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Rev. Tim Chesser, Pastor
Jim Stephenson, Editor

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC Family:

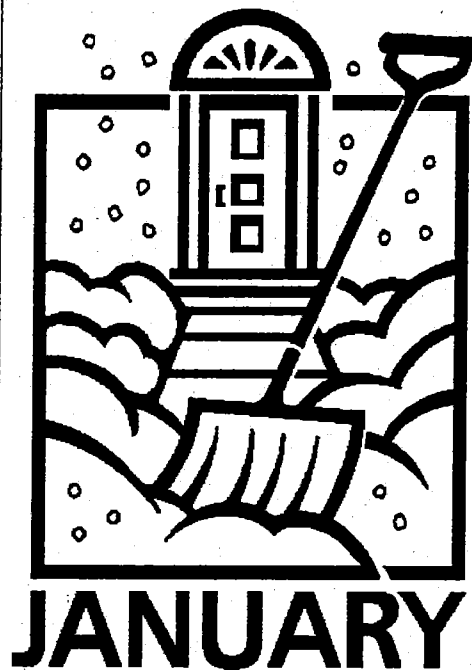
This has been a wonderful Advent Season. Thank you for your faithfulness in attending our worship services. As we have explored the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love I hope they have become a reality in your lives. By the time you read this article I know that we will have had a marvelous worship experience for our Christmas Eve service.

Kathy, Sam, and I thank you for your cards and gifts during this Christmas season. You continue to amaze us with the love and support you provide each and every week of the year.

I often look back with gratitude to my times as a child growing up in the Clairmont Baptist Church in Atlanta. I now realize how much I was learning in those days that would be of utmost importance to me later in life. Many of my Sunday school teachers and other adult role models have gone on to their heavenly rewards. The gifts of learning and example live on in my life and the lives of the other children I grew up with. We owe a special thanks to those who faithfully appear Sunday after Sunday to try to make a difference in the lives of our children. It may or may not take a village to raise a child, but it

certainly takes a faith community to give a spiritual foundation.

It hardly seems possible that we are entering into the midyear of a decade that began with such fear. Millennial fears have given way to other fears that we may have lost



our way. The news in the past week has been filled with horrifying stories. However, the Christmas message reminds us that God is still in the business of restoring wholeness. May we commit before God to pray for peace in our world with a new intensity in the New Year. Too many of the daughters and

sons of God are losing their lives today.

The scriptures say that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and love and self control. May it be true in your lives in 2005.

Your Pastor,

Handwritten signature of Tim Chesser.

Parish Council

Parish Council will be holding a special meeting on Saturday, January 8 to plan the church calendar for 2005. All who would like to attend are invited for breakfast at The Mill at Buehler's at 8:30 a.m., followed by the planning meeting at the church at 9:45 a.m. All committee chairs are encouraged to submit any calendar items to Rev. Chesser, or attend the meeting.

— Rick Van Brimmer

Chrismon Update

The Chrismon tree was unveiled to our congregation on the first Sunday of Advent this year. Our thanks and appreciation to each one who helped bring this project to such a beautiful conclusion. The

following gifts have been received:

Donor — Honor of/Memory of

- Susie VanBrimmer Leonard — my parents, Jim & Bertha VanBrimmer; my grandparents, William & Hettie Sparks; my grandparents, Elmer & Mary VanBrimmer
- Willa Corder — Jimmie & Jane Moore
- Jerry & Lana Palmer — Beverly George
- Betty J. Porter — my grandparents, Blanche & Samuel Berger; my grandparents, Molly & Edward Guy
- Carol & Ray Serviss—Willard Fogle and Marla Serviss
- Bruce & Liz Bowman—Emily & Sarah Bowman
- Pam & Larry Faulk—Our children
- Anonymous
- Jennifer & Randy Turner—Grandma Willa Corder

We thank everyone who contributed, and invite you to consider contributing anytime throughout the year.

— Jane Moore

Poinsettias

Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettias to decorate our church during Advent.

The donors and their dedications were listed in the bulletin. In addition, the two poinsettias at the front of the sanctuary were donated by Bertha McTaggart in memory of John McTaggart.

VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
Jan. 2	D. Fogle	—	—
Jan. 9	Turner	J. & N. Trigg	B. Reed
Jan. 16	K. Stoner	Turner	B. Reed
Jan. 23	A. & B. Trigg	Sykes	Turner
Jan. 30	Turner	Wickum	Chesser

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

Thank You

I want to say a very special thank you to the young people of our church who took the time to practice and play so well for the Christmas Eve service. The pianists were: Alec Ferguson, Ian Ferguson, Jane Mercer, Sarah Bowman, and Emily Bowman. Dominique DeBiasio played violin. The prelude section of the service was completed by Peter White who created a beautiful medley of carols and kept playing despite the bat flying in the Sunday school room.

Thank you to each of you for sharing your gift of music to make Christmas Eve very special.

— Mary Lou Lovell

Trustees Notes

A wedding was held at First Baptist on Saturday, Dec. 11, when Charlene Salyer and Howard Fisher were married by Pastor Tim Chesser. Mary Lou Lovell was organist and Peter White was the building host.

— Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

New Music Stand

A dedication was held during morning worship on December 19 for a new music stand in our sanctuary. The stand was purchased with funds from the Mary Dennis estate, which Mary had requested be used by the music department.

Some of you may not remember Mary, as she passed away a number of years ago and was a shut-in for several years prior to that, but she was a retired housekeeper at Ohio Wesleyan University and was a member of First Baptist for many years.

The black metal music stand we previously used in the sanctuary was a gift many years ago from the choir to our choir director at that time, Wilbur Wickum, and it will continue to be used by the choir for their rehearsals in the youth room.

— Jim Stephenson
Choir Director

Personals

• **LARRY FAULK** will retire from his job at Dublin Schools on January 1, but after a one-month vacation he'll return there to work as a consultant.

• **JERRY PALMER's** sister, Beverly George, passed away in December. We extend our sympathy to his family.

• In October, **BETH TRIGG** took a group of seven women to St. Deiniol's Residential Library in North Wales. Other sights on the eight-day trip included St. Winifrede's Well, Valle Crucis Abbey, Erdigg stately home, church services and shopping.

CAROL GRUBBS tagged along and stayed on with Beth for a week after the others returned. They visited Anne Linne's grave in Northumberland, the Cotswolds, and picturesque sites in Durham County.

VIC FOGLE is now out of the Marines and employed at Hy-Tek in Columbus.

RAY AND CAROL SERVISS took a cruise to Mexico and Jamaica.

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.

Church Directory Update

Rick Van Brimmer
has a new address and
phone number:

7100 Asheville Park Drive
Columbus, OH 43235
(614) 764-3939

Church Directory

The Deacons are preparing the 2005 edition of our church directory. If any information in your family's listing was incorrect in last year's directory, or has changed, please be sure that the Deacons have the correct information.

Annual Business Meeting

On Wednesday, January 26, we'll have a covered-dish dinner at 6:30, followed by our annual business meeting at 7:00.




JANUARY 2005

First Baptist Church

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

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						New Year's Day 2005 
2 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	3 7:00 Bd. of Chr. Education at Parsonage; Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	4	5 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	Epiphany 6 	7	8 8:30 Par. Council Breakfast at Buehlers 9:45 Par. Council at Church
9 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	10 7:00 Deacons at B. Porter's Home; Boy Scouts	11 7:00 Trustees	12 7:00 Choir	13 12:00 Young at Heart	14 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	15 8:30 Men's Breakfast
Christian Unity Sunday 16 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 17 	18	19 7:00 Choir	20	21	22
Green Lake Sunday 23 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	24 7:00 Boy Scouts	25 ○ Full Moon	26 6:30 Covered-Dish Dinner 7:00 Annual Business Meeting	27	28	29
30 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>February newsletter available today.</i>	31 7:00 Boy Scouts	February 1	2 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	3	4	5

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Dear FBC Family:

There are some things happening in February that are different. February 8 is known as Shrove or Fat Tuesday. It is the last day before the beginning of Lent. Many people know this day because it is Mardi Gras. At FBC we have our own way of celebrating the day. We have a pancake dinner followed by skits, music, reading, or general foolishness by different member of the congregation. This is a fellowship building event. It will be an evening enjoyed by all ages. I hope that you will plan on attending.

February 13 is the beginning of the Lenten Season. As has been our practice in recent years I will be offering a Bible study every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. during Lent (Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20). This year we will do a study called Jesus' Response to a world gone Wrong. This will be six responses to the question, Is Pain Inevitable? This is a faith building event. I hope you will plan on attending to participate in learning about the teachings of our Lord. Childcare will be available accord-

ing to need. If you will be attending and need childcare please let me know by February 6.

On January 23 we were honored to have Father Kevin Kavanaugh of St. Marys Catholic Church as our guest preacher as a part of the Delaware

Bad weather caused me to miss my opportunity to share with the congregation of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. I am happy to report that Pastor Bill Strong has rescheduled my visit and I will preach for that congregation on February 5.

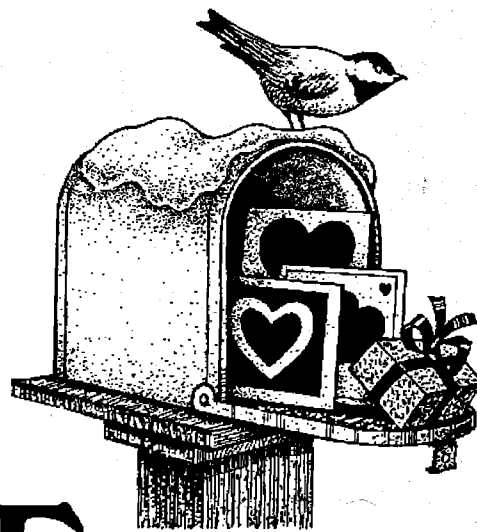
I am grateful to be part of a ministerial association that not only promotes strong ties between pastors of differing traditions, but also involves our congregations in ecumenical endeavors.

So far in 2005 we have been singing, O, the weather outside is dreadful. In spite of the bad weather many of you have made the effort to be in church for Sunday School and worship. Thank you for the extra effort. We offer kudos to the trustees for their hard work in making the church building accessible.

Invite a friend to church. This is a Kingdom Building activity.

See you in church this Sunday,

Tim



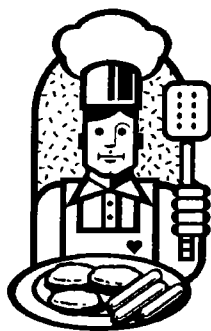
FEBRUARY

Ministerial Associations annual pulpit exchange program. Father Kavanaugh challenged us to be found faithful in all the little decisions of life so that we might be prepared for the big decisions in life. This was a unity building event. We were reminded that as we all serve the same Lord we are a part of the church universal.

Shove Tuesday Already?

Yes, Lent and Easter come early this year, so that means our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is right around the corner. Plan to attend on Tuesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a skit, talent, song, or witty reading to share along with a BIG appetite.

— Pam Faulk



ABWM

The ABWM ladies met in December and filled eight boxes with fruit and other goodies for shut-ins and others and tied them up with Christmas ribbons. While we had lunch, we held a brief business meeting and had devotions.

Our January meeting had to be postponed because of the weather, but we look forward to the February meeting on Sunday, February 20, which will again be a soup-and-sandwich lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Betty Porter is in charge of the program and our special guests will be from the Interfaith Legal Services at Andrews House. You are all invited.

— Jean Wickum, chair

Young at Heart

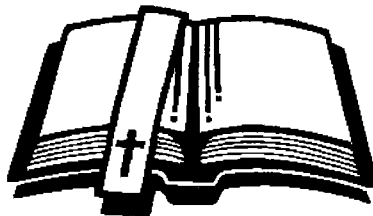
The Young at Heart group is announcing the cancellation of the program of "coupons for the service men and women overseas." It proved to be more difficult to prepare the coupons, and more expensive to ship them than we are up to at this time.

Thank you for all the coupons you brought to us. Perhaps we can resume the program at a later date.

— Jean Wickum, Convener

Lenten Bible Study

Pastor Chesser will be offering a Bible study every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. during Lent (Feb. 13 through March 20). See the pastor's editorial on the first page for more details.



Trustees Notes

• At our January meeting, the trustees set our officers for the new year:

- > Jim Moore — chairman and representative to finance committee
- > Bud Sykes — representative to nominating committee
- > Bruce Bowman — secretary
- > Peter White — reporter to the newsletter

• We reviewed and set the rental charges for non-member weddings. They will be \$150 for the

sanctuary, and \$100 for the fellowship hall if used for the reception. Rental fees do not include the gratuities for the pastor and organist.

• A thank you to Jim Van Brimmer for repairing the pulpit microphone cord.

• A thank you to Bud Sykes for replacing a broken GFI-type light switch in the elevator pit.

• The elevator pit was found to be flooded. A new sump pump was required, along with a new marine battery for the back-up system. The total cost, including labor by plumber Don Patrick, was \$352.97. The cost comes out of the handicapped-access fund. We are still grateful to those members who gave to this fund several years ago. It has served us well in maintaining the elevator and associated systems.

• The fire extinguishers were inspected, serviced and tagged by B&J of Marion. The cost was \$29.25.

— Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Personals

• **JERRY PALMER's** sister, Betty Mann, passed away just a few weeks after the death of another sister, Beverly George. We extend our sympathy again to Jerry and his family.

• It was good to see **BERNICE TURNEY** attending church recently after recovering from knee surgery and other health problems.

• **SHIRLEY PARKER** had knee replacement surgery recently. She has been recovering and receiving physical therapy at the Laurels of Worthington, 1030 High Street, Worthington, 43085, 614-885-0408. However, as this newsletter goes to press, Shirley has been moved to intensive care at Riverside Hospital due to a problem with her medication.

• Congratulations to **JEFF AND LAURIE FAULK** on the birth of their daughter, Brigid Sorin, on January 20. She weighed 10 pounds and was 22 inches long. She is the niece of Erin Faulk and granddaughter of Larry and Pam Faulk.

• Congratulations to **GEORGE RIEDMILLER**, who graduated on January 3 from Franklin University with a B.A. in Business Administration cum laude and an Associate in Organizational Leadership.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Sign Up for "Dinners at 6"

The Board of Deacons would like to sponsor a 2005 version of "Dinners at 6". The dinners are an opportunity for the FBC congregation to get together in small, informal dinner settings of 6 to 8 people for food and fellowship.

Please sign up to host and/or attend a series of dinners during the months of March, April, and May. This year, we are not targeting a specific date each month for the dinners, but are asking each group to coordinate an appropriate date and time. Indicate your interest on the enclosed form and place it in the box in the vestibule or give it to me by Sunday, Feb. 13.

— Larry Faulk

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

☐ I/We would like to attend, and would like to be the host of one.

☐ I/We would like to attend, but cannot be a host.



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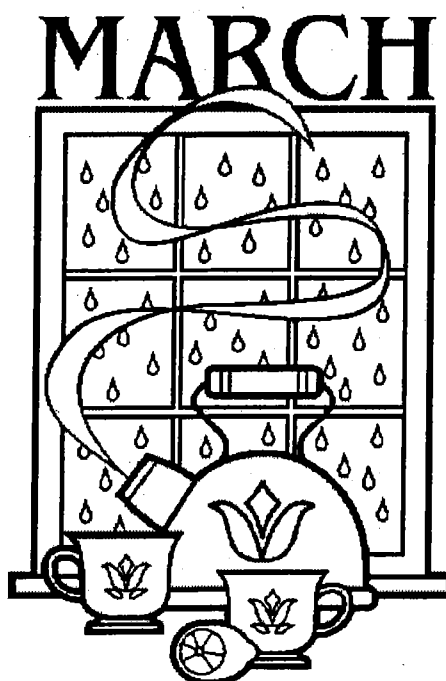
My mailbox daily includes appeals for charitable gifts. Sometimes it is easy to toss away some of the letters. Other times, my heart wants to stretch too far for my checkbook to keep pace. As Christians we want to share in gratitude for what God has given to us. But how do we decide how much and to whom we should give?

The America for Christ Offering gives American Baptists a unique opportunity to respond to the fact that the United States is the third largest mission field in the world.

Last year, the America for Christ Offering helped...

- Laurie, a leader at the youth gathering, realize she is called to a life career in youth ministry.
- Levun, a Native American woman on a Hopi reservation, bear the persecution of relatives who mock her Christianity.
- Mary, a single mother living in subsidized housing and existing on food stamps and child support, receive a GED and computer classes.
- Eh Taw Dwe, a Karen husband and father who was beaten by Burmese troops, resettle his family in America.
- Cathie, a volunteer with a calling, become a lay pastor of a new church plant.

America for Christ gifts provide critical financial support for the myriad of programs, people and resources that respond to the physical and spiritual needs of the searching and lonely and forgotten in our country. Our gifts are vital to the existence and growth of leadership



development for home missionaries, youth leaders, church school educators, lay ministers and pastors.

When we give to the America for Christ Offering, we can be sure that our gifts will be used for American Baptist mission in the United States and Puerto Rico and your region — perhaps in our own neighborhood.

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. Together, let us Share Christ with America.

Seeking to walk with kindness and love,

Maundy Thursday

On Maundy Thursday (March 24), a candlelight communion service will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Please enter and leave in silence.

Good Friday Service

Plans for the community Good Friday service were still being finalized as this newsletter went to press, but it's anticipated that it will be held at noon on Good Friday at St. Mary Catholic Church.

Pastoral Relations Committee

The Pastoral Relations Committee has met and organized. Nichelle Trigg will be chairman and Jane

Moore is secretary. Others on the committee are: Jean Wickum, Jeanne Ekelberry, Mary Lou Lovell and Rev. Tim Chesser.

We will be meeting every two months and will deal with issues brought to us by you, the congregation. Confidentiality, openness and love will be our guidelines. We are also compiling a survey, details of which will be announced at a later date.

Our next meeting will be March 10 at 7 p.m.

— Jane Moore, Secretary

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 either me or Melissa Mercer by Palm Sunday (March 20).

— Jim Stephenson

Mission Update

Our church has a giving heart! When the plea went out for special help following the tsunami in southeast Asia, we received \$370. Our Diaconate added to that amount and brought the total up to \$400 to send for relief. Thank you!

In December we received the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering of \$463.21. While that fig-

VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
March 6	S. & C. Sykes	—	DeBiasio
March 13	S. & C. Sykes	—	Barb Reed
March 20	Mercer	Faulk	—
March 27	S. & C. Sykes	N. Trigg	—

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

ure is just short of our \$500 goal, we still feel we have contributed generously this past year. We have done a great job, but the needs continue to be even greater. Stay in prayer for the outreach we have — both here in our community and throughout the world. God bless you!

— Jane Moore

Sing With the Choir During Lent

If you enjoy singing but your schedule doesn't permit joining the choir full-time, we invite you to consider singing with us during Lent. We rehearse every Wednesday night from 7 pm to 8 pm and all are welcome.

— Jim Stephenson, Director

Did You Know?

Recently in Junior Church, the kids did an exercise to try to find out things about each other that they didn't know. Here are some of the things we found out: Ian has been to Hawaii, Jane has a canopy bed, Michael has been in a canoe, Emily has milked a cow, Sarah has ridden a camel, and Alec's favorite subject in school is math! There are many

more questions on the sheet and the kids are going to try to fill them out at the next fellowship time. Please help them out by answering their questions so they can learn more about you too!

Thanks,

— Liz Bowman

Summer Camp

Please see the bulletin board in the Sunday School assembly room for a list of summer camps available for kids this year. Remember that if anyone is interested, the church will pay half of the listed cost.



— Liz Bowman

Church Directory Available

The 2005 edition of our Church Directory is now available in the vestibule. In addition to updated information, the directory also contains photos for the first time.

The information in the directory was compiled by the Board of

Share CHRIST With America

The theme this year for our annual America For Christ offering is "Share CHRIST With America". Usually we devote the month of March to promotion of America For Christ. 2005 will be just a bit different. We are purposely extending into April to include a WALK-A-THON on April 17. Details for this exciting event will be announced later. The goal for our church is \$500 — and we're hoping to raise much more than that! Money given to this offering is used to fund various outreach efforts such as:

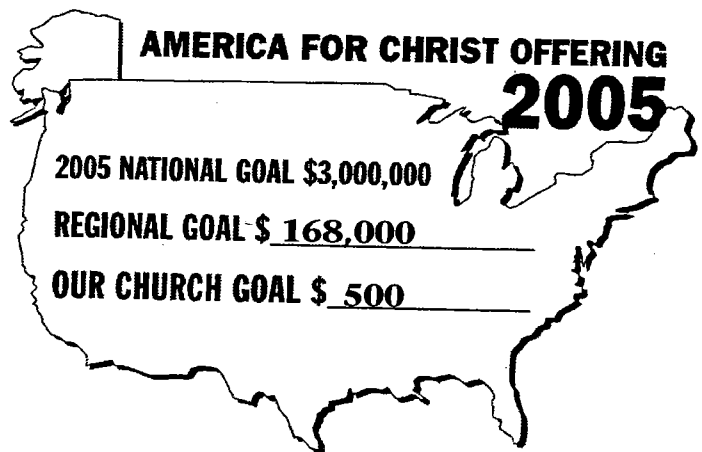
- Evangelism training
- Vacation Bible School materials
- Regional youth conferences
- 60 Camps and conference centers
- New church planting
- Judson Press books

- The Secret Place
- Volunteers in Mission
- 16 ABC-USA-related colleges
- 700 Chaplains and pastoral counselors
- Group mission experiences
- Area minister program
- 130 Homes and hospitals
- 20 Neighborhood Action
- Christian Centers
- and many more.

Search your hearts (and purses!) and begin thinking of your involvement in this exciting opportunity to contribute to the spread of God's Word.

"What does the Lord require of you but to DO justice, and to LOVE kindness, and to WALK humbly with your God?"
Micah 6:8

— Jane Moore,
Mission Coordinator



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 corrected info to the pastor, to a deacon, or put a note in the newsletter box.)

Andrews House

We received the following letter:

Dear Pastor Tim and First Baptist Friends,

Thank you very much for your end-of-the-year donation of \$110 to help cover the costs of the Second Friday dinners at Andrews House. We appreciate so much your continued support of this outreach program. Your gift will help us maintain our services to the com-

munity through these special dinners.

Many of you are volunteers in various activities of Andrews House, and we could not offer any of our programs without your support. Partner churches are a valued resource and we thank all of you from First Baptist for all you do.

Thank you again and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Rosalyn Smith
Executive Director

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The funds mentioned in Rosalyn Smith's letter came from our designated Christmas offering and are over and above our church budget to Second Fridays.

At the January 14th Andrews House dinner, members of our youth

group were the servers. Those working included Sam Chesser, Dominique DeBiasio and her friend Kim, Christy and Sarah Sykes, and Calvin Turner with Kathy and Tim Chesser.

Our church will be serving as mixers and greeters at the dinners in March and May. Please contact me (362-9107) if you are interested in helping. We always welcome volunteers to help others.

— Evelyn Lee

Religious Freedom

In these days of turmoil within churches over difficult issues that polarize and lead to impenetrable intransigence, we would do well to remember the freedoms which are the very foundation of life together as American Baptists. Would that we could employ the wisdom of

the following observation by Thomas Merton, noted Roman Catholic monk and scholar:

In order to understand the true value of spiritual obedience, we must be very careful to distinguish between self-will and genuine liberty. This distinction is a matter of great importance, because we are called to freedom under obedience and not to the mere sacrifice of all freedom in order to respond to authority like machines. The highest freedom is found in obedience to God. The loss of freedom lies in subjection to the tyranny of automatism, whether in the capriciousness of our own self-will or in the blind dictates of despotism, convention, routine or mere collective inertia.

THOMAS MERTON
NEW SEEDS OF CONTEMPLATION
NEW DIRECTIONS, EDITION 337, p. 196

—Submitted by James Van Brimmer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mar. 5 Ben Turner
7 Robert Foor
12 Evan Trigg
Sydney Kauf
13 Amy Pfarr
18 Dave Lovell
20 Natalie Campbell
27 George Riedmiller
28 Becky Sykes

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Personals

• **PAM FAULK** has been in intensive care at Riverside Hospital for more than two weeks due to a massive infection that began after she was diagnosed with a kidney stone. She remains in a coma, but her vital

American Baptist Women's Ministries

The American Baptist Women's Ministries regrets having to cancel both the January and February meetings. The weather interfered in January, and there was a scheduling conflict in February.

We are, however, fulfilling our White Cross obligations and will report next month on how much we sent to Dayton Christian Center and other places.

— Jean Wickum
Chair

On March 12 the American Baptist Women's Ministries will be visiting the Sarah Moore Health Care Center, 47 East William Street, to spend one hour with the residents, joining them in singing and sharing cookies and punch. We invite everyone to join us. The residents love seeing our children as well as our familiar faces. It would be helpful if every family attending would furnish a dozen cookies, which bring smiles to residents faces. You will leave with a glow and the satisfaction of one hour well spent.

Please plan to join us on March 12. Any questions may be

answered by calling me at 362-9107, or Jean Wickum at 369-1884.

— Evelyn Lee

A well-known speaker began his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. "I'm going to give this away. Who wants it?" Many hands went up.

He crumpled the bill. "Who wants it now?" Every hand stayed up.

He dropped it and ground it against the floor with his shoe. Then he picked it up, crumpled and dirty. "Who still wants it?" Every hand remained up.

"My friends," he said, "we have learned a valuable lesson. No matter what I did to it, it didn't decrease in value.

"Many times," he continued, "we feel like that bill — crumpled, dropped, and ground into the dirt — and we may feel worthless. But we can never lose our value. No matter what happens, we will always be priceless to those who love us."

— from the ABWM newsletter

signs have shown some improvement. Please keep her in your prayers.

• **SHIRLEY PARKER** returned to the hospital due to complications after her knee-replacement surgery and had additional surgery at OSU East, but is now at Delaware Court (room 407, phone 368-8089) where she'll have physical therapy.

• **BERNICE TURNEY** was hospitalized overnight for heart problems.

• **EVELYN LEE** had cataract surgery.

• **STEVE BAKER** was hospitalized for heart problems.

• **LIZ BOWMAN** had ear surgery.

• **RICK LEE** was in Antarctica for 10 days with other scientists to do research.

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back of calendar

Trustees Notes

- A radon gas abatement project has been completed at the parsonage. A test in the basement revealed a high level, so a contractor was hired. The project included sealing off the crawl space and the sump pump, and an exhaust system was installed. The completed project cost \$875 and included a measuring device to keep an eye on the radon level.

- On Monday, February 7, further work took place on the steeple by Mid State Contractors of Marion. The stone cross they had repaired was placed back on the top of the dormer window.

A close examination of the second, matching cross revealed many hairline cracks, and its base crumbled when touched. Bruce Bowman took a ride up in the crane and agreed with the contractor's decision to bring the second cross down for repairs for safety reasons.

This will complete the repairs on the church's four small crosses. Over the past 100 years, the steel reinforcement pins inside the crosses had rusted and expanded, which cracked the stone. Today, stainless-steel pins are used instead.

The church's large stone cross is okay and won't need any repairs.

Mid State Contractors also replaced several broken slates, and they determined that continued water damage high on the assembly room's north wall is due to water soaking through the wall. They will treat that wall with waterproofing when they reinstall the last stone cross. We hope to report the cost of the project at that time.

- The kitchen floor drains backed up the night of the pancake dinner. It turned out to be a sump pump problem, rather than a clogged drain. The cost by plumber Don Patrick was \$30.

- A thank you to Phil Mercer for buying two new snow shovels for the church.

- An air-purifying device in the former senior high room (the old basement) has been on loan from Bud Sykes since last fall. This room has always been musty and this device has made an improvement. Thank you, Bud. For this device to be effective, the doors should remain closed, just like with a dehumidifier.

- The church has a new copier. It is a much improved model over the old one, with many more functions. A thank you to Pastor Chesser for working between two companies to get a lower rate. For a quick crash course on operating the copier, see Melissa Mercer or Pastor Chesser.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 Board of Christian Education	2 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	3 ☾ Last Quarter	4 9:30 World Day of Prayer at Grace Methodist	5
Fourth Sunday of Lent 6 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 7:00 Lenten Bible Study	7 7:00 Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	8 7:00 Trustees	9 7:00 Choir	10 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Pastoral Relations Cmt. 7:30 NW Neighbor- hood Assoc. ● New Moon	11 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	12 1:00 ABWM at Sarah Moore Health Care Center
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Easter 27 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship April newsletter available today. 	28 7:00 Boy Scouts	29	30 7:00 Choir	31 7:00 Parish Council	April 1 April Fool's Day 	2 Daylight Saving Time begins tomorrow; set clocks forward 1 hour tonight ☾ Last Quarter

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Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

This edition of our newsletter will be passed out on Easter Sunday morning. This is the most holy day of the Christian year. It is a day of promise and hope. Most churches around the world will have more people in attendance on this day than any other of the year. The reasons for this boost in attendance will vary.

Many families gather and naturally attend church in familiar surroundings. Some will come wanting to know if there is still a place where belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ is still believed. Some will come because it is a long standing habit to attend church on Easter. Unless our attendance is double our average most of the people present for our Easter worship will be those who worship every Lord's Day.

Those people who will be here only on Easter Sunday will not think to thank you for keeping the church open for another year so they might have a place to worship on Easter. However, you do not need their thanks. Your efforts are a part of your obedience to God. As your pastor I thank you for your faithfulness in supporting the Lord's church in this place.

My family and I will be on vacation April 4- 10. On April 10 the Reverend Dave Griffey will be filling the pulpit. Many of you had the opportunity to meet Dave, his

wife, and three sons last week. Beginning April 10 Dave and his family will be worshipping with us as they seek placement in the American Baptist family. Dave will be sharing his gifts with the church during this time of transition. Please lift them up in prayer as they seek God's will for their lives.



April

Easter is a time of new beginnings. If worship attendance is not a part of your regular schedule, why not see this Easter as a chance for a new beginning. God extends a gracious invitation to become a part of the Body of Christ. Will you respond?

Your Pastor,

Quarterly Business Meeting

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

April Communion Service

During our communion service on April 3rd, the congregation will be asked to "come to the table" to share in the common loaf of bread and to receive an individual cup from pastor Tim at the altar. You will be invited to come down the center isle to the altar. After receiving the elements at the front of the sanctuary, please begin forming our Fellowship Circle.

— Larry Faulk

Women's Bible Study

All of the women of the church are invited to attend our Spring Bible Study beginning April 10th at 6:30. This will be a six week study led by Kathy Chesser. Our topic is Transparency-Discovering the Rewards of Truth-Telling. Hopefully we will learn how to "speak the truth in love." Please join us.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST

DO, LOVE, WALK, GIVE (MICAH 6:1-8)

We are fortunate to be able to share our resources with those around our country who don't have access to the Word of God. Monies from the America For Christ offering help to fund many different outreach ministries such as:

Youth gatherings which encourage life-changing decisions and commitments to Christian service.

Neighborhood Action Christian Centers which provide literacy classes, employment counseling, Vacation Bible School, food pantries, day care and gang prevention.



**SHARE CHRIST
WITH AMERICA**

**GIVE TO THE
AMERICA FOR CHRIST
OFFERING 2005**

Refugee Resettlement assistance which gives new life and security to persons forced to leave their homes because of war and oppression.

Military chaplains who minister to service men and women serving at home and around the world.

...and so much more

Something different this year will be a Walkathon, scheduled for Mingo Park on Sunday afternoon, April 17 at 2 p.m. There will be opportunities for folks of all ages to participate...if you feel you can't walk, then come and be a cheer-

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April 10	A. Trigg	Fogle	B. Reed
April 17	Turner	L. White	P. Mercer
April 24	Mercer	N. Trigg	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.

leader! We're hoping and praying for a nice warm, sunny day!

Special offering boxes were distributed to the children on Palm Sunday. They are to be returned on April 24 when we will dedicate our America For Christ offering.

Forms for sign-ups for the Walkathon will be available in the Narthex—so be thinking of those you will approach to sponsor you: relatives, neighbors, classmates, friends. Let's make this a record year for America For Christ

"What does the Lord require of you but to DO justice, and to LOVE kindness, and to WALK humbly with your God?" MICAH 6:8

GIVE generously!

— Jane Moore

Baby Shower

Beth and Nichelle Trigg will be hosting a baby shower for Natalie Griffith Sunday, April 17th at 6PM at our church. Natalie is expecting a little baby girl mid June. Natalie is registered at Target, you can view her wish list at www.target.com or at any Target store.

— Nichelle Trigg

ABWM Visits Sarah Moore Health Care Center

The women of the American Baptist Women's Ministry thank all who joined us in our visit to the Sarah Moore Health Care Center on March 12 to join with some of the residents for a time of fellowship, song, and refreshments. It was a special treat to have our own Mrs. Corder play the piano as we sang together. The young people were appreciated by the residents as were the visits with our ladies.

It was a lovely way to bring joy to all on a pretty winter day.

— Evelyn Lee

A Final Note on The Gathering Place

Happy Easter! The Gathering Place (formerly known as the Conversation Area) Committee is pleased to say that this project is just shy of being completely finished! We are very satisfied with the way the area in the Assembly room blossomed from a vision to a reality over this past year.

Thank you to those who have watched the progress and shared their interest and support as it has

developed. We would like to thank all that were involved in making this project happen. Throughout the year, we had contributions from individual gifts, pledges and Memorial Gifts that totaled \$2,900. No matching funds from the Jones Estate were needed to fund this project.

The electrical work was just recently finished, so feel free to turn on a lamp and enjoy conversation or a good book. The only part of the project that we're still working on is the re-covering of a couple of chairs, which will add to the total seating capacity for the area.

This Gathering Place is a wonderful way to celebrate and to begin a new chapter in our church's history.

Peace,

—Melissa Mercer, Chair

P.S. Many thanks to the committee members (Pam DeBiasio, Pam Faulk and Becky Sykes) for their help and diligence with this project.

Trustees Notes

- The church received and paid the latest bill of \$1,650 from Mid State Contractors for the ongoing steeple repairs. This bill included the repair and painting of the ridge rolls down each corner of the steeple roof, tuck pointing the brick work in the steeple's dormer window, some repair and replacement of slates, pulling up and refastening the gutter on the north side of the steeple, and the repair of one of the two stone crosses on top of the steeple's dormer window.

Mid State will make one more visit when the second stone cross is repaired, and also they will waterproof the top of the assembly room's north wall. We will report the final cost when the work is completed.

- The sanctuary piano was tuned by Richard Dacks. The cost was \$70.

—Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 2 Adam Mowery
3 Timothy & Deanna Fogle
10 Jane Mercer
13 Benjamin Grubbs
15 Ray Serviss
19 Grace Campbell
20 Fred & Pam DeBiasio
Tammy Ferguson
21 Jimmie Moore
24 Michael Grubbs
27 Colin Ferguson
29 Deborah Fogle

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Personals

- **PAM FAULK** and her family are so very thankful for the prayers, cards, and visits that they have received during her extended illness. Pam continues to improve each day. She is currently in room 5016 at Riverside.

- **BERTHA AND JIM VAN BRIMMER** happily announce the birth of their great grand-daughter **ALEXANDRIA JOY LEONARD**, born on March 15, 2005. The proud parents are Rebecca and Casey Leonard, and the grandparents are Susan (Van Brimmer) and Jeffrey Leonard.

- **JAMI REIDMILLER** had outpatient surgery at Grady.

- **RAY SERVISS** had cataract surgery.

- **BERNICE TURNEY** is recovering at Wintersong after several days at Grady with heart problems.

- **DOROTHY MCGHEE** passed away on March 12.

- **JUNE GRUBBS** broke her arm in a fall on an uneven sidewalk.

My Bible

Though the cover is worn and the pages torn, and though places bear traces of tears, yet more precious than gold is this born worn and old, that can shatter and scatter my fears.

This old book is my guide, 'tis a friend by my side. It will lighten and guide my way.

And each promise I find soothes and gladdens my mind as I read it and heed it each day.

To this book I will cling; of it's worth I will sing, though great losses and crosses be mine.

I cannot despair, though surrounded by care while possessing this blessing divine.

— Submitted by Jean Wickum

Church Directory Update

Jerry Palmer's e-mail is:
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Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

Trying new things can be scary. We can be afraid of failure. We can fear disappointment. We may even be afraid of success. If something new works we might have to change our way of thinking and acting.

This year we decided to try something new with our American for Christ promotion. For a number of years we have been asked to consider having a Walkathon as a part of the promotion. Honestly speaking, the idea has never really excited me. I had many excuses; too much work, too different, never done it this way before.

Sometimes change happens in spite of us. This year Jane Moore, who is a new member of the board of Christian education in charge of mission education and promotion, convinced me to give it a chance. With fears of past failures in mind I warned of disappointment. What would April 17 bring?

The day dawned bright and beautiful. At the appointed time the willing walkers arrived at Mingo Park. We had a great time and raised resources for our

common work together with other American Baptists. We enjoyed our walk and we enjoyed the leisurely time of conversation with our brothers and sisters in the faith. Those who made the



day special included our youngest to our oldest. Thanks to all who made the day special.

Thanks in advance to all who helped us to exceed our goal for the America for Christ offering. We all contribute in our own way.

Perhaps there are other challenges that need to be faced. We

need to be reminded that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and love and self-discipline.

Invite a friend to church. It might change your life.

Your Pastor,

Blanket Sunday

On Mother's Day, Sunday May 8, 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.

Special forms for your designations will be available. During morning worship you'll have an opportunity to attach those forms, along with your money or check, 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 list of dedications 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.

Walkathon Report

To God be the Glory! We prayed for great weather and a good turnout and both prayers were answered. With the sun shining and a gentle breeze to keep us comfortable, twenty five of us gathered at Mingo Park on Sunday afternoon, April 17 for the America For Christ Walkathon. The 1.1 mile track was hiked and jogged enthusiastically by nearly everyone. Most went the distance at least twice and one hardy soul did three laps. Prizes were claimed and we all returned home knowing we'd done something worthwhile. Money collected that day totaled \$344 with more promised. That will be added to the offering we take on April 24 and the grand total will be announced later. A heartfelt "Thank You" to all who participated.

Scripture for this year's America For Christ promotion is from Micah 6:8 "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." We have used the words DO, LOVE, WALK, GIVE to emphasize this. And those who took part DID so out of LOVE. They WALKed and GAVE of themselves. Praise the Lord for willing servants.

— Jane Moore,
Mission Coordinator

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May 1	Turner	Bowman	—
May 8	Fogle	Turner	B. Reed
May 15	Mercer	Mercer	V. Fogle
May 22	Coleman	Sykes	P. Mercer
May 29	Fogle	L. White	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.

A.B.W.M.

When you read this, A.B.W.M. will have just enjoyed an evening with Barbara Reed and crafts, and we will be looking forward to a program on the Congo in May. Karen Stoner's report will be extra interesting because she corresponds with missionaries in that region.

Thanks to Jeanne Ekelberry and the sewing group, we are sending quilt blocks to the Philippines and bandages and baby gowns to Africa.

— Jean Wickum, leader

The Fellowship of the Least Coin

The container in the vestibule needs your contributions for the Least Coin offering. Our church's offering will be taken to the Church Women United May Fellowship Day on May 6 to join the gifts of churches all over the world to be used for grants to

strengthen ecumenical solidarity and disaster relief. Please consider dropping in your coin and joining with others in this global movement of prayers for peace, justice and reconciliation.

— Evelyn Lee

Church Women United

May Fellowship Day of Church Women United will be May 6 at William Street United Methodist Church. The carry-in luncheon begins at 11:30 and will be followed by the Fellowship Day program which will include the dedication of our Least Coin offering.

Bring a dish to share, your table service, and join with other Delaware women in this time of worship and fellowship.

— Evelyn Lee

Last Month's Poem

Some of you mentioned how much you enjoyed the poem about the Bible in last month's newsletter. It was written a couple years ago by Hazel Hornsby, a 97-year-old active resident of Wintersong Village.

— Jean Wickum

Personals

- **JEANNE EKELBERRY's** brother, John Scott Trogdon, died in West Virginia on April 16. We extend our sympathy to Jeanne and her family.
- **PAM FAULK** has shown remarkable improvement and has been transferred from Riverside Hospital to Whetstone Care Center (room 7W), where she is receiving physical therapy.
- **SHIRLEY PARKER** is recovering at Delaware Court after another knee surgery.
- **BERNICE TURNEY** is able to be back home again after a brief stay at Wintersong Health Center.
- **KATHY CHESSE**r is recovering from pneumonia.
- **BETTY PORTER** had cataract surgery.
- **DAVID LOVELL** had laser eye surgery.
- **RICK VAN BRIMMER** had laser eye surgery.
- **JEAN OSBORNE** and **AUNT ALICE** have returned after wintering in Florida.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- May 3 Rick Van Brimmer
7 Bertha Van Brimmer
Willard Fogle
9 Chris Riedmiller
Tim Chesser
10 Archie & Beth Trigg
Anna Kailyn
12 Jeanne Ekelberry
15 Barbara Lovell
Betty Porter
24 Jean Wickum
Sharon & Steve Baker
27 Lisa Lawrence
30 David and Dawn Coleman

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Church Directory Update

There was an error in the Coleman family's address in the directory; their house number is "310."

Also, here are their e-mail addresses:

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Good News Letter

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Dear FBC Family:

In yesterday's worship service we witnessed a powerful testimony. Pam Faulk was in worship for the first time since the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. As most of you know she has had some critical health issues. During the joys and concerns Pam said, I am glad to be back home. It was a poignant reminder of the need for Christian community. Please continue to pray for Pam and Larry.

At a recent meeting I was told that one of our local funeral homes reported that seven out of ten families who come to plan funerals have no pastor. A letter I received today from a fellow pastor reported that according to a study he had done eighty percent of the people in Delaware County had no church home. These startling statistics reminded me that we need to continue to be an inviting people. You must know some of these unchurched folks. Invite them to hear the gospel at your church.

As the end of the school year approaches many of us are making our summer plans. Remember that summer hours begin on June 5. Worship will begin at 10:00 A.M. Children's Day will be on

June 12. The picnic will be held immediately after church at Blue Limestone Park. A special thanks to Liz Bowman, who took on the responsibility of planning Children's Day.

June 19 will also be a special day at FBC. Rick Van Brimmer has volunteered to offer a special tribute to all of his fathers in the faith



during the morning worship service. I know this is going to be a memorable event.

Invite a friend to church. It might change lives.

Your Pastor,

Tim

Children's Sunday

Children's Sunday will be June 12th. The children have been working on songs and will be participating in much of the service that morning. Please come and support the kids and be prepared to be inspired!

Immediately following church, everyone is invited to the lower shelter at Blue Limestone Park for the annual church picnic. Please bring a dish to share, along with plates, utensils and drinks for you and your family. This is always a great time of fun, fellowship and good food!

— Liz Bowman

Summer Stewardship Reminder

As summer approaches, it is a good time to review our financial commitment to the church. Those who attended the April business meeting were informed of a disappointing reality: our expenses continue to be greater than our revenue at First Baptist. Jarrod Trigg (Finance Committee Chair) will be providing details. As Assistant Financial Secretary, I

challenge you to continue or begin giving consistently as we enter the summer months.

Sometimes we fall into the trap of thinking we give to "support the work of the church". While this is an important part of what our giving should do, it is not why we give. We give because we have committed our lives to Jesus Christ, to serve Him as Lord and Savior. Tithing/giving is part of worship. The biblical imperative is 10% of our income.

What we give reflects our faith and our relationship with God. God is deserving of our "first fruits", not whatever is left over at the end of the month. My family can testify to the power and trustworthiness of God to provide our needs when we are faithful to Him. Our tithe is not a "membership fee" to a service or social institution called the church. It is a reflection of our dependence on God and our thankfulness for the blessings we receive from His hand. In response, we are obedient to His command.

If you tithe, I pray this reminder encourages you and validates your commitment to God and the church. If you don't, I pray this reminder challenges you to

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June 5	—	—	P. DeBiasio
June 12	Mercer	—	(Children's Sunday)
June 19	—	Sykes	B. Reed
June 26	Coleman	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.

be consistent in your giving and work toward tithing. Our church needs your faithful financial support. Please remember, operating expenses do not cease or decrease in your absence. Pray for our church and examine your relationship with God in light of your support for your house of worship.

— Randy Turner

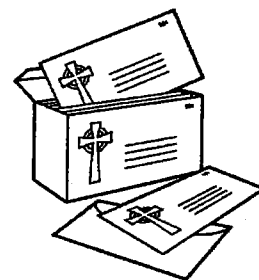
Summer Stewardship Reminder — Part II

To supplement Randy Turner's message on our financial commitment to the church, I have included a chart graph which shows the operating cash move-

ment over the last three years. This does not include cash for our mission support, house and property fund (to sustain the tangible church property), or other gift and memorial funds. This is the fund that pays the general operating

expenses of the church. (i.e. pastoral salary, utilities, and education) The peaks and valleys represent our payments for certain fixed yearly expenses. Our church has essentially spent what we budgeted to spend for these years (average expense increase of 6%); the projected revenues have not kept pace (essentially flat). Please feel free to ask any questions.

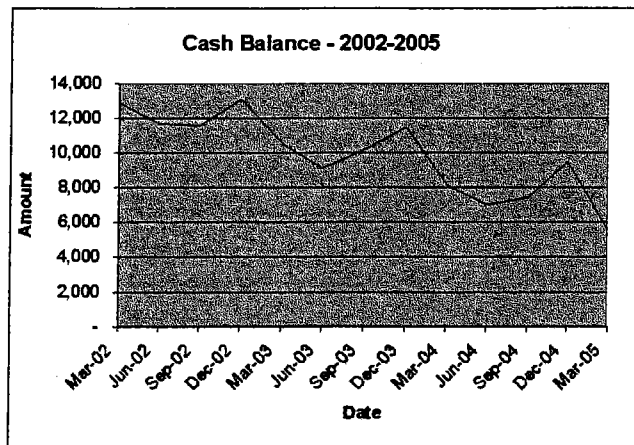
— Jarrod Trigg
Finance Committee Chair



Vacation Bible School

Once again this year, VBS will be at First Presbyterian Church. There are classes for 4 year olds up to children entering fifth grade in the fall. The program will run from June 27 - July 1 from 9:00 a.m. - noon. There are always opportunities for volunteers. If anyone is interested in participating, please see me for contact information.

— Liz Bowman



Humor

Q: What kind of man was Boaz before he got married?

A: Ruthless.

Q: What do they call pastors in Germany?

A: German Shepherds.

Q: Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A: Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q: What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A: The Lord God drove Adam and Eve out of the garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. His second car was probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q: Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A: Samson, who brought the house down.

Q: Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A: Moses—he broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q: Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A: The area around the Jordan River. The banks were always overflowing.

Q: Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?

A: David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q: Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q: Which Bible character had no parents?

A: Joshua, son of Nun.

Q: Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A: Because Noah was standing on the deck.

Finally, "it must be a sin for a woman to make coffee, since in the Bible it says, "He-brews."

— submitted by Karen Stoner

Softball Season Begins

The First Baptist Bombers are back to defend their title in 2005! Please see Jarrod Trigg, give him a call (740-362-3237), or e-mail (jarrod.b.trigg@us.pwc.com) if you would like to participate or have questions. The games are in Ostrander, and we have a lot of fun. Thanks again to the church for the fan support.

Monday, June 6th, 7 PM vs. New California

Tuesday, June 15th, 8:15 PM vs. Marysville Christian

Thursday, June 23, 8:15 vs. Hyatts United Methodist

Thursday, June 30, 7 PM vs. Ostrander Presbyterian

Thursday, July 7, 7 PM vs. Jerome United Methodist

Tuesday, July 12, 7 PM vs. Emmanuel Baptist

Tuesday, July 19th, 8:15 PM vs. Radiant Life

Monday, July 25, 8:15 PM vs. Concord Presbyterian

Monday, August 1, 8:15 PM vs. Old Stone Presbyterian

Monday, August 8, 8:15 PM vs. Radnor Baptist



ABW

The American Baptist Women met in May and heard an informative report on the Congo, the strife and hunger and the terrible AIDS epidemic. And how our faithful missionaries continue to serve the churches and the people there.

Karen Stoner, who gave the report, is in correspondence with some of the missionaries there, so she could share with us first-hand accounts.

Our next meeting will be the annual picnic, and the date will be changed to June 20th, a Monday, so that we may accept Betty Porter's invitation to have it at her home. The time will be announced later. It will be a covered-dish event, and all the women of the church are invited.

— Jean Wickum, Chair

Women of First Baptist Church...

On the 19th of May we talked about The Democratic Republic of the Congo, and I didn't have the most recent missionary mail with me. Here are some condensed notes.

Sandy Jo Thompson, who serves with her family, writes that she can't say that she personally has led anyone to Christ in the past 13 years of service (except her daughter), but she has had "the joy of doing a lot of planting and watering along the way." That's often the bulk of a missionary's job. They plant seeds of truth and hope, and tend the garden of hearts with words from Jesus. In her words, she "serves candy,

oranges and popcorn." Feeding the flock, working in the garden...what a lovely image!

Wendy Bernhard writes about "Transformation Africa," a gathering of 45,000 in March 2001 which grew until 2004 to 22 million people from 58 African countries invoking God's blessings on the continent. This is, she suspects, the greatest number of persons ever praying at the same time for the same subject. This year the event was on May 15, Pentecost Sunday. An estimated 200 million Christians united in prayer, under the theme verse of Habakkuk 2:14. This began "90 Days of Blessing," so I hope we can unite with this prayer effort as it continues.

That's the good news. On the other hand, there are hurricane damage reports in El Salvador that didn't make big news here. There are lost young people wandering through African and Thai villages and cities, being abused and sold into forms of slavery. There are struggles against false witnesses who preach against the need for the Word of God. As an American Baptist Women's group we did our humble part to help all missionary efforts, including sending many gifts to missions right here in Ohio and around the globe. Still, we fell short of our financial goal, including a large request for the Congo. I trust that we can be generous of spirit and of pockets, and that we can continue to meet and work in various ways as women of God. Although I didn't fellowship with you all as often as in the past, my heart was just as big for missions. Thank you for your continuing support!

— Karen Stoner, Missions
Chairwoman 2004-5

MONTHLY MISSION MOMENT

Beginning June 19 we will be celebrating our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Relax – there won't be a Walkathon for this one! However there will be lots of information available to let you know just how important this is. With a goal of \$500 we will add our monies to those of nine other denominations that join us yearly to fund this effort.



One of the tangible signs of God's presence in the world is the earnest and generous response of God's people to strangers in need. When the tsunami tidal waves of December, 2004 killed more than 178,000 people and left millions homeless, people all over the world reacted with compassion, generosity and love. American Baptists and others didn't wait to be asked to give more than \$1,100,000 in the early stages of the emergency.

That disaster has also reminded us of other critical needs. Others have been left homeless by political turbulence in Rwanda and Sudan. Thousands are still suffering from the effects of severe earthquakes, including the one that leveled Bam, Iran, in December 2003. Here in America people are bowed under the

weight of poverty, crime and a lack of education. In Florida and other states, the clean-up from four powerful hurricanes last fall continues.

All of these needs combine to make this one of the most important One Great Hour of Sharing Offerings in recent history. This small planet is a lonely and desperate place for millions. Many of us are thankful to God that we have not personally experienced the upheavals so many have suffered. Our response to others must now be as big as the grace God has shown to us.

Please pray for those who are still mourning their losses, wandering homelessly and rebuilding their homelands. And please ask God for the wisdom to find ways this year to give like you have never given before. God's love for all who suffer is boundless – and God has charged each of us to be deliverers of that love to all who need to feel His presence.

– Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

Teacher Appreciation

Since we have reached the end of our Sunday school classes for this year, it is an appropriate time to show our appreciation to the teachers and substitute teachers who make the program successful.

Please take some time this week to thank the following people: Carol Grubbs, Barbara Lovell, Liz Bowman, Pam DeBiasio, Barb Reed, Jean Wickum, Linda White, Nichelle Trigg, Kathy Chessser, Larry Faulk, Erin Faulk, Jarrod Trigg, Randy Turner, Tim Chessser,

Jimmie Moore, Jane Moore, and Melissa Neil. If I forgot anyone, I apologize. These people contribute their time and talents to make a strong Sunday school program.

– Pam Faulk

Sunday School Opportunities

The good news is that most of our Sunday School teachers are returning next year. Tim and Randy will be teaching adult classes, Erin will teach the high school class, Linda will have 4th – 6th grade, and Barb will have 1st – 3rd. The opportunities come in our youngest classes. We are looking for a teacher for our pre-school – kindergarten class (four cute boys – Colin, Philip, Ryan, and Will) and our nursery. We provide everything you need.

If you can help please contact Pam or Erin Faulk.

Trustees Notes

- The parsonage's front yard received some much-needed work this spring. The excess wood chips from last year's tree removal were taken away, top soil was put down, and grass seed was applied. The work was done by Jo-Har Lawnscape and the cost was \$209.

- Jimmie Moore scraped off the north wall in the "old" basement room, which had suffered water damage. He then sealed and repainted it to match the rest of the room. It made a big improvement and is greatly appreciated.

– Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Many Were Remembered on Blanket Sunday

Our church gathered \$330.00 on Mother's Day, which will be used by Church World Service to purchase 66 blankets to be used by those in need around the world.

Following is a list of those you remembered and those who did the remembering.

Many thanks for thinking of others.

— Evelyn Lee

IN MEMORY

Kathy Chesser — Jessie Street
DeBiasio Family — Rénéé DeBiasio
Geneva Evans — her mother Ernestine Frost
Bob and Pam Foor — Marjorie Shively and Mildred Foor
Carol Grubbs — Teresa Griffith and Ruth Brown
Dave and Mary Lou Lovell — Jennie Lovell, Margaret Morley and Rose Vesprej
Phil and Melissa Mercer — Nancy Isabelle Happeny, Dorothy Mercer, Edith Moore
Jim and Jane Moore — Jack Edwards and Carl Greathouse
Melissa Neill — her grandmother Ethel Wagar Reed
Jerry Palmer — Helen Palmer
Betty Porter — her grandmother Blanche Berger
Betty Porter — her mother Martha Jane Guy
Barb Reed — Katherine Clapper
Ray and Carol Serviss — Marla Serviss and Myrtle
Sophia Stephenson — Her mother Clementine Blazewicz

Randy Turner — Freeda Jones
Jim Van Brimmer — His mother, Mary Van Brimmer
Rick Van Brimmer — Barb Van Brimmer

IN HONOR

Sam Chesser — Kathy Chesser
Tim Chesser — Hazel Chesser
DeBiasio Family — Rénéé DeBiasio and Irene Rone
Jeanne Ekelberry — Her mother, Ethel Trogdon
Larry, Erin, Jeff, Laurie, Cullen, and Brigid Faulk — Pam
Pam Faulk — Kathy Chesser
Pam and Larry Faulk — Evelyn Cole, Florence Faulk, Laurie Faulk, Erin Faulk, Jean Wickum, Pat Rose, Jodi Mustard and Mary Anderson
Steve Ferguson — Sylvia Ferguson
Tammy Ferguson — Audrey Carter
The Fogle's — Carol Fogle, Mary Lou Lovell
Lisa and Cory Lawrence — Marge Matthews, mom and grandma
Rick and Marcia Lee — their mothers
Mrs. Richard E. Lee — Marcia, Linda and Barbara Lee, mothers of our grandchildren
Barbara Lovell — Mary Lou Lovell
Dave and Mary Lou Lovell — Debbie Fogle
Phil and Melissa Mercer — Willa Smith Corder
Jerry Palmer — Lana Palmer
Betty Porter — Her daughter, Jennifer Linn
Betty Porter — Her daughter, Janet Porter
Jim Stephenson — Sophia Stephenson
Calvin, Ben, and Claire Turner — Jennifer Turner
Jim Van Brimmer — His wife, Bertha
Rick Van Brimmer — Bertha Van Brimmer

Linda White — Margaret Seckman and Carolyn Schneeberger
Jean Wickum — Pam Faulk, Evelyn Mead, Susan Mussard

Second Fridays Dinners

Andrews House received this letter from one of their recent guests. (The letter was signed, but the name was removed to protect their privacy.)

Dear Friends,

Our family wishes to thank you all so much for the free dinners we receive every month. It's so nice that you are able to do such a service for low-income families of Delaware County.

Again thanks for all you do. It's people like you who make a difference.

— submitted by Evelyn Lee

THANK YOU

I want to thank my church family for your many cards, flowers, gifts, visits, and especially your prayers during my illness and extended recovery period. I am back home now and attending outpatient physical therapy. My life is truly a miracle. Eventually, I should be back to normal with the exception of my hearing. Even with the hearing aids, it will never be perfect. So please bear with me. It is important that you get my attention first and then speak slowly and clearly. You do not need to shout. Clarity is more important than volume.

— Pam Faulk

Honor Special Men on Father's Day with Tools of Hope Offering

On Sunday, June 19, Father's Day, we will be remembering special men in our lives by contributing to the Tools of Hope program of Church World Services. These kits are equipping neighbors around the world to meet their own immediate needs and gain self-sufficiency. These kits are \$5.00 each.

Special forms for your designation will be available in the vestibule. During morning worship, you'll have an opportunity to attach these forms, along with your money or check, to the burlap cloth. All of these gifts will be contributed to the Church World Service to serve those in need.

Watch for the list of dedications in our next newsletter as we continue to remember others.

— Evelyn Lee

Andrews House "Bizarre" Bazaar

On Thursday, June 10 from 3 pm to 8 pm, Andrews House will be selling items left over from previous Christmas bazaars. There will be no price tags, just pay what you wish. All proceeds will benefit community programs at Andrews House.

In addition, from 5 pm to 6 pm there will be a refreshing treat of homemade tomato basil soup, toasted cheese sandwiches, strawberries and cream, and your choice of beverages.

Please call Connie Whitaker at 369-2011 to volunteer or for more information.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
4 Patricia Foor
6 Sam Campbell
7 Steve Yang
8 Pam Faulk
Carol Serviss
10 David & Mary Lou Lovell
Aidan Ferguson
11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
13 Ryan Coleman
16 Bud & Becky Sykes
21 Willa Corder
22 June Grubbs
24 Beth Trigg
27 Joe & Alison Mowery
28 Jami Riedmiller
30 Jimmie & Jane Moore

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Personals

- **PAM FAULK** is back home after spending more than 3 months recovering from a serious illness, first at Riverside Hospital and then at Whetstone Care Center where she received rehabilitation.
- **BERNICE TURNEY** is a resident of Wintersong Village.
- **KAREN STONER** traveled to Pennsylvania and Cleveland over spring break in April. In early May, Karen and Steve had a wonderful trip to Charleston SC.
- **SAM CHESSE** is one of three young men from Delaware Hayes High School to attend Buckeye Boy's State at Bowling Green State University from June 11 to June 19. This program, sponsored

by the American Legion, is to promote awareness and participation in our political system. Students were recommended to the American Legion by teachers and administrators based on achievement in class and interest in politics.

• **ARCHIE AND BETH TRIGG** recently returned from a two-week trip to Ireland. The main highlight was the renewal of their wedding vows in a Catholic church in a tiny village on the Dingle Peninsula. Other highlights were Blarney Castle, replica of the emigrant ship, Dunbrody and the Blackstairs Mountains.

Change in the 'Personals' Column

As the vacation season approaches, I'd like to announce a small change in the Personals...

In the past I've often mentioned people's vacations even if they didn't submit the info. But I don't know about everyone's travels, and I've been concerned that some folks may feel slighted if their trips aren't mentioned.

So to be fair to everyone, I've decided to no longer mention trips unless the info is submitted to me.

If you think others would be interested in reading about your trip, please submit a *short* description and I'll be glad to include it. Otherwise, it probably won't be mentioned in the Personals.

Thanks,

— Jim Stephenson, editor

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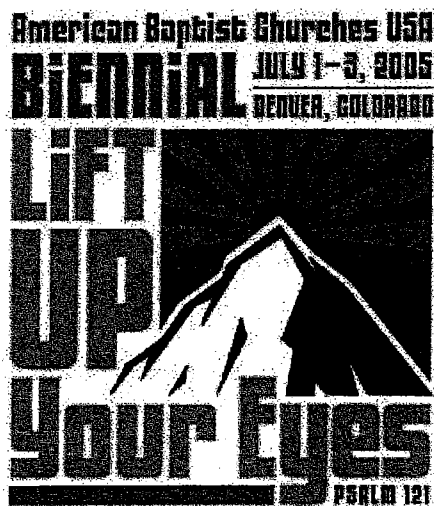
Dear FBC family:

Please be in prayer for our American Baptist family during the next couple of weeks. Our governing body, known as the General Board of the ABCUSA meets in Denver during the last week in June. That meeting will be followed by the Biennial Meeting of the American Baptist Churches/USA. There will be a variety of issues discussed including some dueling resolutions from different parts of the country.

There are those within our denomination who do not believe that local church autonomy is a sufficiently broad Baptist principle to allow a few congregations within the ABC family to embrace a minority view about sexual minorities. At stake is whether or not we will continue to engage in mission together without being in complete theological agreement. The danger is that once we start asking congregations to leave our family because of one theological difference then other issues will surely surface. There are already some within the larger family who would exclude women from

the ordained ministry. Will we one day have to endorse a fringe theology, such as the eschatology of the Left Behind series of books, in order to be considered orthodox American Baptists?

These issues may seem far away from us at this time, but they



have a way of working themselves down to the local level. As we continue to pray and meditate about such issues, let us also continue to strengthen the ties that bind us to other Baptists as well as the rest of our Christian family.

As you travel this summer I pray that you might have peaceful journeys. Remember the church

in your absence. Invite a friend to church.

Your Pastor,

ABWM

By the time you read this, the American Baptist Women's Ministries will already have had its annual picnic at Betty Porter's home on June 20, and we will have wound down our endeavors for the year.

We appreciate Betty's hospitality, and I'm sure we'll all have had a good time. While we have not had a totally successful year, we did meet our quotas. The weather, sadly, didn't cooperate.

The sewing groups have been rolling bandages for Harold Rittenhouse to take to either Haiti or Africa.

— Jean Wickum, Chair
ABWM

Church Retreat

Please mark the days October 7 to 9 on your calendars. Those are the days we will be holding our Fall All-Church Retreat. In addition to moving the retreat to the fall, we are also coming closer to Delaware. The retreat will be held this year at Camp Christy, which is only a few miles outside of the west side of Delaware. We hope that this will enable folks to come to the retreat who might not want to spend the night. Our tentative theme is "A Crowd worth Knowing." As always the church will pick up the tab for any first-time attendees.

Monthly Mission Moment

We're in the midst of our One Great Hour of Sharing offering now. Be looking for special events on Sunday mornings... these will help us understand where our dollars are going. Every time there is a tragedy



somewhere in the world, our missionaries are on the job, helping to maintain life and help others find food and shelter. The job is awesomely difficult for those directly involved. We can make a difference by giving generously.

Thank you for your never-failing generosity.

— Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Tweenies
July 3	L. & C. Lawrence	K. Chesser
July 10	—	L. & C. Lawrence
July 17	Marci Sander	—
July 24	—	—
July 31	Mercer	—

Note: There is no Junior Church during the summer months.

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

Tools of Hope 2005

Thank you for your gifts to Tools of Hope that you gave on Father's Day, June 19, in honor and memory of those listed below. As the Church World Service writes: for many, your help transforms their world. We contributed 56 units.

— Evelyn Lee

IN MEMORY

Sandy Case — Loren Frederick Stone
Tim Chesser — A. G. Chesser
DeBiasio family — Angelo DeBiasio and Tom Rone
Jeanne Ekelberry — Hewlett Trogon
The Fogles — Will Fogle
Larry, Pam, Erin Faulk — Ralph Cole, Don Faulk, Wilbur Wickum, Ron Rose
Carol Grubbs — Charles Brown and Fred Grubbs, Sr.
Evelyn B. Lee — Dick and Bruce Lee
Dave Lovell — Robert J. Lovell, A. George Cray
Mary Lou Lovell — Dr. Robert J. Lovell

Jean Osborne — David Osborne, Gary Osborne
Betty Porter — Ralph Guy (father), Samuel Berger (grandfather), and Jim "Billy" Porter (son)
Barb Reed — Jim Reed
Ray and Carol Serviss — Will Fogle
Jim Stephenson — Rev. James B. Stephenson
Sophia Stephenson — Rev. James B. Stephenson
Bertha Van Brimmer — Her father
Jim Van Brimmer — His father, Elmer
Linda White — Charles Seckman

IN HONOR

Kathy Chesser — Wynson Hope
Sam Chesser — Tim Chesser
DeBiasio family — Fred DeBiasio
The Fogles — Ray serviss, Ray Morby, Vic Fogle
Larry, Pam, and Erin Faulk — Jeff Faulk, Paul Stewart, Steve Mustard, Keith Anderson
Pam and Erin Faulk — Larry Faulk
David Griffey — Charles Griffey
Evelyn B. Lee — Rick and Doug Lee

Jeff and Susie Leonard — Jim Van Brimmer

Barbara Lovell, Debbie, Vic, Will and Gabe Fogle — Dave Lovell, Ray Morby

Dave Lovell — Ray Morby

Mary Lou Lovell — Rober D. Lovell, Ray Morby

Phil and Melissa Mercer — Michael Mercer, Calvin Turner, Ben Turner, Alex Irwin, David Irwin

Jean Osborne — Gregory Osborne

Lana Palmer — Jerry Palmer

Betty Porter — Her son, John Porter

Randy and Jennifer Turner — Jimmie Moore and Heryl Turner

Jackson Trigg — Jarrod and Archie Trigg

Rick Van Brimmer — Jim Van Brimmer

Jean Wickum — Larry Faulk, Jack Chapman, John Mead

Trustees Notes

On Saturday afternoon, June 18, Jack Cassidy and Stacey Wiser were married at First Baptist. Pastor Tim Chesser officiated. Mary Lou Lovell was the organist and Peter White was the buiding host.

— Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Angel Food Cakes Needed for Second Fridays Dinner in August

First Baptist is to furnish ten large angel food cakes for the Second Fridays Dinner on August 12. Please notify me at 362-9107 if you can take a cake to Andrews

House by 5:00 p.m. on that day. If you'd prefer, give me \$5.00 and I'll purchase and deliver a cake for you.

Thanks for your help.

— Evelyn Lee

Business Meeting

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 1 Robert & Patricia Foor
3 Phil Mercer
5 Victor & Deborah Fogle
6 Sam Chesser
14 Sara Bowman
15 Aunt Alice Osborne
17 Nichelle Trigg
18 Peter & Linda White
19 Jarrod Trigg
23 Alison Mowery
25 Destini Fogle
28 Regan Riedmiller
30 Bernice Turney

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					ABC-USA Biennial in Denver	
3 10:00 Morning Worship; O.G.H.S.* offering ABC-USA Biennial in Denver	4 Independence Day 	5	6 10:00 Sewing	7	8 7:00 Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 2nd Fridays Dinner at A. House	9 Booker/Vernot Wedding
10 10:00 Morning Worship; O.G.H.S.* offering	11 7:00 Deacons; Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	12	13	14 12:00 Young at Heart	15	16 8:30 Men's Breakfast
17 10:00 Morning Worship; O.G.H.S.* offering	18 7:00 Boy Scouts	19	20	21 ○ Full Moon	22 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal	23 2:30 Brown/Lee Wedding
24 10:00 Morning Worship <i>Last day to submit newsletter articles.</i>	25 7:00 Boy Scouts	26	27 6:30 Dinner 7:00 Quarterly Bus. Meet.	28	29	30
Pastor Chesser on Vacation						
31 10:00 Morning Worship with Rev. David Griffey <i>August newsletter available today.</i>	August 1	2	3 10:00 Sewing	4	5	6
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* O.G.H.S. = One Great Hour of Sharing offering, taken from June 19 to July 17

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Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

During these sweltering days of summer I have a cool, upcoming event to remind you about. Our all church family retreat will be held October 7 – 9. We are issuing regular reminders this year since we did not have a retreat last year. After many years at Judson Hills we are moving the retreat this year to Camp Christian. Camp Christian is about 10 minutes west of the new Kroger.

Even if you do not like spending the night away from home the location of this year's retreat will allow you to attend all sessions and still be home for bed. The cost is very reasonable and as always first time retreat goers are free. In a couple of weeks we will be having a sign-up list to give us an idea of how many people plan to attend the retreat.

It is hard to believe that stores are starting their back to school sales already. However, summer is winding down. As you receive this newsletter Kathy, Sam, and I will be vacationing (July 24 – August 6). We will be spending some time in Georgia with our families. When we return we are

going to get in a couple of more college visits as Sam tries to narrow his choices.

In these uncertain times let us remember God's faithfulness. It is good to come together in



worship to hear anew the old, old story of God's redemptive power. The community of faith gathering for worship is a powerful witness to our world. Invite a friend.

Your Pastor,

Welcome New Members

We welcome to our church family David & Dawn Coleman along with Ryan and David III. David is a firefighter with the Delaware Fire Department. Dawn is a nursing student at Columbus State College. The Colemans live in the Locust Curve subdivision.

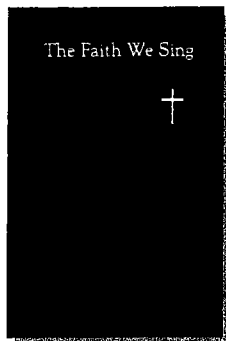
Young At Heart Anniversary Celebration

Depending on which records we are consulting, it appears that Young At Heart is either 10 or 13 years old this summer. Whichever is true, it doesn't matter to this group of folks who love to be together and celebrate our friendship. To that end we will meet together for lunch at the home of Jim and Jane Moore, 284 Kensington Drive, on Thursday, August 11 at noon. If you are planning to attend, please let Jane know by Tuesday, August 9.

There will be a short program and lots of time for visiting and eating.

Where is Hymn #2212?

Have you noticed something strange in the bulletin on Sunday mornings lately? Our hymnal has 591 hymns in it, and yet, sometimes the bulletin lists a song from the 2000's. This indicates that the song will be found in the new, black song-book called **The Faith We Sing.**



We purchased these song-books to supplement our current hymnals, not to replace them. They were chosen because they contained songs which could not be found in our red hymnals. Many of these songs are favorites that some of us grew up with, learned at camp or Bible school, or sang in college.

There are even several large-print editions which are located in the pew that's right inside the door from the vestibule.

We hope that you will enjoy singing some of these songs on Sunday mornings.

— Pam Faulk

MISSION MOMENT

Praise the Lord! Once again our church family has heard the need and responded generously. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering ended on July 17 and total giving was \$586.42. Thank you.

— Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

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Date	Nursery	Tweenies
Aug. 7	L. & C. Lawrence	?
Aug. 14	Foor	L. & C. Lawrence
Aug. 21	Foor	K. Chesser
Aug. 28	Mercer	?

There is no Junior Church during the summer.

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

ABWM

Three of the ABWM members attended the meeting of the Marion Association ABWM at Grand Prairie on the evening of July 21st.

They were treated to music with a patriotic theme and an interesting talk by Mark Samuel, Director of Neighborhood Ministries at Campbell, Ohio near Youngstown.

The theme for the year 2005 – 2006 is "Born Again — To Be Wild About Jesus." The state special project is "Miracle of Love," and it will provide aid to a neighborhood ministry in Puerto Rico.

We also received our quotas for White Cross, and an overseas request for \$125 for India.

The evening ended with a fellowship time and delicious refreshments.

Those who attended from First Baptist were Jeanne Ekelberry, Francis Cook and Jean Wickum

Survey Next Month

Coming in next month's newsletter will be a short survey for everyone in the congregation to complete.

— Pastoral Relations Committee

Trustees Notes

- Bud Sykes built a new cabinet with a work countertop for the copier room. This grew out of a need to have a work surface that was higher than the one on the old table, which had been used for many years.



- On Saturday afternoon, July 9, Julia Vernot and Matt Brooker were married at First Baptist. Rev. David Jansen of Center Point

Historical Society Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Nash House

House was donated by Miss Pauline Nash, who also made our new parsonage possible.

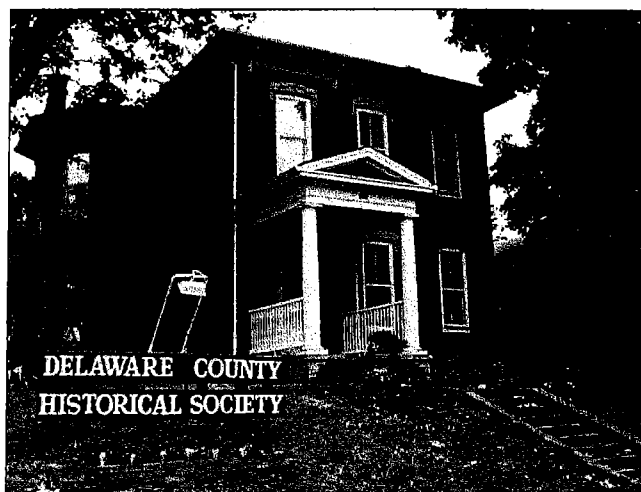
Some of our long-time church members will remember Miss Pauline Nash, whose generous gift to our church in the 1970s made it possible for us to build our new parsonage.

In August, the Delaware County Historical Society will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of their museum — The Nash House — which was also made possible by a generous gift from Pauline.

Pauline was a member of First Baptist for many years. She was very talented at weaving, quilting, and ceramics, and was Delaware County's first Red Cross Gray Lady.

In 1954, after the death of her parents, Pauline donated her family's home on William Street to the Delaware County Historical Society. The house had been built in 1876 by John Slattery, grandfather of Dr. George Parker. It passed through several families before being purchased by Pauline's grandfather in 1885 for \$2,400. It later passed to Pauline's father, who was an avid collector of antiques and Delaware County memorabilia. The house served as the Nash family home until 1954 when Pauline donated it to the Society.

Pauline eventually moved to a smaller home on North Liberty Street. When she died in 1970s, she willed that Liberty Street house to our church. The house was sold and the proceeds were used to purchase our new parsonage in



First Baptist member Pauline Nash donated the Nash House to the Historical Society.

Hayes Colony (a plaque in the new parsonage recognizes her gift).

50th Anniversary Party

In August, the Historical Society will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Nash House as their museum.

A lawn party will be held at the museum (157 East William Street) on Sunday, Aug. 14 from 1–4 pm.

The Society invites you to share their pride in preserving Delaware County history by attending the party and touring the museum.

*— article based on materials
submitted by Evelyn Lee*

Church officiated. Jeffery Bergeson of Boston was soloist. Jessica Morris, pianist at St. Peter's Episcopal, was pianist and accompanist. Peter White was the building host.

- The sanctuary piano was tuned before the Brooker-Vernot wedding by Richard Dacks. The cost was \$70.
- The heating element in the parsonage oven burned out and was replaced by A1 Appliances. The cost was \$116.

- Jimmie Moore installed a new mailbox at the parsonage.
- A thank you to Jim Stephenson for the flowers he plants each year in front of the bulletin board and in the window well beside the side doors.

- On Saturday afternoon, July 24, Charles Brown (brother of Liz Bowman) and Elicia Lee were married at First Baptist. Rev. Ted Stephenson officiated. Trista Hill was pianist. Bruce Bowman and Peter White were building hosts.

- At press time, a new sidewalk was under construction on the north side of the Assembly Room.

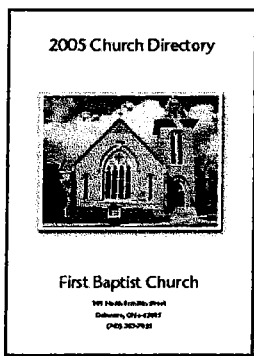
— *Peter White*
Reporting for the Trustees

Personals

- **CAROL SUE SERVISS** had cataract surgery
- **HANNAH NICHOLE GRIFFITH-McKENDRICK**, daughter of Natalie Griffith and granddaughter of Carol Grubbs, was born on June 28th and weighed 8 pounds, 12-1/2 ounces.

Church Directory UPDATE

Please update your directory with this change of address (their phone remains the same):



Jim & Bertha Van Brimmer
57 Greenhedge Circle
Delaware OH 43015

Teacher's Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Sunday school teachers on Monday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

— *Pam Faulk*

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Let me tell you how very grateful we are for your gift of \$280 to Church World Service.

Your gift helps build schools in Laos where there were none. Your gift assists in Sudan, helping to provide food, health care, clean water, and sanitation for some 325,000 displaced people. Your gift goes to support thousands of Burmese refugees in Thailand. Your gift supports literacy programs in Haiti and Angola that teach adults to read. Your gift assists tsunami relief and recovery efforts in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, and Somalia.

Thanks to you, Church World Service brings hope to thousands of people around the world each day. May God bless you for your generosity.

Faithfully yours,

— *Rev. John L. McCullough*
Executive Director

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Aug. 3 Carolyn Schneeberger
Ray & Carol Serviss
4 Gabriel Fogle
5 Bruce & Elizabeth Bowman
7 Jennifer Linn
8 Jim Van Brimmer
Jean Syler
9 Steve Stoner
11 Steve & Tammy Ferguson
17 George & Chris Riedmiller
18 Pam & Larry Faulk
20 Spencer Kauf
21 Jim Stephenson
24 Florence Faulk
27 Linda White
28 Pam DeBiasio
30 Katie Riedmiller
Archie Trigg

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14 10:00 Morning Worship 1:00 Historical Society's Lawn Party at the Nash House (until 4 p.m.)	15 7:00 Deacons; Boy Scouts	16	17	18	19 ○ Full Moon	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast
21 10:00 Morning Worship Last day to submit newsletter articles.	22 7:00 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting; Boy Scouts	23	24	25 7:00 Parish Council	26 ☾ Last Quarter	27
28 10:00 Morning Worship September newsletter available today.	29 7:00 Boy Scouts	30 7:00 Board of Christian Education	31 7:00 Choir	September 1	2	3 ● New Moon

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Dear FBC family:

Summer is almost over and it is time to start thinking about our Fall church activities. Rally Day will be on September 11. We will resume our usual schedule of Sunday School at 9:15 followed by worship at 10:45.

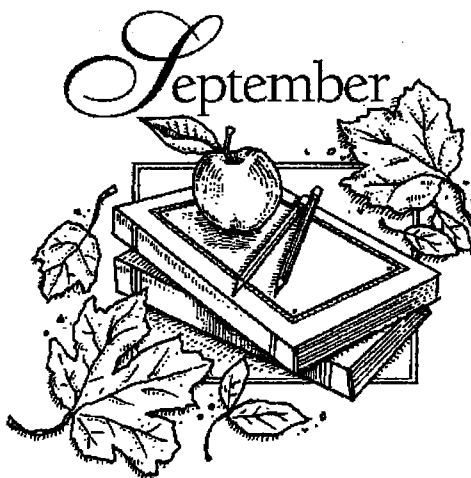
On September 13 we will welcome the trustees of the Marion Association to our church for one of their biannual meetings. Visitors are welcome. Come if you would like to see how our association functions. We will need volunteers to prepare and serve desserts for about 40 – 50 people.

The Marion Association Fall Rally will be held at the First Baptist Church of Richwood on September 25. Registration is at 3:45 and the Rally will last from 4:00-7:00. A light supper will be served between the short business meeting and the evening worship. There is a \$3.00 charge for this meal. The Reverend Dr. Lawrence Swain, our new executive minister will be preaching. Missionaries Dwight and Kari Davidson, who are living in Delaware while on furlough from their work in Japan, will also be speaking.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet our new executive minister. It is my hope that he will shed some light on our recent denominational difficulties. The Richwood church is only about a half hour from

Delaware. If you are planning on attending this meeting please let me know by September 4 so I can make dinner reservations at the church.

There will also be a Youth Rally at Richwood during the time of the Fall Rally. We are awaiting further information on this event, which is being coordinated by Kirby Francis.



As we enter into fall I want to remind you that the only way some people will hear about FBC Delaware is if you tell them about us. We are building a community of faith where Jesus Christ is Lord and all are welcome wherever they are on their spiritual journeys. Invite a friend to be a part of our community

Your Pastor,

Rally Day

Everyone knows what happens in the fall. School starts! And that is just as true in our church family.

On Sunday, September 11, we will begin a new year for our Sunday school. Sunday school will start in the assembly room with opening at 9:15 a.m. From there we will go to our classes. The worship service will begin at 10:45.

The children's classes will all be working with the Witness series this year. Debbie Fogle will teach the nursery class, and her substitute will be Dawn Coleman. The Pre-school/kindergarten class will be taught by Kathy Chesser. Her sub. is Pam DeBiasio. Barb Reed will teach the class for 2nd/3rd graders with Jean Wickum as a sub. The 5th/6th grade class will be taught by Linda White whose sub. is Nichelle Trigg. At this time there are no students for a junior high class. Erin Faulk will be teaching the senior high class. Her sub. is Barbara Lovell. Erin will start the year with a study of the book of Revelations. Once again we will be offering two adult classes. Randy Turner will tackle the subject of grace in his class. Tim Chesser will be teaching from the quarterly. Tim's substitutes are Jane and Jimmie Moore.

We encourage you and your family to make a new commitment to

attending Sunday school this year. It's not just for the children; it's for our whole church family.

— Pam Faulk

Welcome Our New Members

Sarah and Christy Sykes presented themselves as candidates for baptism and church membership at our August 14



Christy and Sarah Sykes

worship service. Sarah currently works as a hostess at the Bag of Nails in Delaware. Christy is a sophomore at Buckeye Valley High School. We rejoice with them at this next step in their Christian pilgrimage.

Judson Hills Update

After exploring several options a decision has been made to auction the Judson Hills property on September 29.

There will be a special Judson Hills Ministry Celebration on September 17 from 3:00 - 5:00. Special guest speaker will be the Reverend Charles Armstrong.

Women's Bible Study

The Fall Women's Bible Study will begin Sunday, September 11th at 6:30. The topic for the study is Transparency: Discovering the Rewards of Truth Telling. Please plan on joining us for this 6 week study led by Kathy Chesser.

VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
Sept. 4	?	?	no Jr. Church today
Sept. 11	Coleman	Dominique	Mercer
Sept. 18	?	Bowman	C. Grubbs
Sept. 25	?	Sykes	?

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 Family Retreat

Don't forget to make plans to attend our annual church family retreat the weekend of October 7-9. Information and registration forms should be in your mail very soon.

Church Women United

The Church Women United annual meeting will be Friday, September 2 at Andrews House, 39 West Winter Street.

We will begin with an 11:30 a.m. pot-luck luncheon. Bring a dish to share and your own table service.

At 12:15 the business meeting and program will follow. Linda Diamond and Fran Veverka, Delaware General Health District, will talk with us about the goals and projects in the "Friends for Life" program. This is a very interesting and informative presentation of a program we should all be aware of. This department is dedicated to fostering, protecting and improving the health and the environment of our residents and our communities.

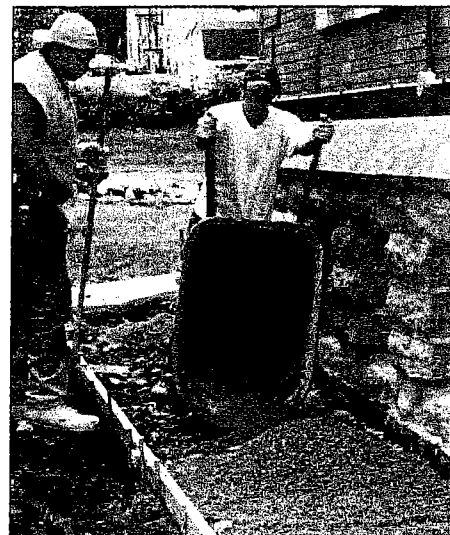
Plenty of parking is available in the city parking lot across the street. Plan to come, renew friendships, and make new friends with women in other churches.

Call me at 362-9107 if you have any questions.

— Evelyn Lee

Trustees Notes

- The new sidewalk on the north side of the assembly room has been completed. The work was done by Duke's Concepts and cost \$958. This project was undertaken to replace broken sections and to have the new sidewalk slope slightly away from the building. The old walk sloped towards the



building and water collected next to the wall. The new sidewalk drains water away from the wall and should help with the damp basement wall inside.

The installers told us that we shouldn't use salt on the new sidewalk for the next two winters, as it will continue to slowly cure during that time and can be damaged by salt. We'll be using sand instead during that time, so you may wish to avoid using that sidewalk on icy days.

- Bud Sykes tightened up the loose railing in front of the choir.
- The state elevator inspector came on August 15. We passed!
- The old, dangerous crib with the wide slats was removed from the nursery and disposed of.

— Peter White
Reporting for the Trustees

Andrews House Partner Church Notes

- A meeting of partner church representatives will take place on Monday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m.
- Their second annual dinner fundraiser, which will include a fun-filled mystery, will take place on Saturday, October 6 in the Hamilton Williams Campus Center at OWU. Tickets will be \$50 per person, which includes dinner and a mystery to solve.
- A Christmas Bazaar and cookie sale is planned for December 2.
- Volunteers are needed to help with the soup-and-sandwich dinners on the third Thursday of each month between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Please call Andrews House at 369-4520 if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.

Carolyn Gleich White Schneeberger



Carolyn Gleich White Schneeberger, 92, died on Sunday, August 7, in Sarah Moore Home after a long illness.

She was born Aug. 3, 1913 in Delaware to J. Fred and Eunice (Alexander) Gleich. She was born in what is now the Andrews House, which was at that time the city hospital. She graduated from Delaware High School in 1931 and from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1935. She graduated from the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago in 1936.

She taught public school in Delaware before departing for the mission field in Assam, India in 1937. She served in India for seven years. While in India, she had the opportunity to sit in on a meeting around a campfire with Mahatma Gandhi. When World War II interrupted mission service, she worked in a canteen serving British and American soldiers.

She returned to the states in 1944 on a troop ship across the Pacific bringing Americans home while protected by a destroyer against enemy submarines. Upon returning to Delaware, she began a long career teaching weekday religious

education in public schools. She first taught in the Delaware county schools, and then later in the Delaware city schools.

In the late 1940s, she worked for several summers at a camp for children in Wells, Maine. In the late 1950s, she taught Bible School for several summers at the Lancaster United Methodist Campground. In the 1960s, she worked for the United Church of Christ (Congregational) for several summers traveling to churches in southern Ohio to assist them with their vacation Bible schools.

In 1964, she moved to Fostoria and taught weekday religious education in the Fostoria city schools until her retirement in 1978. In 1974, the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation awarded her the honor of being a Jennings Scholar.

Returning to Delaware in 1979, she was active in Church Women United, Altrusa Club, and the Outlook Club until her health failed. She loved to travel and made several trips around the world in her retirement years.

Carolyn was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church and also attended Grace United Methodist Church with her husband, Gene Schneeberger.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Linda White of Delaware; and cousins, Sam and Constance Otwell of Escondido, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and her aunt, Emma Gleich Dorsey.

Arrangements were handled by Robinson Funeral Home, 32 W. Winter St.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at First Baptist Church on Saturday, September 10, at a time to be announced, with the Rev. Tim Chesser officiat-

ing. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist, or to Sarah Moore Home (26 N. Union St., Delaware, OH 43015).

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

Personals

BERNICE TURNEY has moved to Cincinnati. Lana Palmer says that she knows Bernice would appreciate receiving notes from her friends at First Baptist. Her address is:

Mrs. Bernice Turney
Mercy St. Theresa Center
7010 Rowan Hill Drive – Room 433
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

PAM FAULK spent a month camping at Geneva-on-the-Lake. Larry and Erin managed to spend some time there too, as well as Jeff and his family.

PAM AND ERIN FAULK celebrated the good things happening in their lives by going to Disney World.

On August 6, **ERIN FAULK** received her Masters Degree in Education in classroom technology from Bowling Green State University. Congratulations Erin!

JENNIFER DIANNE AND ROBERT EDWARD "ROB" CRAMER are announcing their marriage on Thursday, August 4, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Attending the ceremony were their parents, Betty Porter and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Cramer of Marengo. The couple is residing at 217 Grandview Avenue in Delaware.



other fundraisers that require a lot of effort by students and parents to sell things that one may not really need, this one provides the opportunity to support the school with everyday purchases.

The program is called SCRIP, which means "substitute money". When you purchase SCRIP, you're purchasing paper gift certificates or prepaid gift cards that are used just like cash. Smith School PTO is able to purchase these certificates and cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center for a discounted price, and you then purchase the SCRIP for the face value. The difference is a profit made by Smith School PTO. SCRIP proceeds fund projects that help support teachers and children in the classroom.

What better, or easier, way is there to support a local elementary school than to use SCRIP for things that you'd be buying anyway? Consider purchasing SCRIP cards for your everyday shopping or even as gifts for birthdays or holidays.

In July, Smith School PTO made nearly \$134 in profit from just a few people purchasing gift cards.

I am currently acting as the Interim SCRIP Coordinator for the Smith School PTO and would like very much to talk with you more about the program if you're interested. I have gift cards available to purchase and I can very easily order any that you may want that I don't have in the inventory.

Local retailers who participate include Buehlers, Sears, CVS Pharmacy, BlockBuster, Speedway, Bob Evans, Burger King, Cracker Barrel, Domino's, Donatos Pizza, Long John Silver, Pizza Hut, and Wendy's. You'll find a complete list at <http://www.glscrip.com>.

Thank you for considering your participation,

– Melissa Mercer

Church Directory Update

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705 Canal Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

MRS. BERNICE TURNEY
Mercy St. Theresa Center
7010 Rowan Hill Drive –
Room 433
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

(Also see the note about Bernice in the Personals section.)

STEVE AND SHARON BAKER
164 Village Gates
Delaware, Ohio 43015
(740) 990-9326

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Sept. 3 Alec Ferguson
7 Christy Sykes
11 Barbara Reed
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

School Fundraiser

I'd like to introduce a fundraising program that Smith School PTO has been doing for years. Unlike

First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

SEPTEMBER

2005

Rev. Tim Chesser, Pastor
Office 363-7021 Parsonage 362-6033
Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9 to 12
Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 11:30 Church Women United at Andrews House	3 ● New Moon
4 10:00 Morning Worship	5 7:00 Boy Scouts	6	7 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	8 12:00 Young at Heart	9 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrews House	10 Memorial Service for Carolyn Schneeberger (time to be announced)
11 Rally Day 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Women's Bible Study D First Quarter	12 7:00 Deacons; Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	13 7:30 Marion Association Trustees Meet Here	14 7:00 Choir	15	16	17 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00 Judson Hills Ministry Celebration (at J.H.)
18 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 Women's Bible Study Last day to submit newsletter articles. ○ Full Moon	19 7:00 Boy Scouts	20	21 7:00 Choir	22 7:00 Parish Council	23	24
25 Christian Education Sunday 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:00 Marion Association Rally at FBC Richwood (until 7:00) 6:30 Women's Bible Study October newsletter available today.	26 7:00 Boy Scouts Q Last Quarter	27	28 7:00 Choir	29 Auction of Judson Hills Property	30	October 1

Good News Letter

Published in the Cause of the Abundant Life by the First Baptist Church,
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One of the tasks of the church is to proclaim the Good News far and wide. One of the ways we do this is by joining with other American Baptists in supporting the work of missionaries around the world. On the first Sunday of October we celebrate World Communion Sunday. This reminds us that God's goal is the ultimate inclusion of all into the family of God. Our missionaries help to carry hope to those who have not said yes, yet, to God's gracious invitation.

In order to keep missionaries on the field we must do our part to support their work. We spend the month of October learning more about our mission efforts and raising funds for the support of the Board of International Ministries.



October

This October we have a special opportunity to receive first hand testimony about our mission work in Japan. Dwight and Kari Davidson and their children are living in Delaware while on furlough from their work in Japan. The Davidsons will be with us on October 23. I have asked Dwight and Kari to share with us during Sunday School and worship on that day. After the service we will be having a soup and sandwich dinner for further fellowship. I have been blessed by getting to know Dwight and Kari and I know you will be as well. Please put October 23 on your calendar as a day you don't want to miss.

Our goal for this year's World Mission Offering will be \$1,000. Our hope and prayer is that we will respond generously to this need. We are thankful for the opportunity to join with our other American Baptist partners in supporting our global mission.

October 9 will be the Sunday that we have our worship service at Camp Christian. Even if you can't attend the retreat, please plan on joining us for worship.

See you in church (every Sunday, unless providentially hindered),

Tim

Pastor Appreciation Event

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and in honor of Tim we have been planning for quite a while. Following church services on Sunday, October 2 we will have a very special "Afterglow" time in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to stay for a while and help express our love and appreciation to Tim and his family.

— Pastoral Relations Committee

Calling All Young Adults (ages 18-35)

Are you interested in participating in some young adult activities? There will be a get-together for all young adults in the church on Sunday, November 6 after church. Come to our home for lunch and a planning session. Our address is 705 Canal Street, Delaware. If you have questions or need directions, please call us at 362-8637. We hope to have a good turn-out and a good time. Feel free to bring a friend.

— Pam and Larry Faulk

ABWM

The ABWM kicked off their 2005-2006 series of meetings with a "Ladies Night Out" dinner at En Super Buffet.

The program was the installation of officers, beautifully done by Betty

Porter; and also a report from the meeting of the officers at the other ABWM groups in the Marion Association. Jeanne Ekelberry and Jean Wickum attended from our church.

On October 2nd, we will be asking willing members to help us fill our overland White Cross quota, all of which goes to the Racetrack Ministry at Thistledown, east of Cleveland. Items needed are mostly small such as crayons and bandages, but there are also some bigger things such as sweat shirts and sketch books.

On October 23 we will have a soup-and-sandwich luncheon with the Davidsons after church. We hope everybody will come down to the Fellowship Hall for a chance to ask about their life in Japan.

On October 27, the Marion Association ABWM will have a meeting and luncheon at Richwood First Baptist Church. October 30 will be the date for gathering in the items for Thistledown.

— Jean Wickum

Remembering Carolyn Schneeberger

Carolyn was one of the first persons I heard about when I came to First Baptist. As a missionary she had many stories to tell us — some of the great need in countries she had served and the whole church, but you could see how she enjoyed telling about her mission work with children. She had this big smile as she showed them her "treasures" and books from the places she had been and told the life of the people in other countries.

When she could no longer stay alone and went to Sarah Moore, Peter asked me if I could use some of her sewing items, knowing I would find a home for what I could not use. Some of the sewing mission work that ABW does goes to other countries just as it used to. In our recent sewing I have used some of Carolyn's threads and I like to think that she would be pleased to still be giving to missions.

VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
Oct. 2	Ferguson	Bowman	?
Oct. 9	Retreat Sunday		
Oct. 16	?	P. Faulk	V. Fogle
Oct. 23	?	Sykes	B. Reed
Oct. 30	?	Fogle	?

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

We should each be aware of the things we do and what we leave behind. How will they be used and how will we be remembered?

— Jeanne Ekelberry

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who sent cards and notes following my mother's death. The flowers from the church were appreciated and went to the gravesite after the services. A thank you to those who gave donations to the church in her memory. These gifts will be transferred to the educational endowment fund in the near future. A thank you goes to Mary Lou for her planning time and a Saturday morning on her day off. A thank you to Pastor Chesser for his planning time and a Saturday morning on his day off as well. A special thanks to Jim Van Brimmer and Jean Wickum for showing their remembrances during the memorial service. A thank you goes to Melissa Mercer for doing an extra bulletin. Deborah Van Broekhoven has been instrumental in helping me get mother's gift of \$6,200.00 as per her will to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in Valley Forge, PA.

Sincerely,

— Peter and Linda White

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Oct. 1 Bruce Bowman
Kathy Chesser
- 3 Janet Lathrop
Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg
Tim & Kathy Chesser
- 5 Laura Beth Mowery
- 11 Joe Mowery
- 21 Ray & Cynthia Biggar
- 24 Emily Bowman
- 25 Jenny Grubbs
Dawn Coleman
- 27 Sam & Natalie Campbell
- 28 Ed Linn
Bora Porter
David Coleman
- 30 Jean Osborne
- 31 Ray Biggar
Melissa Claire Turner

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson

Church Directory Update

- **PAM AND LARRY FAULK** have a new phone number: (740) 362-8637
- **BARBARA LOVELL** has a new address: 86 Lippazon Way Delaware, OH 43015

Good News Letter

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Dear FBC family:

For my column this month I am sending along the following concerning our Christian Stewardship.

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Consecration Sunday is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate-of-Giving

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Card during morning worship on Consecration Sunday does so voluntarily. We urge people to attend even if they feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship service our guest leader, Rev. Daniel Taylor, will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members

making their commitments as confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

—Jarrod Trigg and Tim Chesser
Members of the Finance
Committee

Mission Moment

We've been blessed here at our church by having the Davidsons present their message about their work as missionaries in Japan. They've also worshiped with us when their schedule permitted.

Following are excerpts from a newsletter from Duane and Marcia Binkley, missionaries to Thailand. They are natives of Ohio and were active in the Ashtabula Association. They write:

"An effort is to try to bolster the schools inside Burma. With the army attacking periodically, this is a particular challenge, but facilities are built of readily available bamboo. They burn easily, but are likewise easily rebuilt."

Even as the army approaches and the village evacuates, teachers will hold classes out in the forests, sometimes using the face of flat rocks as chalk boards. When the army leaves, the church and the school are often some of the first buildings that are rebuilt.

"The Baptist churches in the refugee camps have very limited resources and limited opportunity to reach the outside world, but they still try to encourage the teachers inside the border areas of Burma. Last year International Ministries, along with some other mission organizations, helped these churches provide a 1000 Baht (about \$25) stipend to some 160 teachers working inside Burma. For most or all of these teachers this was their only paycheck for the year, and it is used to provide school materials as well as personal needs. It isn't nearly enough, but it shows that someone cares and offers a little hope and encouragement.

"Your support of the World Mission Offering, no matter how large or small, offers us the same kind of encouragement and hope. Combined with the gifts from other American Baptist Churches, it also allows all the missionaries and work of International Ministries to continue. Thanks for giving us hope!

Yours in Christ,

Duane & Marcia Binkley"

It's absolutely amazing what our denomination can do with the money we send. They have been good stewards of our dollars. Let's continue to show our faith and support by giving sacrificially once again.

— Jane Moore

Young Adult Get-Together

All young adults in the church (ages 18 to 35) are invited to the Faulk house on Sunday, November 6 after church and fellowship time. Come for lunch, fellowship, fun, and discussion. If you need directions or transportation, see Pam or Larry Faulk.

VOLUNTEERS

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Nov. 6	N & J Trigg	C. Grubbs	P. DeBiasio
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Nov. 27	?	Chesser	B. Reed

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

Sewing

You see it each month in the newsletter; "Sewing 10-2:00" on the first Wednesday of each month, but did you know what it means?

As part of American Baptist Women, an average of 5 come to roll bandages, tie baby quilts, make lap robes for nursing homes, make skirts for missions, and cut fabric squares for quilts.

In October we sent 88 bandages, 50 skirts, and quilt squares to Hati with Harold Rittenhouse, which got the items there sooner and saved us postage.

We have 5 baby quilts and 7 lap robes and twin-size quilts to be donated here in Delaware to the Christmas Clearing House for People in Need.

Most of our supplies are donated to us, but we do incur expenses for elastic and postage (and of course we accept cash gifts for those expenses).

We invite you to come share with us when you can. Bring your lunch or come help for an hour. Who knows where your "sewing" will be sent?

— Jeanne Ekelberry

p.s. My niece Shelby from Michigan asked if our group cut 4x4 bandages for missions. She said a repairman came to sharpen their paper cutter, and he told the secretary it would last 3-5 years. The secretary said no

it wouldn't, because their women's group used it to cut fabric squares! (Not something I've tried.)

Speak Up!

I know it is obvious to most people in the church that I have recently suffered a severe hearing loss, but did you know that there are quite a few others who have some difficulty hearing also? Several times lately people have made announcements or presentations during the worship service, and not only did I not understand them, but several others did not either. The reason was that these people did not use the microphone.

I am asking, for the sake of all of us, that if you have something to add to the worship service that you either write it down ahead of time for the pastor to read or use the microphone yourself. It has really helped with the joys and concerns, and I know it would help with the rest of the service.

Thank you.

*— Pam Faulk
(and nameless others who aren't getting any younger)*

Thanks

On behalf of the Smith School PTO, I'd like to thank the Pastoral Relations Committee for using the Scrip program to purchase gift cards for the Chesser's Pastoral Appreciation gift. The committee purchased Bath & Body Works, AMC Theaters, Barnes & Noble, and Cracker Barrel gift cards that yielded a total of \$20.25 profit for the PTO.

If you are interested in purchasing gift cards to help support Smith PTO, please let me know. It is a no-strings-attached program and you would be using them for purchases you make anyway. And as in the case of Pastoral Appreciation, they make nice gifts as well. Consider your participation in the program for at least your Buehlers purchases, I know many of you shop there!

— Melissa Mercer

In Memory of Carolyn G. White Schneeberger

As a tribute to Carolyn and her lifelong works with Christian education, we are giving in her memory an assortment of children's books to our church family. I'm selecting books with a global theme since she so loved all peoples of the world.

For the younger set, I've included *Be My Neighbor* by Maya Ajmera and John Ivanko, including some words of wisdom by Fred Rogers; *Somewhere in the World Right Now* by Stacy Schuett; *Anni's India Diary* by Annie Axworthy; *On the Same Day in March*, a tour of the world's weather by Marilyn Singer, and *Throw Your Tooth on the Roof* by Selby Beeler, a book about tooth traditions all over the world. All of these are wonderful picture books and would be appropriate for the entire family to enjoy together.

For ages 8 to 12, I found some books in a series (Trailblazer books) written by Dave and Neta Jackson that are adventure stories introducing young

readers to Christian heroes of the past. This group includes *Imprisoned in the Golden City*, about Adoniram and Ann Judson; *The Chimney Sweep's Ransom*, about John Wesley; *Escape from the Slave Traders*, about David Livingstone, and *The Hidden Jewel*, about Amy Carmichael.

And finally, a lovely book that older youth could appreciate entitled *If the World Were a Village* by David J. Smith.

Books for children can certainly be appreciated by adults too, so feel free to check out any books that sound interesting. Books can be found on a bookshelf in the Gathering Place area. There is a checkout card for you to sign and date when you take a book. Return the book to me when you finish and I'll keep things going.

Happy reading!

— Linda White

Trustees Notes

- The furnaces were checked over, serviced and all filters were changed by Don Patrick. The cost was \$117.06.

- The dehumidifier in the pit of the elevator gave out for the second time. A new one was purchased and installed by Jimmie Moore. The unit is required to work at 40 degrees. The cost was \$234.98, which came from the handicap-access fund since requirements for that elevator were due to that project.

- On Saturday, October 15, Keith Erusberger and Stacie Posey were married at First Baptist. Rev. Menter, a retired Lutheran pastor from Lancaster, officiated. Bag pipe music was provided by the Dublin Pipe and Drum Band. The newlyweds departed in a large city fire truck with its flashing lights on! Bruce Bowman and Peter White were build-ing hosts.

—Peter White

Reporting for the Trustees

ABWM

On October 23rd the ABWM was honored to serve a soup-and-sandwich luncheon to the congregation in the Fellowship Hall, and to have as special guests the Davidson family.

After hearing the Davidsons talk in Sunday School and give the sermon, we had lots of questions for them about their home in Japan and the work they do there. There were over 50 present and a good time was had by all.

Our thanks to the ABWM members who provided the food and who helped to serve and clean up afterwards. Special thanks to Jeanne Ekelberry and Sophia Stephenson for the yummy soup — just right for a cold day.

In November, the ABWM meeting on the 17th will be about the chaplaincy at Thistledown. By then we will have sent our Overland White Cross quota to the racetrack chaplain, Rev. Harris, who heads the work there.

ABWM thanks all who helped meet the quota.

A list of the other things we can send will be on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room. These need to all be new.

Rev. Harris is recovering from hip surgery asks for our prayers.

— Jean Wickum, Chair
ABWM

Poinsettias

You are invited to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during Advent. They can be given in memory or honor of a friend or relative, and you can take your poinsettias home after our Christmas Eve service.

The cost will be announced (probably around \$9 each). Please place your orders with Jim Stephenson or Melissa Mercer by Sunday, Nov. 20.

Personals

- **BETH TRIGG** had gall bladder surgery on October 11.
- **DAVID MICHAEL GRIFFEY** was baptized on October 2. We welcome him into our fellowship.
- **SAM CHESSER** was featured in a front-page article in the *Delaware This Week* newspaper on October 2. Sam was one of only two Hayes seniors to be named Commended Scholars in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship program.
Sam is editor-in-chief of the Hayes newspaper, and is co-captain of the Hayes In-the-Know team. He plans to study pre-law in college.
Congratulations, Sam!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Nov. 5 Victor Fogle
8 Matthew & Annette
Fritsch-Lovell
10 Natalie Griffith
12 Jackson Trigg
15 Harold Van Broekhoven
19 Steve Ferguson
20 Randy Turner
22 Peter White
28 Karen Stoner
29 Sophia Campbell

*Please report any errors or omissions to
Jim Stephenson*



Good News Letter

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The following is a reprint of an article I wrote for my December, 1994 column while serving the Community Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Church Family:

Opportunity or problem? As you make your holiday plans I am sure that you have noticed that Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year. This is only a problem if you don't know what is most important about this day. Having Christmas on Sunday gives us a wonderful opportunity to teach our children an important lesson.

Some people will not be worshipping in church on Sunday, December 25. They will have many different excuses. The main excuses will have to do with family and children.

I have a six year old son. I know that it will be difficult for him to leave his toys and go to church. However, since he goes to church every Sunday it would also be difficult to explain to him why we wouldn't go to church on that Sunday. Some folks will convince themselves that they are celebrating Christmas by enjoying their gifts which reminds them of God's gift to us of his son. This year we have an opportunity to teach our children that their Christmas gifts are a symbol or reflection of God's gift. If you as parents allow your children to stay at home you are teaching them that Santa is more important than Jesus. They will probably survive that lesson, but is it one you really want to teach them?

Others will stay away from church because they have family visiting. Jesus once said that he was more important than family. If you have family visiting for Christmas feel free to invite them to church for Christmas Eve and Christmas day.



It is an opportunity for you to witness to what is most important to you.

Others will say I went to church on Christmas Eve so I can stay home on Christmas Day. The choice is yours. You need only answer to God.

Your Pastor,

Advent Services

- Sunday, Dec. 18 — Our **Children's Christmas Program** will be held during our regular worship service, followed by a celebration of Jesus' birthday.
- Saturday, Dec. 24 — Our **Christmas Eve Service** will begin at 6:45 with special music preludes, followed by a service of candlelight communion at 7:00.
- Sunday, Dec. 25 — We will not have Sunday school, but please join us for **Christmas** morning worship at 10:45.

Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 18 during the regular worship service. In addition to a group song, each Sunday School class will be making a presentation. Immediately following the service, please join us downstairs where we will enjoy a presentation by Jean Wickum in celebration of Jesus' birthday. Cake and punch will be provided.

— Liz Bowman

No Sunday School on Dec. 25

Please note that there will not be any Sunday School classes on Sunday, December 25. Morning worship will be at the regular time of 10:45. There will be no Junior Church.

Christmas Carolling

Everyone is invited to join us for our annual Christmas caroling on Friday, December 9.



We'll meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. and will visit our shut-ins at their homes or nursing homes. We'll be singing familiar carols that everyone knows, and will be done by around 8:00 pm. Hope to see you then.

— Jim Stephenson
Choir Director

Mission Moment

Final figures are in for our World Mission Offering – we received **\$819.49**. Thank you everyone for reaching deep and giving generously. Our missionaries around the globe are grateful, as well as those to whom they minister.

We were honored on November 13 to have Beverly Keyse as our speaker. Dressed in Thai clothing she told not only of her work trip to Thailand in 1999, but also helped us understand how our missionaries there are being effective. The House of Hope in Chiang Mai is a refuge for young girls who have been rescued from living on the streets. The Christian influence in their lives is immeasurable. Learning different skills enables them to be productive citizens. The House of Love is a haven for young mothers who are suffering with A.I.D.S. Their children, who also are afflicted, come there to be cared for and loved as they die.

During the month of December we will focus our attention of the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). These gifts make a difference in the lives of retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries, or

their widowed spouses. The theme this year is **With Gratitude and Caring, We Thank Those Who Have Enriched Our Lives**. Our goal is \$500 – let's see if we can reach that before the final Sunday of the year...December 25.

— Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

ABWM Report

The ABWM met at the church on the evening of November 17th. Our topic was the racetrack chaplaincy work, and Lisa Lawrence was our speaker. Lisa is a graduate of the Equine Science Department of the J.V.S. She shared her knowledge of track life and the rest of us shared our bits of knowledge, too. Betty Porter told of her times with her grandparents, who raised and raced standard bred (harness) horses. Lis is now an intervention assistant at Dempsey Middle School.

We voted to have the Davidsons as our special interest missionaries in Japan, and Mark Samuel, director of Campbell Christian Center, as our stateside missionary.

The next meeting will be at Betty Porter's house and will be filling Christmas boxes for shut-ins.

— Jean Wickum, Chair

VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Tweenies	Jr. Church
Dec. 4	N. & J. Trigg	L. White	(Practice)
Dec. 11	Mercer	E. Faulk	(Practice)
Dec. 18	?	(Christmas Program)	
Dec. 25	?	?	(Not Held)

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

Young Adult Group

The young adult group recently had its first planning meeting. We had a fabulous lunch thanks to Pam and Larry Faulk, and a productive afternoon planning our upcoming events.

On Saturday, December 10, we will be meeting at the Columbus Zoo at 4:00 p.m. to observe the holiday lights. Family and friends are also invited to this event.

On Saturday, December 31, Debbie and Vic Fogle are hosting a New Year's Eve party at their house at 7:00 p.m.

Please check the newsletters and bulletins for upcoming events. If you would also like to receive e-mail notifications about events, contact me at efaulk003@aol.com.

— Erin Faulk

Join the Choir During Advent!

If you enjoy singing, the choir invites you to join us during Advent. We have rehearsals every Wednesday evening from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. You're welcome whether you want to join us permanently or just for the holiday season. Please see me if you are interested or have any questions. Thanks.

— Jim Stephenson, Director

Poinsettia Dedications

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

From Jean Wickum, in memory of Wilbur Wickum

From Betty Porter, in memory of Jim "Billy" Porter



From Willa S. Corder, in memory of Nathan Gerald Corder

From Sophia and Jim Stephenson, in memory of Rev. James B. Stephenson

Two poinsettias from Lana and Jerry Palmer, one in honor of Cecil and Helen Palmer (Jerry's parents), and one in honor of Ben Turney (Lana's father)

Two poinsettias from Linda and Peter White, one in memory of Charles Seckman, and one in memory of Carolyn Schneeberger

Two poinsettias from Beth and Archie Trigg, one in memory of John and Anne Linn, and one in memory of Archie L. and Mary Catherine Trigg

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

Thank You

Nearly a year has passed since I went to the doctor with arthritis pain in my right knee. Since the 6th of January, I've been in and out of hospitals where I unfortunately picked up a bad infection called Mersa, and I haven't been back to my own home on Franklin Street. I've been unable to write or use the phone because my vision is so poor, but I appreciate all the good wishes and prayers that you've sent. My kids and grandkids have been great about taking turns to come and visit me.

The crucial event is coming up on November 10th. That will be the opening of the incision to see if the flesh is firm and healed enough to support a new joint. Thanks to Kay finding an article on the healing property of oxygen, it is still possible that a new joint can be put in. The alternative is the amputation of that leg, a possibility I DO NOT like. If the joint can be replaced, I look forward to therapy and returning to my home.

Thanks again for remembering me so many times during the past year.

— Shirley Parker

(Shirley wrote this letter several weeks ago. See the Personals section for an update on her condition.)

Missionary Birthday

Kari Davidson will be celebrating a birthday on December 3. If you'd like to send a card, her address is:

270 W. Fountain Ave.
Delaware, OH 43015.

— Jane Moore
Mission Coordinator

Andrews House

The Andrews House 12th Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will feature a "fill your own box" cookie sale, a bake sale, a silent auction, beautiful stained glass and jewelry, and raffle prizes.

Personals

SHIRLEY PARKER had knee replacement surgery on November 16, and will remain hospitalized for about a month. For the next few weeks, her address will be:

O.S.U. Hospitals East, Room 713
1492 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43205
(614) 252-4440

Does Your Photo or Listing in the Church Directory Need an Update?

The Deacons are preparing the 2006 edition of our church directory. Please see Dave Lovell if you'd like your photo to be added or re-shot, or if your listing needs to be updated.

Casserole Recipe

Several folks at Young At Heart wanted the recipe for Bertha Van Brimmer's wonderful casserole:

Baked Deviled Egg Casserole

6 hard-cooked eggs
2 tsps. prepared mustard
3 Tbls. sour cream
1/4 tsp salt
2 Tbls. butter or margarine
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/3 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup chopped pimiento
1 can (10 3/4 oz.) cream of mushroom soup
3/4 cup sour cream
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Cut eggs in half lengthwise; remove yolks. Mash together yolks, mustard, 3 tablespoons sour cream and the salt. Fill egg whites with yolk mixture.

Melt butter in a large skillet; saute green pepper and onion until tender. Remove from heat; stir in pimiento, soup and 3/4 cup sour cream. Place half of the soup mixture in a greased 1 1/2 quart shallow baking dish; arrange eggs, cut side up, in a single layer in the dish. Pour remaining soup mixture over top; sprinkle with cheese.

Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until heated through. Casserole may be prepared in advance; refrigerate until ready to bake. Makes 12 servings.

— Jane Moore

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec. 4 Erin Faulk
11 Holly Kauf
13 Geneva Evans
15 Bud Sykes
16 David Coleman III
23 Dominique DeBiasio
24 Francis Cook
25 Carol Grubbs
Steve & Karen Stoner
27 Cory Lawrence
28 Sharon Baker
29 Harold & Deborah
Van Broekhoven

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

Church Directory Update

Bernice Turney's new
address is:

Mrs. Bernice Turney
Marjorie P. Lee Retirement
Community, Room 270
3550 Shaw Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45208-1445






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Office 363-7021 Parsonage 362-6033
Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9 to 12
Days Off: Friday and Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 Parish Council	2 10:00 Christmas Bazaar at Andrews House (until 6 pm)	3
Second Sunday in Advent 4 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	5	6 6:30 Board of Christian Education at the Faulks	7 10:00 Sewing 7:00 Choir	8 12:00 Young at Heart	9 6:00 2nd Friday 6:30 Christmas Caroling 	10 4:00 Young Adults at Zoo
Third Sunday in Advent 11 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	12 6:30 Deacons	13 7:00 Trustees	14 7:00 Choir	15	16	17 ABWM
Fourth Sunday in Advent 18 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with Children's Program 12:00 Celebration of Jesus' Birthday <i>Newsletter deadline.</i> 	19	20	21 First Day of Winter 7:00 Choir	22	23	24 6:45 Music Preludes 7:00 Christmas Eve Service
Christmas 25 (No Sunday School Classes Today) 10:45 Morning Worship <i>January newsletter available today.</i> 	26	27	28 7:00 Choir	29	30	New Year's Eve 31 Young adults' party at Fogle's 