ability to write a check.

It's hard for me to realize, Lord, but the fact that I have a checkbook makes me one of the world's rich. Why do I always think of myself as poor? Am I ashamed of all you have given me?

So many of your children don't have jobs or income or checks or bank accounts. Many can't read or write.

So Lord, as I write this check make me thankful and generous—thankful for all I take for granted, generous in a heart willing to share.

I am going to sign my name on this check, and in my heart I'm signing yours. Amen.

— Submitted by Linda White, from "This Is My Prayer", an American Baptist stewardship resource

**One  
great hour  
of sharing**

## Trustees Report

- The state elevator inspector paid us a visit, and for the first time since installation it passed with no needed corrections.
- Mulch was placed in the narrow strip between the back walk and the fellowship hall. Hopefully this will stop mud from splashing on the windows during a heavy rain.
- The exterior side of the double blue doors were cleaned and painted.
- The carpet in the pastor's office was professionally steam cleaned.
- A one-year lease was signed with the renter in the "old" parsonage. The rent was increased by \$25.00 a month, which now makes it \$525.00 a month.

— Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

## An Update on The Gathering Place

The Conversation Area (also known as The Gathering Place) Committee is pleased to update everyone on the donations that have been received so far. We are approaching the halfway mark of the goal that we set of \$3,000 for this project! We are very thankful for the generous financial support thus far.

We encourage those who would still like to give gifts to do so and for families of Memorial Gift monies to prayerfully consider their financial contributions as well.

We appreciate the level of support from our church family as we will soon begin to see this project come together and be a place for everyone to use for a variety of purposes!

— Melissa Mercer, chair

## Blanket Sunday

Thank you for sharing in our annual Blanket Sunday offering as we remembered special women in our lives. Our gift totalled \$305.00, which will purchase 61 blankets for those in need.

Listed below are donors and the women they recognized with their gifts. Please feel free to contact me if there are any errors.

— Evelyn Lee

### In Memory

Liz and Bruce Bowman — Jackie Bowman and Ruth Brown  
Kathy Chesser — Jessie Street DeBiasia — Grandma DeBiasio  
Natalie Griffith — Teresa Griffith  
Carol Grubbs — Teresa Griffith and Ruth Brown  
Willa S. Corder and Harriett S. Johnson — their mother, May Haldeman Smith  
Bob and Pat Foor — Marjorie Shively and Mildred Foor  
Dave and Mary Lou Lovell — Margaret Morby, Rose Vespry, and Jennie Lovell  
Jim and Jane Moore — Jim's mother, Edith C. Moore  
Melissa Neill — her maternal grandmother, Mary Adams  
Lana and Jerry Palmer — Helen Palmer  
Betty Porter — her mother, Martha Jane Guy, and her grandmother, Blanche Berger  
Betty Porter — Her grandmother, Mollie Guy  
Barb Reed — Katherine Clapper  
Sophia Stephenson — her mother, Clementine Blazewicz  
Beth and Archie Trigg — Myrtle Smith, Anne Linn, and Mary Catherine Trigg

### In Honor

Liz Bowman — Pat Foor  
Sam Chesser — Kathy Chesser  
Tim Chesser — Hazel Chesser  
DeBiasio — Grandma Rone  
Jeanne Ekelberry — her mother, Ethel Trogdon  
Pam Faulk — her soul sister, Kathy Chesser

Pam and Larry Faulk — Evaleno Cole, Florence Faulk, Erin Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Pat Rose, Jodi Mustard, Jean Wickum  
The Ferguson Family — Sylvia Ferguson  
The Ferguson Family — Audrey Carter  
Vic, Debbie and Will Fogle — Carol Serviss  
Sidney and Spencer Kauff — Holly Kauff  
Evelyn Lee — Marcia, Linda and Barbara Lee  
Barbara Lovell, Debbie, Will, and Vic Fogle — Mary Lou Lovell  
Dave and Mary Lou Lovell — Deborah Fogle, Mary Lou Lovell  
Jim and Jane Moore — Jane's mother, Willa Corder  
Melissa Neill — her mother, Jane Adams Reed  
Lana and Jerry Palmer — Bernice Turney  
Betty Porter — her daughters, Janet Porter and Jennifer Linn  
Katie, Jami, and Regan Riedmiller — Cris Riedmiller  
Ray and Carol Serviss — Debbie Fogle  
Jim Stephenson — Sophia Stephenson  
Archie and Beth Trigg — Nichelle Trigg  
Calvin Turner — his mom and dad  
Jim Van Brimmer — Bertha Van Brimmer  
Linda White — Margaret Seckman and Carolyn Schneeberger  
Jean Wickum — Carol Grubbs and Pam Faulk

## ABY

In January the youth group served meals for Second Friday at Andrews House. We had one meeting in January in our youth room. We ate pizza, updated our prayer wall, and had a short devotion lesson.

In February I hosted our first-ever game night. The kids met at my home for a fun night of video, arcade and board games. We also enjoyed brownie and ice cream sundaes.

In March the youth collected food and other household items from church members to give to People In Need. Thanks to everyone's help, we collected an entire trunk full of items!

Last weekend we travelled downtown to the Bare Bowl. Erin and Barbara joined youth members Hannah, Dominique, Natalie, Clay, Calvin, and Nichelle in making gifts for our mothers.

The youth group will wrap up for the school year at the end of May and will start up again in September.

— Nichelle Trigg

## Dinner at 6 Followup

During June we will complete our "Dinner at 6" program. It's time for some followup to review the experiences. Did the dinners give you a chance to get to know each other a little better? Was the food good and the fellowship fun? Should we do it again in the Fall? Let me know your feelings or share your comments with a deacon.

—Larry Faulk

## Fellowship of the Least Coin

Thank you for sharing your coins in the container in the vestibule. This offering goes to the Least Coin offering to join least coins of other countries to fund educational opportunities for women internationally. Each year it is dedicated at the Church Women United May Fellowship Day. This year our offering totaled \$18.77. We appreciate everyone who shared in this offering. Every coin counts.

— Evelyn Lee

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer  
4 Patricia Foor  
5 Angie Sippola  
6 Sam Campbell  
8 Pam Faulk  
Vincent Ball  
Carol Serviss  
10 David & Mary Lou Lovell  
11 Randy & Jennifer Turner  
16 Bud & Becky Sykes  
20 Aidan Ferguson  
21 Willa Corder  
22 June Grubbs  
24 Beth Trigg  
27 Joe & Alison Mowery  
28 Jami Riedmiller  
29 Scott & Amy Yant  
30 Jimmie & Jane Moore

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

## Personals

• **FLORENCE FAULK** has been a patient at Riverside Hospital. She had angioplasty and a pacemaker installed. She was released to the Sanctuary at Tuttle Crossing but was readmitted to Riverside with further problems.

## Summary of Quarterly Business Meeting

Here is a summary of the noteworthy items from our quarterly business meeting which was held on April 28.

**LARRY FAULK REPORTED FOR THE DEACONS** — The church directory and Watch Care groups have been revised for 2004. The annual review of the FBC membership list was performed. The Board developed and plans for the Dinner at 6 fellowship activity. Alison Mowery resigned from the Board on March 3 to accept a position at University Baptist Church in Columbus.

**JIMMIE MOORE REPORTED FOR THE TRUSTEES** — The new lease for the Franklin House begins May 1 and lasts for one year with an income of \$525 per month. Work on the steeple is 90% complete. Two pianos were tuned and three others had minor repairs.

**PAM FAULK REPORTED FOR THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** — The America For Christ offering was the most recent special offering collected. The goal of \$500 was not met. Kathy Chesser led a womens' retreat in January. She just finished leading a womens Bible Study that ended May 23. There will be no Junior Church during the summer months. Tweenies and Nursery will be combined during this time. There will be an all-church picnic at Blue Limestone Park after Childrens Day morning worship on June 6.

**PAM FAULK REPORTED FOR THE RETREAT COMMITTEE** — This year's retreat will be Aug. 13 to 15 at Judson Hills Camp. Dan & Rebecca Taylor will be our leaders. The theme will be "Do You Really Want to Follow Jesus? Then..."

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## Summary of Quarterly Business Meeting

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### **JEANNE EKELBERRY REPORTED FOR THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMENS MINISTRIES** —

Meetings were held in January (at Jeanne's home, February (for an after church soup and sandwich lunch) and in March (at the Sarah Moore Home).

### **NICHELLE TRIGG REPORTED FOR THE AMERICAN BAPTIST YOUTH** —

Activities this past quarter include: serving meals at Second Friday Dinner at Andrews House, having a game night at the Triggs, collecting food and other items from church members to give to People in Need, being crafty at the Bare Bowl, and having devotions and prayer time.

### **JEAN WICKUM REPORTED FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART GROUP** —

The group met monthly for covered dish luncheons in January, February and March. In April they went to the En Supper Buffet for lunch with a turn out of 20 members. They are faithful in sending cards to shut-ins, former members and friends.

### **MELISSA MERCER REPORTED FOR THE CONVERSATION AREA COMMITTEE** —

In February of this year, the Parish Council appointed a committee to study the area in the Sunday School Assembly room. The intent was to create a place with comfortable seating in which people could join together to read, visit, study or relax. The committee has researched furniture and accessory options along with the costs. The committee then set a goal of \$3000 to reach to fund this project.

**JARROD TRIGG REPORTED FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** — Jarrod noted that first quarter expenses have exceeded first quarter receipts by \$3348.00. He then pointed out that the church heat, the yearly elevator contract and other smaller variances have all gone over budget for the first quarter.

### **BETTY PORTER PROVIDED THE TREASURE'S REPORT** —

- The balance on hand 1/1/04 was \$11,462.83
- Total receipts for the first quarter were \$19,465.04
- Total disbursements for the first quarter were: \$22,752.46
- Balance at the end of the first quarter was \$8,175.41
- Balance on hand 4/28/04 was \$ 7,867.63

### **SIGNIFICANT MOTIONS THAT WERE MADE AND PASSED** —

• The \$6,000 Educational Endowment monies that were voted on in October 2003 to be sent the American Baptist Foundation had not yet been sent. A motion was made and passed to send an additional \$3,000, since the balance of contributions had increased from the time of that business meeting. A total of \$9,500 will be sent to the American Baptist Foundation. A motion was made and passed to, once the \$10,000 investment has been reached, that the treasurer be authorized to send, on a quarterly basis, whatever contributions accumulate during the quarter to the account at the ABF.

• A motion was made and passed to approve the use of up to \$1,000 of undesignated monies from the Jones Estate for the Conversation Area (newly named the Gathering Place). The amount will be determined only after gifts, pledges and Memorial gifts are received.

• A motion was made and passed to approve a recommendation from the Trustees to adopt a church policy for non-member requests to use church facilities. The Fellowship Hall can be rented Oct. to May for \$45.00 and June to Sept. for \$30.00. The Choir/Scout Room can be rented Oct. to May for \$25.00 and June to Sept. for \$15.00. The Boy Scout troop and the sewing group will not be affected by this new policy.

— *Melissa Mercer*  
Church Clerk

Note: For a copy of the complete report of the business meeting, see Melissa Mercer.




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Don't forget that our annual Church Family Retreat will take place at Judson Hills on August 13 to 15

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# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC Family:

The words of the song are, "Summertime and the living is easy." While memories of childhood summers resonate with the words of the song, reality is often different. As is often the case during the rest of the year we seem busier than ever. Ball games, driving lessons, finding a kennel, yard work and vacations keep us busy.

The Chesser family will be joining the throngs driving around America this year. In the middle of the month we are going to Oklahoma for a wedding. From Oklahoma we will return by way of Atlanta to spend some time with family. We will be vacationing from July 12 through July 26. If you need assistance during that time please get in touch with your watchcare deacon.

I am happy to report that the Reverend Owen Stewart is able to be with us on July 25. Many of you will remember Owen from his time with us as interim pastor shortly before we came to Delaware. The search is still underway for someone to fill the pulpit on July 18.

I would like to extend a special word of gratitude for all who helped the church surpass the goal of \$500.00 that we had established for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Because of your generosity we were able to beat that goal

by over 50%. Our gifts will combine with all the others who give to this offering so the waters of mercy will flow in ministry to the needy around the globe.



## July

As you make your plans for this summer please don't forget the church. Even though we cut back on some of the things we do during the summer the financial needs of the church continue through this time. Since the Lord's blessings do not diminish during the summer neither should your grateful response in stewardship. If we are

faithful to God in our giving we will always have enough to meet our needs.

Invite a friend to church. The experience can change lives. See you in worship this coming Sunday.

Your Pastor,

### Quarterly Business Meeting

On Wednesday, August 4 we'll have a covered-dish dinner at 6:30, followed by our quarterly business meeting at 7:00. (The meeting was rescheduled because several church officers couldn't attend on the original date.)

### What's Holding You Back?

You have chosen to join formally with FBC or "not". You have chosen to participate in worship, study, and fellowship or "not". You have chosen to serve as an officer, committee member, Sunday school teacher or "not". What are your issues with belonging or "not"?

The Board of Deacons has been talking about "Membership" at

First Baptist. We are seeking to gain an understanding of the "advantages/disadvantages" of membership at FBC. How do we make FBC membership "inclusive and not exclusive"? How do we define "active/inactive"? "Resident/non resident"? Our goal is that our constitutional language matches our purpose and practice.

We need your help! Commit your views, concerns, hopes and fears about membership to print and share it with a deacon. What changes in language do we need to encourage you to become an active member? What barriers do you see to becoming a member at FBC? What's holding you back?

— Larry Faulk, chair  
Board of Deacons

Members: Dave Lovell, Betty Porter, Pat Foor, Jennifer Turner, and Rick VanBrimmer

## Church Retreat

Don't forget to send your registration for this year's retreat to Evelyn Lee by July 18. If you did not get your retreat information in the mail, please see me or Jim Van Brimmer.



— Pam Faulk

## Communion to Shut-ins

Are you or a loved one unable to attend our monthly Communion Service? Contact Pastor Tim or one of the deacons to have Communion served at a visit with you or your loved one.

## Joys and Concerns

Sorry, I can't always hear the "Joys and Concerns" from the congregation (yes, I am becoming more hard of hearing). We would like to try a couple of ideas to aid everyone's participation. Pastor Tim would be happy to read any "joys and concerns" which you have written before the service. During the worship service, if you could "stand" to share, it would be appreciated. We would also like to experiment with making a portable microphone available for these announcements.

— Larry Faulk, chair  
Board of Deacons

## Cakes Needed for "Second Friday" in August

First Baptist is responsible for dessert for the Second Friday Dinner on Friday, August 13. We need 10 large, unfrosted, purchased angel food cakes for the August dinner. Please notify me if you will provide a cake or give \$5.00 for the purchase of one. Cakes need to be at the Andrews House kitchen by 5:00 o'clock on the 13th. We are asked to provide the dessert once a year and I chose August as that is our retreat month.

Thanks to Barbara Lovell, Sophia Stephenson, and Karen Stoner for working with me at the June dinner as greeters and mixers.

Your continued support of Second Friday dinners makes a positive difference for our guests.

Many thanks,

— Evelyn Lee

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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 Peter & Liz 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.

## Personals

- **BERNICE TURNEY** had knee replacement surgery at Marion General Hospital and is now recuperating at Sunny Vee.
- **JANE MOORE** had cataract surgery at Grady Hospital.
- **JEANNE EKELBERRY** had shoulder surgery at Grady.
- **SHIRLEY PARKER** was a patient at Riverside Hospital and is now recuperating at the Arbors Rehabilitation Center.
- **FLORENCE FAULK** was re-admitted to Riverside Hospital, but has now returned to the Sanctuary at Tuttle Crossing.
- **WILLA CORDER** celebrated her birthday with family and several relatives who came from out of town.
- Our congratulations to **SARAH SYKES** and **KATIE RIEDMILLER** who recently graduated from high school.



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Dear FBC family:

Recently I was asked to write a recommendation for someone. In this case it was an easy thing to do. I both liked the person and appreciated the qualifications he had for the position. I was able to write an unqualified recommendation without any fudging of facts or exaggeration of skills.

This request reminded me of a time a number of years ago when I was serving as the chairperson for a search committee for a denominational position. After much effort the committee had narrowed the field of almost seventy five individuals down to six final candidates. As chairperson I was then charged with making the calls to confirm references. After talking to all the references I had to report to the committee that two of the candidates should be removed from further consideration. While I appreciated the honesty of those I talked to I wondered in one case why the person had issued an initial recommendation. When I asked the question the response was, "Because they asked me to." Because of an inability to

There will be no services at First Baptist on Sunday, August 15 due to our retreat at Judson Hills.

be honest with the person asking for the recommendation our committee probably eliminated two qualified applicants. While our committee was pleased with our recommendation of a final candidate the process has stuck in my mind.



## August

The Bible makes clear that we need a recommendation for heaven. It also makes clear that the recommendation will be made in honesty and love. Depending on our relationship Jesus Christ will recommend us to his father. When we are young we often don't think about the consequences of the decisions we make. Sadly, for some this phenomenon continues into our later

years. We need look no further than the OSU basketball program. One coach is out because of faulty decision. A candidate is removed from consideration because of a mistake made too close to the search process. Another candidate is removed from consideration because of a personal history.

The Good News of the Gospel is that past decisions are not a permanent bar to receiving the recommendation of our Lord. However, we are called to decide. Will we in the words of that hymn of the church, Stand up for Jesus?

Invite a friend to church. Their recommendation from Jesus may be hanging in the balance.

Your Pastor,

### Attention: Parents of Teens

There will be a very important meeting of parents of all our children in grades 6 to 12 on August 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. We hope that at least one parent from each family will attend.

## Consider Attending the Retreat

Please join us at Judson Hills Camp on the weekend of August 13 to 15. If you can't come for the whole weekend, please consider coming for the Sunday service, which will start at 11:00 a.m. at Judson Hills.

(There will be no Sunday service at First Baptist on that Sunday).

— Pam Faulk



## Sunday School Teachers' Meeting

There will be a meeting at the church for all of next year's Sunday school teachers on Saturday, August 28 at 10:00 a.m.

— Pam Faulk

## Thank You

Dear church family,

I want to say thank you for your prayers for my great nephew, Brian Mead. To be 34 years old and faced with stem-cell cancer was terrifying, but he is now well and back to work, thanks to prayers and his skilled doctors.

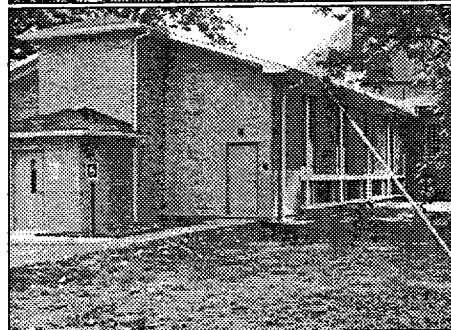
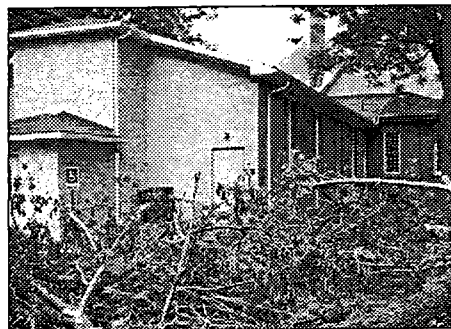
It is always reassuring to know that you are part of a fellowship that believes in prayer. That our reputation for that prayer power is shown in the request from three people who asked to be prayed for by our fellowship this past week.

Prayer works, for God always has an answer and He cares.

— Jean Wickum

## Trustees Notes for June & July

• Following a strong thunderstorm at the end of May, the electric company decided that the mulberry trees along the alley behind the church had grown into the electric lines and had to come down. They left all the trunks in the back yard, along with two trees still hanging over a neighbor's electric line. After numerous contacts and calls, it was determined that we were responsible for the entire cleanup and removal of the two remaining trees. This was done by the James Tree Service at a cost of \$585. A thank you to Jimmy Moore for seeing this project through to completion.

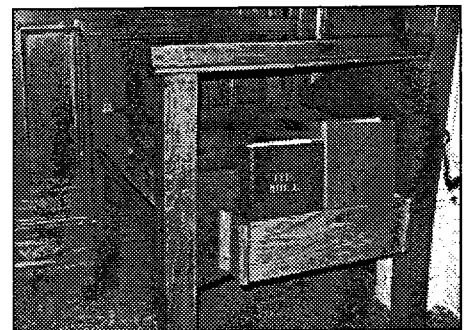


*View from alley during and after removal of trees*

• The sewer line under the kitchen sink had to be rotor-rooted for its entire length under the basement. This was done at the same time that the Delta faucet on the kitchen sink was repaired. This work by plumber Don Patrick cost \$90.

• A thank you to Dave Lovell for climbing the 40-foot ladder and changing the floodlights which illuminate the sanctuary's big stained-glass window.

• Small, matching, wooden hymn book racks have been installed on the sides of the two pulpit/altar chairs. This ends years of our worship leaders having to place their hymn books and Bibles on the floor, choir railing, or organ ledge. A thank you goes to Bud Sykes for this clever woodworking project.



*One of the new book racks*

• The large hedge in front of the church has been trimmed twice this summer.

• The sanctuary piano was tuned by Richard Dacks.

— Peter White

*Reporting for the Trustees*

## Cakes Needed for Aug. 13

Please remember that First Baptist is responsible for providing the dessert for the Andrews House dinner in August. We need 10 large, unfrosted, purchased angel food cakes. You make take your cake to Andrews House by 5:00 p.m. on the 13th, or give me \$5.00 to purchase one. We would appreciate your donation

— Evelyn Lee

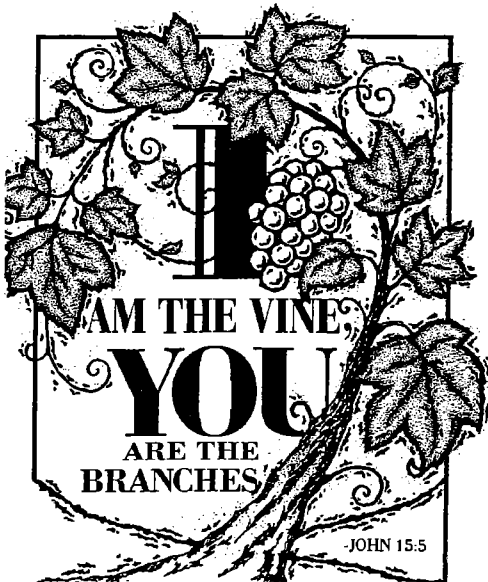
## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Aug. 3 Carolyn Schneeberger  
Ray & Carol Serviss  
5 Bruce & Elizabeth Bowman  
7 Jennifer Linn  
8 Mary Gillette  
Jim Van Brimmer  
Jean Syler  
9 Steve Stoner  
11 Steve & Tammy Ferguson  
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

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

## Business Meeting

On Wednesday, August 4, we'll have a covered dish dinner at 6:30, followed by our quarterly business meeting at 7:00.



## Tools of Hope

On Father's Day, June 20, we remembered special men in our lives with our Tools of Hope offering. The total given was \$260.00, which will purchase 52 Tools of Hope units through Church World Service. Your gifts will be appreciated by many.

Listed below are the donors and the men they recognized with their gifts. Please let us know if there are any errors.

– Evelyn Lee

### In Memory

- Tim Chesser – A. G. Chesser  
Willa S. Corder – Her father, Calvin Smith  
DeBiasio family – Angelo DeBiasio, Tom Rone  
Jeanne Ekelberry – Her father, Hewlett Trogdon  
Larry, Pam and Erin Faulk – Ralph Cole, Donald Faulk, Ron Rose, and W. C. Wickum  
Bob and Pat Foor – Albert Foor and Daniel Shively  
Carol A. Grubbs – Her father, Charles Brown, and her grandfather, Sherman Priest  
Evelyn Lee – Dick and Bruce Lee  
Dave and Mary Lou Lovell – Robert Lovell  
Harriett S. Johnson – Her father, Calvin Smith  
Phil and Melissa Mercer – N. G. Corder  
Melissa Neill – Her father, Ronald L. Reed  
Betty Porter – Her father, Ralph E. Guy  
Betty Porter – Her grandfather, Edward Guy  
Betty Porter – Her grandfather, Samuel Berger  
Betty Porter – Her son, Jim "Billy" Porter  
Barb Reed – Jim Reed  
Ray and Carol Serviss – Willard Fogle  
Jim Stephenson – Rev. James Stephenson  
Sophia Stephenson – Rev. James Stephenson  
Jim Van Brimmer – His father, Elmer Van Brimmer  
Linda White – Her father, Charles Seckman

### In Honor

- Kathy Chesser – Wynson Hope  
Sam Chesser – Tim Chesser  
DeBiasio family – Fred DeBiasio  
Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk – Paul Stewart, Steve Mustard, Tim Chesser  
Pam and Erin Faulk – Larry and Jeff Faulk  
Bob and Pat Foor – Bob Foor  
Evelyn Lee – Rick and Doug Lee  
Barbara Lovell, Debbie, Vic, and Will Fogle – Dave Lovell  
Dave and Mary Lou Lovell – Ray Morby, Vic Fogle  
Lana Palmer – Jerry Palmer  
Betty Porter – Her son, John Porter  
Jarrod and Michelle Trigg – Archie Trigg and Bill Hedges  
Turner family – Heryl Turner  
Turner family – Jimmie Moore  
Sarah and Christy Sykes – Bud Sykes  
Bertha Van Brimmer – The men in her family  
Rick Van Brimmer – Jim Van Brimmer  
Linda White – Her brother, Michael Seckman  
Jean Wickum – Larry Faulk and John Mead

## Personals

- **SHIRLEY PARKER** was visited by her son, Joe Fichter, from Vermont. Shirley is currently staying at the Arbors where she is receiving physical therapy. Her address there is: Room 301, Bed B, 2270 Warrensburg Rd., Delaware, OH 43015. Phone 368-8246.
- **BERNICE TURNEY** has left Sunny Vee and is now recuperating at home from her knee replacement surgery.
- **JEANNE EKELBERRY** is recuperating at home after shoulder surgery.
- **JEAN WICKUM** was successfully treated for eye problems.
- **EVELYN LEE's** car was totalled when it was rear-ended at a traffic light.
- **SOPHIA AND JIM STEPHENSON** and **CAROL GRUBBS** and 11 of Carol's family members attended the wedding of Jonathan Stephenson in Indianapolis.
- **THE LOVELLS** visited relatives in New York and Boston.

### Church Directory Update

*Please make the following  
changes in your church directory*

**Florence Faulk's** new address:

#305  
The Sanctuary at Tuttle Crossing  
4880 Tuttle Road  
Dublin 43017  
(614) 761-2696

# AUGUST 2004

## 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	2 7:00 Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	3 7:00 Board of Christian Education	4 10:00 Sewing 6:30 Covered- Dish Dinner 7:00 <b>Quarterly Business Meeting</b>	5	6	7
8 10:00 Morning Worship	9 7:00 Deacons; Boy Scouts	10 7:00 Trustees	11 7:00 Special meeting for parents of teens	12 12:00 Young at Heart	13 6:00 Second Fridays at Andrews House	14 
Retreat at Judson Hills						
15 <i>No worship service at First Baptist today.</i>  Retreat at Judson Hills	16 7:00 Boy Scouts	17	18	19	20 6:30 Wedding Rehearsal	21 8:30 Men's Breakfast 1:30 Wedding
22 10:00 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	23 7:00 Boy Scouts	24	25	26 7:00 Parish Council	27	28 10:00 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
29 10:00 Morning Worship <i>September newsletter available today.</i>	30 7:00 Boy Scouts	31	<b>September</b> 1 7:00 Choir	2	3	4

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# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

As summer winds down we are already hard at work planning for the Fall Quarter. Rally Day will be on September 12 this year. That is the day that we resume our regular schedule of Sunday School at 9:15 followed by worship at 10:45.

This year we will once again have two adult classes. Randy Turner will teach one class and I will teach the other. I have chosen to use lessons based on the Uniform Bible Series. This study is based on a three year cycle of covering the Bible. The timing is such that a new cycle is beginning this fall. This nine month study will provide a good overview of scripture. I hope you make being a part of Sunday School a priority this year. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for further details about class options.

If you have followed our stewardship reports in the Sunday bulletin you will have noticed that we have maintained a fairly steadily increasing deficit this year. That means our income relative to budget is not holding up. Spending is tracking close to budget so we are spending more than we are taking in. While we have some surplus funds to cover the shortfall, this is

not a situation that can continue indefinitely.

Routine calculations lead me to conclude that our shortfall is equal to about \$5.00 per week per giving unit or family. Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving so that we can stop this growing deficit.

Mission Support person for ABC/Ohio. For details please see me.

Invite a friend to church. You just might change a sad into a glad.

Your Pastor,



## RALLY 'ROUND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us for fall Sunday school classes on September 12. We will congregate in the Assembly Room at 9:15 a.m. for opening and then progress to classes with the following teachers:

Nursery: Pam Faulk

Pre-school/Kindergarten:

Barbara Lovell and

Liz Bowman

Primary (Grades 1-3):

Barb Reed

Intermediate (Grades 4-5):

Linda White

Junior High (Grades 6-8):

Kathy Chesser

Senior High: Erin Faulk

Adult: Randy Turner

Adult: Tim Chesser

Randy's class will be studying *Why Bother With the Bible?* by C. Welton

The Marion Association Fall Rally will be held this year at the First Baptist Church of Mt. Gilead on September 26. Dr. Bob Roberts, interim Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio, will be the preacher for the event. Prior to the Rally there will be a two hour stewardship workshop presented by Dan Taylor, World

Gaddy. Tim's class will be studying *The God of Continuing Creation* from the Uniform Bible Series.

We hope to have a good turn-out for classes this year. Don't be left out!

— Pam Faulk

## Church Women United

Our local Church Women United (CWU) group has daringly moved its Annual Meeting from January to September! Therefore, we will gather on Friday, September 3, 11:30 AM, at Andrews House, 39 W. Winter St., for a pot luck luncheon, business and program by Jill Lee. She will explain the purpose and programs of Andrews House, a vital part of the Delaware community. Please join us and your sisters across the county as we enjoy fellowship and work in the name of Christ.

— Karen Stoner  
CWU Vice President

## Chrismon Up-Date

Our first Chrismon workshop was held in June and work was begun on the ornaments for our tree this Christmas. We will have another get-together on Saturday, September 25 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Supplies and instructions are provided, along with guidance and encouragement!

Please bring a sack lunch - beverages will be furnished. And this isn't just for the ladies—you gentlemen who can handle a pair of pliers and twist wire are more than welcome to join us and help.

We still will welcome contributions toward the cost of the materials

and the new tree. You may give in honor or in memory of a loved one.

There's a great deal of satisfaction in fashioning these beautiful ornaments which honor our Lord and Savior. Come join us as we use this exciting means to minister to our church family.

— Jane Moore

## New Executive Minister

The Rev. Dr. Lawrence O. Swain has accepted the call to become the Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio, beginning on October 1. Dr. Swain served as a South Area Minister from 1995–98, and then served as the Executive Minister of the Pittsburgh Baptist Association.



His installation service will be held in Akron on the first night of the annual meeting on Thursday, October 14.

## Second Friday

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the purchase of angel food cakes for the August 13th dinner. There was a larger-than-usual group of diners that evening, and they always enjoy angel food cake with some special toppings.

Andrews House appreciates your continued Partner Church support.

— Evelyn Lee

## ABWM

Our ABWM recently received this thank you from one of the missionaries we support. We had sent her money with her birthday greeting.

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*It is the beginning of a new week and first on my to-do list is writing a thank you to the many churches and ABW groups who sent me birthday cards. I appreciate the cards, letters and checks more than any of you will ever know.*

*Church of Hope continues to do well. Our average church attendance is 90 out of a total inmate population of about 300. I offer three Bible studies weekly and they are all well attended.*

*I do a lot of spiritual counseling weekly. The need for the ministry is great in a prison. Already this week I have had an inmate come for counseling and prayer because she was informed that her daughter became very rebellious and has threatened to run away from her home. Another inmate came because she was finishing her sentence and had no money and no place to go. Another will have a baby soon and will have to make a decision about the baby's placement.*

*Other women have come with questions about things they have been reading in the Bible. Others come to discuss problems that occur in their daily living with cell mates. These women need a pastor and they need a church. I have been blessed to have been here for the past seven years.*

*Please pray for me and all the women of Church of Hope.*

Pastor Michelle Bradley  
Church of Hope  
S.D. Women's Prison

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Please consider joining with our American Baptist Women's Ministry group as we continue to support

our American Baptist Missionaries as a part of our program.

– Evelyn Lee for ABWM

## Thank You

A belated *thank you* to everyone for the prayers, the visits while I was in the hospital and nursing home, and the many get-well cards and birthday cards. They were all very appreciated.

– Bernice Turney

## Women's Bible Study

Beginning October 10 the women will once again gather on Sunday evenings for a time of Bible Study and sharing our stories. This six week study will focus on Ephesians and the important support we gain through Christian fellowship. Plan now to attend at 7:00 on Sunday evenings.

## Youth Meeting

The youth will meet Sunday, September 19th at 6:00 in the youth room. Come and find out the plans for the coming year. Bring a friend and after the meeting we will walk over to Rocky's Italian Ice. See you there.

## Trustees Notes

- A repair was made to the refrigerator at the parsonage by A1 Appliance. The cost was \$103.
- The city fire inspector did a walk-through inspection at the church. The only citation was for two burned-out exit lights.
- The air conditioning at the parsonage had to be recharged with freon by Don Patrick. The cost was \$54.

- The refrigerator at the "old" parsonage gave out on our renter. A used one that he located was purchased for \$250.

- A broken bar on the front steps railings was welded by our next-door renter, Aaron Shields. He then repainted the railings.

– Peter White  
*Reporting for the Trustees*

## Personals

- **RAY SERVISS** was a patient at Grady Hospital.

- **JEANNE EKELBERRY** visited her mother who is a patient in a West Virginia hospital.

- **GABRIEL GUY FOGLE** was born to Staff Sgt. Victor and Debbie Fogle on Aug. 4 at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Mary Lou and Dave Lovell are the maternal grandparents, and Carol and Ray Serviss and the late Will Fogle are the paternal grandparents.

- **ROBERT JAMES STEPHENSON** was born to Dr. Bob and Pam Stephenson on August 12 at St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville. Sophia Stephenson is the baby's paternal grandmother.

- **JERRY AND LANA PALMER** vacationed two weeks in Alaska.

- **JEAN WICKUM** had the pleasure of a visit from her grandchildren last month. Ruby, Laura and David James each spent two days with her. Laura especially enjoyed going to the Shade Tree Commission meeting with Jean, and meeting the mayor.

- **BETTY PORTER** attended a conference in Texas, then visited her son in Mexico.

- **GENEVA EVANS** returned from a 3-month visit with relatives in California.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Sept. 3 Alec Ferguson  
7 Christy Sykes  
11 Barbara Reed  
12 Chase Sippola  
13 Jerry Palmer  
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

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Dear Church Family:

This year's WORLD MISSION OFFERING presents us with a tremendous opportunity—the chance to make a tangible difference in the ministries of 137 missionaries serving around the world! Our American Baptist missionaries and their ministries need your help more than ever! Last year, giving to the WORLD MISSION OFFERING was \$4.2 million. We must increase this year's WORLD MISSION OFFERING by 36 percent in order to keep all 137 missionaries on the field.

In October 2003, we received a letter from International Ministries explaining that global mission commitments were \$3 million more than the income anticipated from normal funding sources. International Ministries responded to this crisis by reducing home office staff and cutting operating costs, programs and grants to national partners.

These efforts have cut the deficit in half—from \$3 million to \$1.5 million. Although no missionaries have yet been recalled from service, this is a real and painful possibility of last resort.

Please pray and ask God what he would have you do. Each envelope put in the offering plate is the result of an individual choice. What might you need to sacrifice to increase your gift to the WORLD MISSION OFFERING this year by at

What would you give up?

- \$3.60 — One Starbucks coffee
- \$7.20 — One paperback novel or one movie ticket.
- \$18.00 — One night of fast food value meals for a family of four

\$36.00 — Dinner for two at Red Lobster

\$72.00 — Dinner at a local restaurant one night for each month.

The needs of our international missionaries and their ministries are great, no doubt! But the needs of our local, regional, and national ministries are no less important. I encourage you to continue your faithful support of present ministries and to consider what additional sacrificial gift you can give to the WORLD MISSION OFFERING.

Together we can Go Global and glorify God in all the earth!

Your Pastor,



least 36 percent? It might not be as much as you think.

If you gave this much last year:	And you gave this much this year (a 36% increase):
\$10	\$13.60
\$20	\$27.20
\$50	\$68.00
\$100	\$136.00
\$200	\$272.00

## Soul Sisters' Outing

Soul Sisters unite! How about going out to lunch? On Saturday, November 6, grab your soul sister and meet at the Der Dutchman in Plain City at 11:45 a.m. for lunch. You can order from the menu or go to the buffet. Feel free to carpool. Please let me know by Nov. 5 if you will be attending, because we can get call-ahead seating.

— Pam Faulk

## Our Stewardship Matters

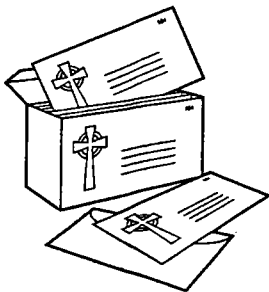
For the Period Aug. 29 to Sept. 19:

General Operating  
Budget Needs .....\$6,713.32

Offerings  
Received .....\$6,668.41

Year to Date  
Variance .....-\$7,791.07

Offerings received during the last four weeks almost match our budget needs. However, we are still substantially behind for the year.



## Women's Bible Study

Beginning October 10 the women will once again gather on Sunday evenings for a time of Bible Study and sharing our stories. This six week study will focus on Ephesians and the important support we gain through Christian fellowship. Plan now to attend at 6:30 on Sunday evenings.

— Kathy Chesser

## VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
Oct. 3	P. Faulk	S. Chesser	P. Mercer
Oct. 10	N. Griffith	Turner	Chesser
Oct. 17	Mercer	Sykes	N. Trigg
Oct. 24	Turner	?	B. Reed
Oct. 31	Sykes	S. Chesser	DeBiasio

Thank you to all our volunteers! Please consider adding your name to the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room.

## Church Women United

Our church will host the Church Women United World Community Day on Sunday, November 7 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A fellowship time will be followed by the program "In Faith Women Shape the Future for Peace." All women of our church are invited to worship with other women of the community. Our meetings are usually held on Friday mornings but we are hoping a Sunday afternoon will enable more women to participate. If you have any questions or can help with refreshments, please contact me at 362-9107.

— Evelyn Lee

## Trustees Notes

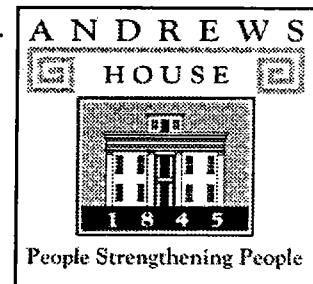
A thank you goes to the following people for helping move the heavy display cases (used during the sesquicentennial) back to Ohio State University: Dave Lovell, Bud Sykes, Joe Mowery, Jimmie Moore, Tim Chesser, Jarrod Trigg, Arch Trigg, and Rick Van Brimmer.

Also a special thanks to Dave and Bud for the use of their trucks.

— Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

## Andrew's House Bazaar

Again this year, Andrew's House will feature a huge cookie sale at their Bazaar, which will be held on Friday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Assorted home-made cookies will be sold by the box or dozen.



(The cookie sale replaces the Bazaar's craft show.)

As a partner church, we are asked to contribute cookies. They are asking for donations of 3 to 4 dozen, which may be taken to Andrew's House on Thursday, December 2 by 5:00 p.m.

If you can furnish cookies, please let me know. Any cookies will be appreciated, either decorated or plain.

— Evelyn Lee

## Volunteers Needed for Dinners

Andrews House has begun serving free soup-and-sandwich dinners

on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If you'd like to volunteer to help with this new community outreach program, please call Rev. Bertie Dell at 362-6691.

## ABWM

American Baptist Women's Ministries of First Baptist began its 2004-2005 year of service with a Ladies Night Out at En Super Buffet. Besides good food and good fellowship, we heard what our overseas mission quota is.

We will send baby gowns and mesh squares to the Congo, and patchwork pieces to the Philippines. We also have a money goal of \$25 to Liberia and \$70 to the Congo.

We invite all of you to join us on October 17 in a soup-and-sandwich lunch, at which time we will hear a speaker from Habitat for Humanity. Do come.

— Jean Wickum, Leader

## Quarterly Business Meeting

On Wednesday, October 27, we'll have a covered-dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30, followed by our quarterly business meeting at 7:00.

## Personals

- **BETTY PORTER** had foot surgery at Grady Hospital.
- **BERTHA VAN BRIMMER** had cataract surgery at Grady Hospital.
- **SHIRLEY PARKER** had surgery at Mt. Carmel East Hospital to replace a hip joint. She can be reached at the following address, where she is

*continued on next page*

## How is Missions' Money Used?

As mission education chairperson, I thought an explanation of some of our various mission endeavors might be helpful. The following information came from Rev. Dan Taylor, Minister of Mission Support for ABC of Ohio.



— Linda White

### Annual Offerings

#### America For Christ Offering

This offering is for our homeland ministry and missions in the US and Puerto Rico. One-third is allocated for use here in Ohio.

#### One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

This offering supports worldwide disaster relief, hunger programs, and a variety of other development projects in the US and around the world.

#### Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

This offering says "thank you" to our denomination's retired ministers and missionaries, and also provides emergency assistance.

#### World Mission Offering

This offering supports overseas mission programs.

### Other Offerings

*The categories below apply to our general giving to Missions throughout the year, and other special categories of giving.*

#### United Mission Basics

These funds support the mission work of ABC of Ohio, National Ministries, and International Ministries.

#### ABW Ministries Love Gift

These funds are given by American Baptist Women groups in our churches. Fifteen percent of the funds are used to fund the national ABW offices; the remainder goes to United Mission.

#### United Mission Designations

These funds have been donated with the designation that they be used in support of a United Mission partner, project, or missionary.

#### Regional Offering

These funds support the mission and ministry of ABC of Ohio. (Formerly called the SOAR offering.)

#### Institutional Support

These funds support our institutions (Green Lake, campus ministry, children's homes, etc.).

#### Specifics

This broad category covers gifts designated for a specific mission.

#### Targeted Giving

This category includes gifts received as a result of appeals for support of operating budgets, special programs, etc.

#### Campaigns for ABC/USA Work

This category is for forwarding funds in most, but not all, national capital campaigns.

#### Miscellaneous Objectives

This category forwards funds to non-ABC organizations, or personal gifts to missionaries.

recovering and receiving physical therapy:

Shirley Parker  
Room 189  
Laurels of Norwood  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 888-4553

• **BETH TRIGG's** Apple Tree Cottage Tea Room received a favorable review by restaurant reviewer John Christensen in the Columbus Dispatch. A copy of the review is on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room.

## **Birthdays & 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  
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Dear FBC Family:

Congratulations!! We have greatly exceeded our goal of \$680 for the World Mission Offering. As you know we increased our goal by 36% this year to meet the increased needs of our world mission partners. Thank you for your faithfulness in responding to this urgent need.

As we enter into November we start to give serious attention to our needs for the year 2005. On November 14 the finance committee will be available for soup and sandwiches and to answer questions about the budget after the morning worship service. Commitment Sunday will be on November 21 this year. Traditionally we emphasize our financial commitments for the coming year. We will be sending out letters with information about our proposed budget for next year along with forms for you to make an estimate of your giving for 2005.

Commitment to the community of faith requires so much more than just giving our money. I hope you will commit to attending worship regularly during 2005. I hope you will continue to be involved in the Christian Education program of our

church. I hope you will pray for the church regularly. I hope you will commit to building relationships with your fellow church members. I hope you will balance every complaint with a suggestion for how to help. Help us to recover the balance between our individual needs and the needs of the community of faith.

Invite some friends to church. Their lives might be changed and they will thank you for your invitation.

Your Pastor,



## N O V E M B E R

The first Sunday of Advent will be on November 28. Can you think of a better way to honor the Lord than to be present in body and spirit for the whole season of Advent?

Pray for our nation and world as we come to the end of this contentious political season. Exercise your citizenship by thoughtfully casting your vote this coming week. Remember our children.

### World Mission Offering

Our Goal . . . . . \$680.00  
Received . . . . . 965.54

Thanks to everyone who responded faithfully to this urgent need.

### Attention Soul Sisters

Don't forget our luncheon out at Der Dutchman on Saturday, November 6. Meet at the

restaurant in Plain City at 11:45 a.m. Be sure to let me know by Friday, November 5 if you will be attending.

- Pam Faulk

### Trustees Notes

- The large, silver maple tree was removed from the front of the parsonage by James Tree Service at a cost of \$695.00. The limbs were

overhanging the house and roots in the front yard were extending towards the house and drive. Trimming costs were only a little less, and would have had to be done regularly. The stump was also removed.

- All seven furnaces at the church were serviced by Don Patrick for a cost of \$382.41. New filters were installed in all furnaces. The furnace under the choir-robe/copier room had major work. The burners were removed and cleaned, the pilot light assembly was removed and cleaned, and a new thermocoupler installed. A new gas valve was installed and the shut-off valve was relocated to meet code.

- The state elevator inspector paid us a visit. We were cited for a burned-out light bulb in the elevator pit, and an overdue annual service and safety inspection by the elevator company. The light bulb was changed, and the Gable Elevator Company was called and they came and did the annual service. These costs were covered by our contract with them.

– Peter White  
Reporting for the Trustees

## Andrews House Christmas Raffle

One of the attractions at the Christmas Bazaar will be a special raffle of three valuable and unique prizes created by local artists, and donated to Andrews House for this occasion. They are:

1. A stained-glass creche by Milt Wyman
2. A beautiful quilt by Brenda Venske
3. A unique and beautiful pottery piece by Peachblow Pottery

A poster with pictures of these prizes will be on display in the Church School Assembly Room.

## VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
Nov. 7	Ferguson	Sykes	?
Nov. 14	?	Mercer	Turner
Nov. 21	P. Faulk	Wickum	Reed
Nov. 28	Ferguson	D. DeBiasio	Bowman

Thank you to all our volunteers! Please consider adding your name to the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room.

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00. Buyers designate their choice of the prizes on each ticket. All proceeds from ticket sales will be used to support Andrews House services to the community. The drawing will be on Friday, December 3, at the end of the Bazaar activities. Please see me for further information, and to purchase tickets.

– Jim Van Brimmer

## Personals

- **BERTHA VAN BRIMMER** had a 2nd cataract surgery.

- **JIM VAN BRIMMER** had laser surgery on his eye.

- **SHIRLEY PARKER** is back at home after undergoing hip replacement surgery and several weeks of physical rehabilitation at a health care facility.

- **JEAN WICKUM** attended a family wedding in Boston.

- **JANE AND JIMMY MOORE** enjoyed a trip to North Carolina.

- **PAM AND LARRY FAULK** have returned from their "Get Caught Reading at Sea" cruise in the Western Caribbean. They enjoyed activities with famous authors on the cruise.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Nov. 5 Victor Fogle  
8 Nicole Rice  
Matthew & Annette Fritsch-Lovell  
10 Natalie Griffith  
12 Jackson Trigg  
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.

## Church Directory Update

Please update your copy of the church directory!



**June Grubbs**  
206 Muirwood Village  
Delaware, OH 43015  
363-7947

**Nichelle, Jarrod & Jackson Trigg**  
278 Tar Heel Drive  
Delaware, OH 43015  
362-3237



# NOVEMBER 2004

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 Bd. of Christian Education; Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	Election Day 2 	3 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	4	5 ☾ Last Quarter	6 11:45 Soul Sisters Luncheon at Der Dutchman
7 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Church Women United 6:30 Women's Bible Study	8 7:00 Deacons; Boy Scouts	9 7:00 Trustees	10 7:00 Choir	Veterans' Day 11 12:00 Young at Heart 	12 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House ● New Moon	13
14 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Soup-and-Sandwich Discussion of 2005 Church Budget 6:30 Women's Bible Study	15 7:00 Boy Scouts	16	17 7:00 Choir	18	19 ☽ First Quarter	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast
Commitment Sunday 21 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	22 7:00 Boy Scouts	23	24	Thanksgiving 25 	26 ○ Full Moon	27
First Sunday of Advent 28 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>December newsletter available today.</i> 	29 7:00 Boy Scouts	30	December 1 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	2 7:00 Parish Council	3 10:00 Andrews House Bazaar and Raffle (until 6:00)	4



# Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

When the Rev. William Webb of Columbus, New Jersey, received a Thank You check last fall, he wrote:

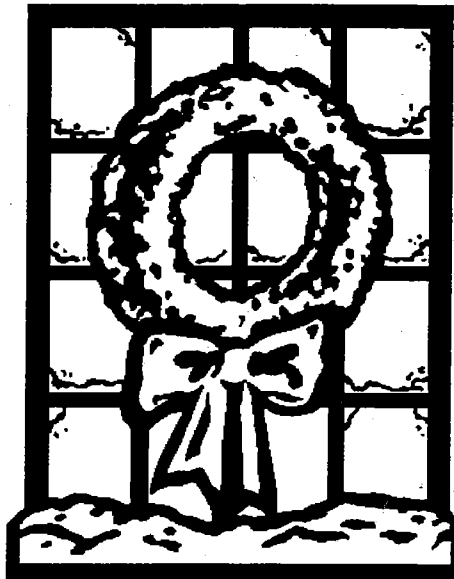
Than you to American Baptists for contributing to the **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering** every year. Martha and I are always grateful for the check and for being remembered. It feels good to know that we are still a part of the ABC family."

William's words of appreciation express what over 3,000 retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries, or their widowed spouses, feel each fall when their Thank You checks arrive. Many recipients report that their check came "just when it was needed most," a sign of God's providence and care.

The theme of this year's offering is For Your Labors in the Lord's Harvest, We Thank You. Through the RMMO we have a chance to express our gratitude to those "Laborers," now retired, who gave freely of themselves so that thousands of people might come to the Lord's table and partake of the Bread of Life.

Fifty-seven percent of the offering is distributed in the form of Thank You checks, which acknowledges those with 15 or more years of ABC service. The remaining forty-three percent is available to meet emergency and other financial needs.

I encourage you to give generously to this important offering. It is a tangible way to say, For Your Labors in the Lord's Harvest, We Thank You.



## DECEMBER

Our Goal this year is \$500.00 and we will receive the offering on December 19.

Sunday, November 28, is the first Sunday of **Advent**. As we prepare for the celebration of the coming of Jesus Christ our worship will be around the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. I hope and pray that you will make worship a priority during this joyful season.

As is our usual practice we will

gather at 6:45 on December 24 for our traditional **Candlelight Communion service**.

Our children's **Christmas Program** will be on December 19 at 7:00. Much hard work has gone into this program. Please invite your families and friends to attend. Refreshments will be provided after the program.

The church office will be closed from December 27 through January 2 due to the **pastor's vacation**. Please call your family care deacon if you need pastoral care.

Kathy, Sam, and I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Your Pastor,

### Children's Christmas Program

Mark your calendars for the children's Christmas program. This year the children will be presenting the play, *The Reason for the Season*, on December 19, at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a dozen cookies to share in the fellowship hall following the program (punch will be provided). Jean Wickum will also be

making a presentation for Jesus' birthday. The children have been working very hard on the play and the music. Please come and show your support!

Thank you,

– Liz Bowman

## Christmas Carolling

Everyone is invited to join the choir for our annual Christmas caroling on Friday, December 17. 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. Hope to see you then.

– Jim Stephenson  
Choir Director

## Soul Sisters Christmas Breakfast

Join your Soul Sisters for breakfast on Saturday, December 11 at 8:30 a.m. at the Mill in Delaware. If you intend to attend, please contact me by Friday, December 10.

– Pam Faulk

## Rev. Gibbons to be Guest Preacher

Pastor Chesser will be on vacation from Monday, December 27 through Sunday, January 2. Our guest preacher on January 2 will be our area minister, Rev. Jane Gibbons.

## Church Directory Portraits Being Taken

The Deacons are preparing the 2005 edition of our church directory, and for the first time it will include photos. Deacon Dave

## VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
Dec. 5	Ferguson	D. DeBiasio	Bowman
Dec. 12	Mercer	White	Chesser
Dec. 19	P. Faulk	White	–
Dec. 26	–	Wickum	–

Thank you to all our volunteers! Please consider adding your name to the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room.

Lovell has been taking portraits after Sunday services for the past several weeks. If your photo hasn't yet been taken, please see Dave.

(If you'd prefer for us to use a photo you already have, please loan a copy to Dave. Photos need to be in a horizontal format—wider than they are tall—such as the examples below.)



## Poinsettia Dedications

We thank everyone who purchased poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during Advent. If the following list contains any errors or omissions, please tell Jim Stephenson so a correction can be made.

- From Rick Van Brimmer, in memory of Barbara Van Brimmer
- From Willa Corder, 1 poinsettia in memory of Nathan G. Corder, and 1 in honor of Harriett S. Johnson
- From Jerry and Lana Palmer, 1 poinsettia in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Palmer, and 1 in memory of Mr. Ben Turney
- From Linda White, in memory of Charles Seckman.
- From Liz and Bruce Bowman, 1 poinsettia in honor of Emily and Sarah, and 1 in memory of Teresa Griffith
- From Betty Porter, in memory of Jim "Billy" Porter
- From the Stephenson family, in memory of Rev. James B. Stephenson
- From Bob and Pat Foor, 1 poinsettia in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Foor, and 1 in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shively
- From Carol Grubbs, 1 poinsettia in memory of Teresa Griffith, 1 in memory of Ruth and Charles Brown, and 1 in memory of Fred Grubbs Sr. and Edith Hall

## Join the Choir!

If you enjoy singing, the choir invites you to join us. We are especially looking for tenors and basses, but all voices are welcome. We have rehearsals every Wednesday evening from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. If your schedule doesn't permit joining full-time, you might want to consider joining us just for the Advent season. Please see me if you are interested or have any questions. Thanks.

— Jim Stephenson, Director

## ABWM

ABWM is off to a good start in the 2004–2005 year. In October, there was an interesting and informative meeting on Habitat for Humanity,

with a speaker and lots of information about something we all might be able to help with.

In November, our meeting was on the subject of Bacone College, the ABC college founded for American Indians as a two-year school. It is now a four-year college, with students from many areas, though still mostly American Indians. Pastor Chesser, who visited there many times during his time in Tulsa, Oklahoma, gave the talk, which was much enjoyed. Bacone sent us some pamphlets and there are some on the table in the vestibule for you to enjoy.

We are getting things together for Dayton Christian Center, and also things to send abroad. If you are interested in helping the ABWM mission endeavors, speak to Karen

Stoner or me on how you can do that.

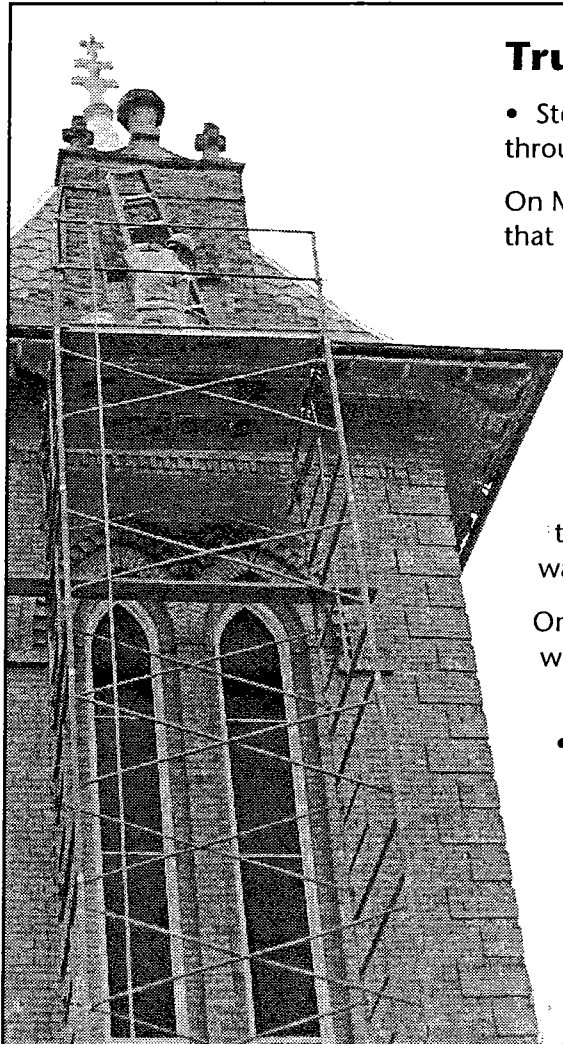
Our next meeting will be after church on Sunday, December 19, when we will be packing boxes for our shut-ins. We all will bring fruit, cookies and candy, etc., and will have fun packing the boxes. There will be a Christmas devotional reading and a prayer.

Y'all come!

—Jean Wickum, Chair

## Personals

- **LANA PALMER** had rotor cuff surgery on Nov. 12.
- Congratulations to **REV. ROBERT HUGHES**, one of our interim ministers, who celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination. If



## Trustees Notes

- Steeple repair work took place from Monday, November 15th through Friday the 19th.

On Monday, a crane was used to reach and paint the metal ridge rolls that come down the corners of the steeple's roof.

On Tuesday, scaffolding was erected on the front side. Over the next few days, the dormer window was tuckpointed, a number of loose bricks were relaid, and the window was caulked and painted. Several bad slates on the roof were replaced. The gutter on the north side of the steeple was pulled up with new copper hangers so water won't drip on the walk. The dormer brickwork was soaked in waterproofing. One of the two stone crosses on the roof was found to be in bad shape and was taken down for repairs.

One final day with the crane will be required. We'll report the cost when the job is complete.

- Two pianos were tuned by Richard Dacks. The cost was \$145.
- The pipe organ was tuned and serviced by John Muller. The cost was \$190.
- The gutters at the church, parsonage, and old parsonage were cleaned out.

— Peter White

you'd like to send him a note of congratulations, his address is:

Rev. Robert Hughes  
902 Berwin St.  
Akron, OH 44310

• **JEANNE EKELBERRY** sustained minor injuries to herself and major damage to her car after being involved in a multi-car accident on Nov. 13.

## **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 Harold & Deborah  
Van Broekhoven

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<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 12 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship  ● New Moon	13 6:30 Deacons 7:00 Boy Scouts	14 7:00 Trustees	15 7:00 Choir	16	17 6:30 Christmas Caroling	18 8:30 Men's Breakfast  ☽ First Quarter
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 19 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 ABWM 7:00 Children's Program Last day to submit newsletter articles. 	20 7:00 Boy Scouts	21	22 7:00 Choir	23	24 6:45 Music Preludes 7:00 Christmas Eve Service	<b>Christmas</b> 25 
26 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship January newsletter available today. ○ Full Moon	27 7:00 Boy Scouts	28	29 7:00 Choir	30	31	<b>New Year's Day</b> 1 2005 
Pastor on Vacation						