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# Good News Letter

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*Since I'm on my Christmas vacation as I put together my articles for the January Newsletter, I was planning to also take a vacation from writing my monthly editorial. Unfortunately, every time I try to take a break, I hear all kinds of complaints. So, instead of being completely negligent, I decided to share with you a newsletter article from a colleague of mine in Columbus, The Rev. Burton Neal Cantrell, who is Executive Director of the Metropolitan Association of Columbus Churches. Enjoy.*

## Saint Mark's By The Gas Station - December, 1996

My old friend Janet, who is pastor of Saint Mark's by the Gas Station, was crying when I phoned last Sunday evening during half-time of the second game.

"Mother's in the hospital again," she said. "And my sister hasn't been getting her child-support payments. Mom's begging me to drive up tomorrow. Like I really needed this right before Christmas! Why am I always dragging the boat?"

"Dragging the what?" I questioned.

"Dragging the boat," she said again. "Remember in the Gospels how the disciples dropped their nets when Christ called? They dropped their nets and just took off. I don't get these guys. I mean, like, did they phone home or anything? I can't just

drop stuff. How can I follow Jesus when I have to drag along the boat. Oars. Nets. Mom. My sister and her kids. Maybe the Catholics have a point."

"Even a celibate priest can have a mother and a sister," I said. "I guess



the problem of dragging the boat hits us all."

"I have a funeral in the morning," she said. "After that I guess I'll drive old Betsy up to Mom's. I hope Betsy makes it. she needs tires. There goes \$300! I don't know how I'll do that funeral. Did you ever fake it?"

"Did I ever fake it?" I repeated with a laugh. "That's the story of my life! Ever have three weddings on one Saturday? A funeral for some drunk who beat his wife? I doubt if there's a preacher out there my age who hasn't faked it right through Holy Week at least once. Some days it feels like you're dragging the Queen Mary."

"That's what's so tough about Christmas, though," said Janet. "We can get through three wedding and a funeral. We ministers can drag through a lot. But we can't fake Christmas."

"Oh come on, Janet," I said.

"Christmas is the biggest fake holiday of all."

"I know it seems that way on the surface," she answered. "But the real Christmas has to do with something born, something that happens within us, something we wait to receive. It has its roots in birth and mystery. There's a power of quietness and a deep power of joy that only come as a gift from God. That's what makes Christmas so hard for clergy. That's really what's behind all the phony commercialization. But in the end, we can't create it. We can't create joy. We have to wait in the darkness while it grows within us. But by God's grace the

gift comes, even in the midst of our pain. It's like breathing deep and slow through a contraction."

"Like what?" I asked.

"Breathing through a contraction," she said. "It's a woman thing. You wouldn't understand."

I hope you all have had a great Christmas, and I wish you a New Year filled with new challenges and renewed loves.

Many Blessings,

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## David Osborne

David G. Osborne, 66, died on Tuesday, December 3 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he was visiting his son and daughter-in-law.

David was a retired professor of English and humanities-classics at Ohio Wesleyan University. He was known as a dedicated and effective teacher. He was one of the few professors to receive both of Ohio Wesleyan's top teaching honors—the Sherwood Dodge Shankland Award for the Encouragement of Teachers in 1965, and the President Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award in 1992.

He was born in Brockton, Mass., and earned a bachelor's degree at Berkshire Christian College in 1952. He served for several years as minister of the Advent Christian Church in Goodwins Mills, Maine. He earned a master's degree at the University of New Hampshire and a doctoral degree at the University of Rochester in 1963.

David had a gift for writing poetry, and was a skilled wood-worker, gardener, and restorer of antique furniture, tools, and clocks.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; two sons, Gary of Cairo, Egypt, and Gregory of Grand Rapids; eight grandchildren; and a sister, Phyllis Bingham, of Rochester, N.Y.

David had attended First Baptist for many years. A memorial service was held at our church on December 12th with the Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett officiating. Music at the service was provided by Mary Lou Lovell, Professor Robert Lawrence, and Professor Larry Griffin. Burial will be in South China, Maine.

Contributions may be made to First Baptist, to Ohio Wesleyan (David G. Osborne Memorial Fund), or to the



Lakeside Advent Christian Conference Center (route 1, Box 145, Oakland, Maine 04463, attention Alan Sturtevant).

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## Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group met on December 12 for a covered-dish luncheon. Twelve members were present, and we shared Christmas memories from our youth. It was interesting to note the small differences in customs depending on the which part of the nation one lived in then, and whether one lived in the city, town, or country. There was an interesting difference in the memories of those who lived through the depression or the war as a child. The next meeting will be January 9th, again at the church at noon.

—Jean Wickum

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## Letters

Dear friends,

November was my month to be Lay Leader, and I played a trick on you all, I'm afraid. As I led you in the Lord's prayer, I did it more slowly and deliberately than is usual. Have you ever noticed that as we say it together, so that while we say very clearly "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," we go on to slur the next phrase into "andleadusnotintotemptationbut" and the rest becomes mostly sounds until we come to "for Thine..." when we hurry to a finish? Well, I don't know about you, but I need God's help to lead me, *not into* temptation, but to *deliver* me from evil!!! So could we begin as a congregation to

really pray that prayer, and think about what we say as we go along, please?

Please, resist the temptation to not take full advantage of Jesus' beautiful prayer.

Sincerely,

—Jean Wickum, Deacon

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The Lovell family thanks the congregation of First Baptist for their prayers, supports, and gifts in the last few months. We feel blessed to have you as our church family.

—The Lovells

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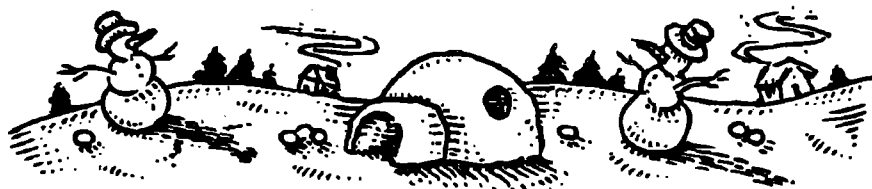
Thanks for all the help from First Baptist for food for the Osbornes and helping with the reception. I always appreciate your willingness to help.

—Evelyn Lee

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## Trustee's Notes

- The pipe organ was tuned and serviced by Gary Mason. Cost: \$150.
- Two pianos were tuned by Clifford Rector.
- The upstairs furnace (by the men's room) that heats the classrooms had some repair work done on it by Don Patrick. Cost: \$75.
- Peter White cleaned out the gutters at the church. After the gutters were cleaned out, a complete set of allen wrenches came out of the downspout!
- Betty Porter and Peter White served as building hosts for the Young-Clary wedding rehearsal and wedding. Betty was the organist. A sit-down buffet was catered by Marriot was held afterwards in the fellowship hall.



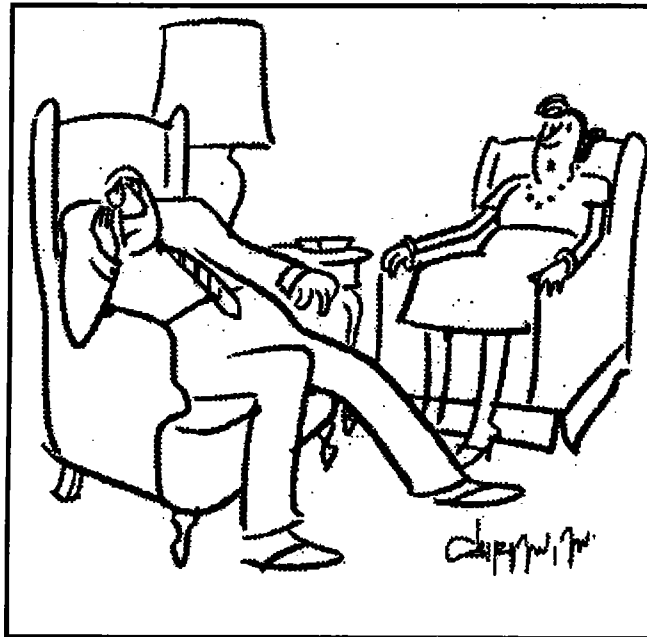
Betty and Peter were on-hand from 5:30 p. to 11:30 pm to meet various needs. Pastor Lonnie Qualls from Millcreek Baptist, Ostrander officiated.

• Lost and Found Department—  
A nice tan raincoat has been left for a month on the hooks in the assembly room.

• A thank you to Larry Faulk for moving the Christmas tree in and out of the sanctuary *twice* due to the memorial service and wedding during the Christmas season.

• A thank you to Jim Stephenson for doing the newsletter all year long, along with the choir, the flowers, etc. etc. etc.!

- Peter White, Chairman  
Board of Trustees



“Maybe we shouldn’t have kicked  
all our bad habits.”

which or how many choir members will be there on Wednesday or Sunday. Thanks for your time and talent in preparing anthems for the services.

Thank you to Betty Porter for sharing her organ music in 1996. It compliments our service.

-Mary Lou Lovell

*And a special thanks to Mary Lou, too, for all her work throughout the year and especially during the holidays! — editor*

## AIDS Awareness Sunday

On Sunday, January 19th, the Asbury United Methodist Church will observe AIDS Awareness Sunday. The message at the morning worship service at 10:45 a.m. will be brought by Ms. Judith Royalty who is the chairperson of the AIDS Ministries Committee of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. In the afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the church a panel discussion on the topic of “The Church and Aids” will be held, conducted by Ms. Royalty.

Several other members of the Aids Ministries Committee will be participants as will also Mrs. Julia Kemp of Delaware, chairperson of the Delaware County Aids Task Force. This special day’s observance is sponsored by the Christian Concerns Committee of the Church.

Members of all churches of Delaware are specially invited to attend the Panel Discussion at 2:00 p.m. The general public is also invited.

## Business Meeting

On Wednesday, January 29, we’ll have a covered-dish dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by our Annual Meeting.

## Thanks to Musicians and Program Participants

Thanks to our 28 participants in the Sunday School Christmas program, “Gift Of Christmastide,” held on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 7:00. Every part was an important one in telling the Christmas story. Thanks to Suzy Grubbs for her help with the guitar accompaniment, and Carol Grubbs for her help with the program.

Thanks to those who gave their gifts of music on Christmas Eve for the instrumental preludes: piano, Larry Faulk and Adam Mowery; violin Melissa Gillette, Liz Hopkins, Barbara Lovell, and Deanna Weakland; special thanks to Jenna Weakland for her beautiful solo, “Jesu, Bambino.”

Thanks to Jim Stephenson for being flexible, as he never knows

## Andrews House

**Volunteers Needed** — Work is still underway in the basement area which will include a recreation room and computer learning center. Call Ann or Paul Nicely at Andrews House (369-4520) or at their home (369-5998) to volunteer.

Also, Second Fridays needs volunteers. Jobs include planning meals, shopping for food, cooking, serving, clean-up, transportation, and other tasks. Contact your Church Partner Second Fridays Representative.

**Residence Program** — The mission of the Andrews House Residence Program is to provide young adults aged 18 - 20 with a safe and supportive living environment in which to learn the skills and knowledge necessary for productive independent living as part of the Delaware community.

As of January 3, Andrews House will be accepting applications for residents. A flyer will be available soon that will explain the details.

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**Upcoming Events —**

January 10: Second Fridays, family meal at no charge

February 15: Valentine's day Sweetheart Ball

**Meeting Space Available —**

Numerous agencies are using the house for all types of meetings.

Please contact Mary Hilborn to schedule all committee meetings and events as soon as planned due to the increased use of room space.

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**Personals**

- **SHIRLEY PARKER** had cataract surgery at Grady.
- **JOHN LINN** had surgery at Riverside, and is now recovering at The Arbors.
- **VICTOR FOGLE, ED and JENNIFER LINN, and ERIC MOMPHER** were home for the holidays.
- **BEN TURNER** had surgery at Children's Hospital.
- **VICTOR FOGLE** had oral surgery at San Diego.
- **DONNA REED** was hospitalized at Grady.

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

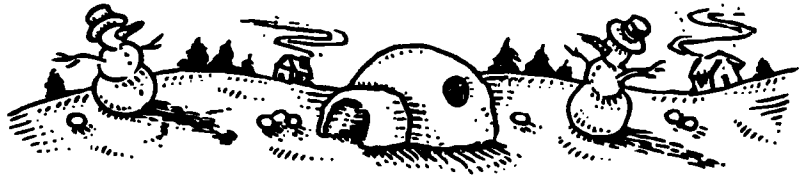

- Jan. 4 Cynthia Bland  
Ashley Francis  
Shirley Parker
- 5 Lola Jackson  
Evelyn Lee
- 6 Edith Hall
- 8 Chip Runyan
- 12 Larry Faulk
- 13 John Linn
- 18 Matthew Lovell
- 20 Jennifer Turner
- 22 Michael Mercer
- 23 Jeff & Donna Reed
- 26 Sophia Stephenson
- 27 Steve Baker
- 30 Calvin Turner

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

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First Baptist Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>New Year's Day</b> 1	2	3	4
5 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 3:00 Epiphany Party	6 6:30 DISCIPLE 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	7 7:00 Deacons	8 7:00 Choir	9 12:00 Young at Heart	10 6:30 Second Friday's Dinner at Andrew's House	11 4:30 Brooken's Wedding
12 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 A.B.W. Ministries meeting; all are invited	13 6:30 DISCIPLE 7:00 Boy Scouts	14	15 7:00 Choir	16	17 11:30 Church Women United Lunch Meeting at William St.	18 8:30 Men's Breakfast at Buehlers
19 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship — Pulpit Exchange; The Rev. Barbara Carriere, preaching 2:00 AIDS Awareness panel discussion at Asbury United Methodist	<b>Martin Luther King Day</b> 20 6:30 DISCIPLE 7:00 Boy Scouts 	21	22 7:00 Choir	23	24	25
Pastor Brummett at the Bartlett Preaching Conference, Rochester, N.Y.						
26 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship — Dr. C. Jeff Woods, Executive Minister for A.B.C. of Ohio, preaching	27 3:30 Peace Camp meeting at First Presbyterian 6:30 DISCIPLE 7:00 Boy Scouts	28	29 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner, followed by Annual Meeting	30	31	<b>February</b> 1

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I must be an adult now. I know that many of you will question this proclamation, and with good reason, but I'm afraid it's true. What makes me so sure.

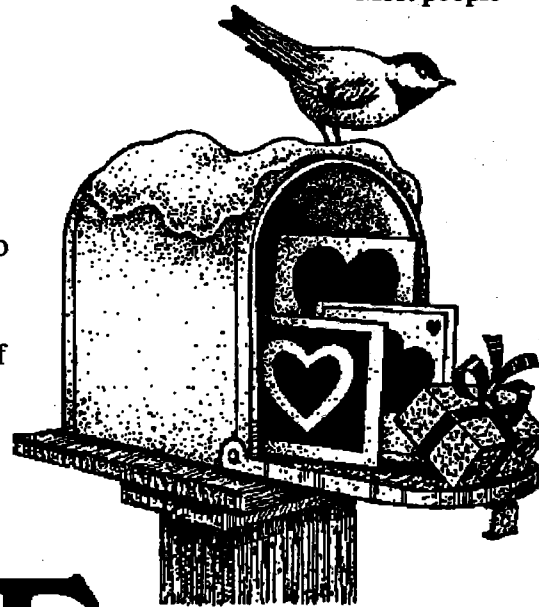
Well, I went to a preaching conference last Tuesday in Rochester, New York, and I was due to fly back into Columbus at about 4 p.m. on Friday. However, there was a mechanical problem with the flaps on the airplane, and so we were delayed in Rochester for 2-1/2 hours. Great fun. When I realized that I wasn't going to be able to get home on time, and that I might have to wait for a long time, even overnight, I just resigned myself to the situation. And that's when I knew I must be an adult.

Children, by nature, are impatient. Waiting for anything is a monumental task. Especially important things, like birthdays, Christmas, Easter, Halloween, vacations, and any other event that's deemed special. When waiting for these events, the anticipation builds to such an intense level, that it's almost impossible to wait. And when it finally arrives, we're so excited we throw up and then when it's all over, we're disappointed because it didn't meet our overblown expectations. And then there's regular waiting, which is just downright boring, and doesn't lead to anything exciting. This includes waiting in line at the supermarket, or at the doctor's office, or in the airport. This kind of waiting can make a person irritable and short-tempered.

Unless you're an adult, then you just become patient.

What does this have to do with faith? Well, as you might imagine, I happen to think it has a lot to do with matters of faith.

Most people



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would presume that patience is a virtue, and is crucial to being a person of faith. And the adult part of me would have to agree. Things that matter and things that last take time. Unfortunately, the process of waiting for this time to happen takes patience. Sometimes more patience than even adults can muster. Things like faith and prayer, and peace, and understanding, and forgiveness, and change take a great deal of time. We wonder if we can ever find enough patience to wait for their arrival.

And that's exactly why I believe that impatience is also a virtue. Which is a great relief to the part of me that's still a child. There are some things that we just don't have enough time to be patient for. Things like injustice, and poverty, and child abuse, and terrorism, and violence and hunger. When we are patient with these things, they grow and expand and flourish. Impatience is the cause of action, which leads to change. And while the change may take time (it certainly won't happen overnight) we can't wait forever for someone to put the change into motion.

Those of us who struggle to live a life of faith, know that there's a fine balance between patience and impatience. And that's exactly where patience comes in. It's in our life of faith, in our waiting on God, where we learn when to be impatient. It's in our prayer and in our depending on one another, where we learn how to be patient. In all of this, we depend on the wisdom of God, whose impatience gives us the strength to serve and whose patience endures forever.

Many Blessings,

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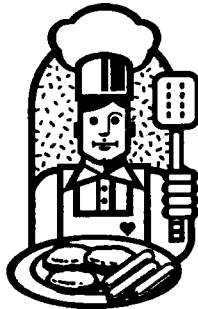
## Lenten Study

Starting on Sunday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Brummett will lead a special Lenten Study. It will last for six Sunday evenings, ending on Palm Sunday. The topic will be "Questions of Faith," which will give us an opportunity to explore important faith issues that we deal with in our day-to-day lives. Each evening will begin with a time of worship, which will be followed by a video and discussion. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this time of study, prayer and fellowship.

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## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The church family is invited to attend our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring a talent to share and a good appetite!



— Pam Faulk

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## 1997 Church Directory

The Deacons are preparing to update our church directory. Please contact a Deacon or the pastor right away if any changes need to be made to your family's listing.

### Do you have an e-mail address?

If you have a home computer that you use for electronic mail, please submit your e-mail address and we'll add it to your listing.

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## Deacons

The Board of Deacons have chosen the following officers and areas of responsibilities for 1997:

- Chairperson: Alison Mowery
- Vice Chair.: Jim Van Brimmer

- Secretary: Jean Wickum
  - Treasurer: David Lovell
  - Parish Council Representative: Alison Mowery
  - Finance Committee Representative: David Lovell
  - Nominating Committee Representative: Beth Trigg
  - Fellowship Table Coordinator: Kirby Francis
- Alison Mowery

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## Fellowship Fund

The First Baptist Fellowship Fund is a fund administered by the Deacon Board to meet needs within the Church and community. The fund is maintained by our offering taken on the first Sunday of each month in conjunction with our observance of communion. In the past few years, offerings have been about eight hundred dollars a year with about half of the expenditures for needs within our congregation and the other half within our community. Your continued generous giving will enable the deacons to continue to minister to those who find themselves in an unexpected financial crisis. Thank you!

— Randy Turner,  
past treasurer of Deacons

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## Marion Association Festival of Praise

On Sunday, February 9, at 6:00 p.m., Trinity Baptist Church will host a "Festival of Praise." Please join us as we share the musical talent from our churches in the Marion Association, and join together to sing our favorite hymns. If you are interested in sharing your musical talent, please let Pastor Brummett know. The Festival of Praise will begin with devotions led by Jody Lynn Brummett and will be followed by a reception. Everyone is being asked to bring a dozen cookies.

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP

**February 2**  
4th Sunday of Epiphany  
Mark 1:21-28  
"One Amazing Sermon"

**February 9**  
5th Sunday of Epiphany  
Mark 9:2-9  
"A Glimmering Glimpse"

**February 16**  
1st Sunday of Lent  
Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-22  
"Reaching for Rainbows"

**February 23**  
2nd Sunday of Lent  
Mark 8:31-38  
"Step By Step"

**March 2**  
3rd Sunday of Lent  
A.B.W. Ministries Sunday  
Holy Communion

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## Thanks

Dear Church Friends,

I'm overwhelmed! Overwhelmed by the love and support I have received from my church family. The cards, letters, prayers, calls, flowers and visits have been wonderful. The food that was brought to the house, during the days before and after the memorial service for David, was abundant and delicious. Our home was filled to overflowing—and so were we!

I was overwhelmed by the help of my pastor, the organist, and the participants, in the preparation and the presentation of the memorial service, as well as by those who attended. The reception was lovely and I'm indebted to Evelyn Lee, Cynthia Bland, Sophia Stephenson, and the others

responsible for it.

I am overwhelmed by all the emotions I feel on losing David. There is deep grief and loneliness; but there is also a "peace that passes understanding." Dave's suffering has ended, and for that I am grateful. I have wonderful memories of our life together; I am blessed with loving sons and grandchildren who will keep those memories alive. I feel the presence of God and the support of family and friends. I find joy in knowing I will see David again. Do you wonder that I am overwhelmed?

Thank you for all you have done for us and please continue to keep us in your prayers. I will never forget your love and kindness.

- Jean Osborne

### Mildred Bowers

Mildred Carrie Bowers, 90, died on Wednesday, January 8th at Delaware Court Health Care Center.

Mildred was a member of First Baptist and was our Sunday school clerk for many years.

She was a lifetime Delaware County resident. She was retired from F. & W. Woolworth & Co., where she had worked for more than 20 years. She had also owned and operated a Delaware restaurant with her long-time friend and companion, Nellie Sheets, who died last year.

Surviving are several cousins and friends. Graveside services were held on Friday, Jan. 10th at Oak Grove Cemetery with the Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett officiating.

### America for Christ

Hi! Just a note from your new missions person on the Board of Christian Education. Yes, you guessed it, there will be another special mission offering coming up soon. I want you to be ready, so expect to hear all about the AMERICA FOR CHRIST offering as we kick off our

campaign in February and collect our offerings in March!

- Randy Turner

### Trustees Notes

• Mary Lou Lovell and Peter White served as building hosts for the Brookens-Kinniard wedding (Mary Lou was also the organist). Pastor Larry Griffin of Sunbury Baptist officiated. His wife, Mary Jane, was soloist. A thank you to Mike and Teresa for coming in on a last-minute call to help clean up the floor Saturday night.

• The Sunday school hymnbook committee has decided to rebind the Sunday school hymn books in new covers. There are only 33 of these left at the church out of the original 60. Those of us that are interested in this project ask you to please check your homes and bring in any hymnbooks that may be out.

• The youth are no longer collecting pop cans so we don't need them at the church anymore. There are still several worthwhile projects in the community they can be saved for. Check with Randy Turner or Betty Porter.

• Peter White scraped off all the loose and peeling paint in the baptistry and then touched up the paint.

- Peter White,  
Chairman, Trustees

### English Tea & Speaker

Take tea with the ladies on Sunday, Feb. 2 at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Joy Boyer will be our guest speaker. She is originally from Sussex, England.

We will join passions for Britain as we escort a small intimate group to S.W. England in September. Anyone who has a desire to learn more about this wonderful opportunity join us for slides and chit chat — plus that ever-soothing cup of English tea!

Our thanks,

-Beth Trigg and Anne Linn

p.s. We invited our Zion friends, too!

### "Anything Chocolate!"

Immediately after church on Sunday, February 9th, the ABW will be offering chocolate goodies in the Fellowship Hall for donation and auction. We need chocolate chefs to donate products for this fun afternoon. Contact one of our fine youth to volunteer! Please join us! Oh yes — the coffee pot will be on! Proceeds assist our youth going to convention.

-ABY for Christ

### Do You Like to Sing?

If you enjoy singing you're invited to consider joining our church choir. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday nights at 7:00. Feel free to speak to me or any choir member for more information.

- Jim Stephenson, director

### Social Ideas

I'm clueless. If anyone has any ideas for intergenerational activities let me know. To plan something for February and March which might help all of us handle the winter blahs, call me at 363-2244. Thanks.

- Sue Elfner

### HelpLine Volunteers Needed

With a new year underway, why not try out a new beginning for yourself? Your gift of caring can be shared year-round by becoming a volunteer crisis worker for HelpLine, a 24-hour crisis and information hotline. you will benefit by having new skills, more knowledge about Morrow and Delaware County, and new friends. And, you'll get the satisfaction of knowing that you've helped other



people in need.

Training classes for crisis workers begin in February. These classes include more than 40 hours of training in communication and listening skills and community resources. you will learn about topics like grief and loss, depression, divorce, drug and alcohol abuse, and much more.

For more information about HelpLine training and volunteer opportunities, call today - Mt. Gilead, 947-2520 or Delaware, 369-3316.

## Andrews House Residency Program

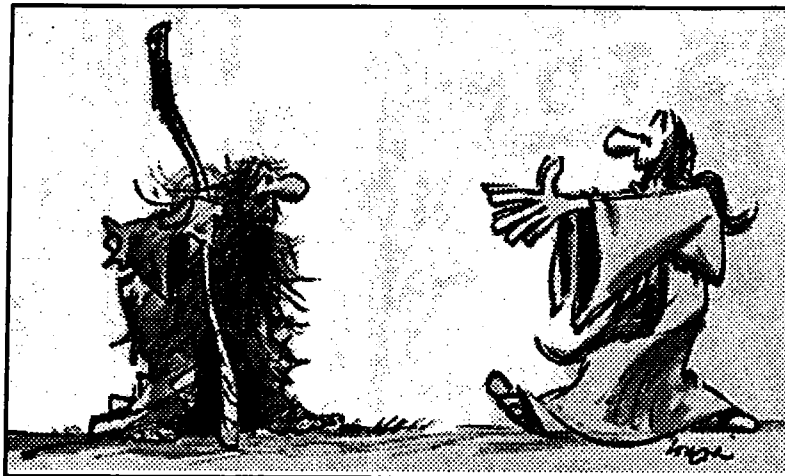
Structured Independent Living for Young Adults

The Andrews House Residency Program is now ready to accept its first residents. The mission of this new program is to provide young adults aged 18 to 20 years with a safe and supportive living environment in which to learn the skills and knowledge necessary for productive independent living as part of a community. It is open to young people from Delaware who are interested in being part of an Andrews House community, are willing to live in a drug, alcohol and tobacco free environment and are without other alternatives for housing.

The new Residency Program Directors are Sara Paulin Casto and Trevor W. P. Casto. Those interested in applying for this program should call 369-4520 or stop by Andrews House at 39 West Winter Street. If you know of someone who could benefit from this program, please give them this information.

The Residency Program welcomes and encourages adult volunteers to become involved with its residents.

Suggested roles for volunteers include: teaching life skills (such as cooking or auto maintenance), teaching a resident about your profession, taking residents on outings (such as camping or sailing), being a respite care worker (staying at Andrews House with the residents while the



*"Job! I hear you've got a book out!"*

Residency Program Directors are away), or any other skill or activity that is of interest or need to a resident. If you would like to be included in the Andrews House residency Program Volunteer Database, please contact the Andrews House Office at 369-4520.

## Personals

• **BETTY PORTER** has been doing a lot of "swearing" this past month. On January 2nd she was sworn in for a four-year term as Clerk of Court of Common Pleas. Betty was also elected to the position of treasurer of the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association. She was also sworn in as President of the Ohio Council of County Officials for a two-year term. This organization represents 968 elected county officials throughout the state of Ohio.

• **JENNIFER LINN** is employed by N & N Travel at Edwards Air Force Base, California. This agency handles government and leisure travel for its clients. N & N Travel has just been

awarded the "small business agency of the year" award for 1996. The agency was in competition with all other small business travel agencies at all military installations throughout the United States.

• **JEFF FAULK** has finished his studies at Notre Dame and will attend graduation ceremonies in May. He is currently working for Fanning/Howey, an architectural/engineering firm in Michigan City, Indiana. His address remains the same as it was.

• **EMILIE TRIGG** was chosen from three advanced math classes for having a top-rate math portfolio! Good job, Ems!

• **JIM STEPHENSON** attended the MacWorld

Macintosh Expo in San Francisco recently.

• **BARBARA REED's** mother is home from the hospital.

• Several church members attended the Rose Bowl recently — **JACK SMITH, RICK AND BARB VAN BRIMMER,** and **MARCI SANDER** (who was in the OSU Marching Band).

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Feb. 2 Fred Grubbs
- 13 Lana Palmer
- 15 Deborah Van Broekhoven
- 22 Bob and Sandie Heizer
- 24 Emilie Trigg
- Meagan Fogle
- 25 Marian Bennett
- Mar. 5 Ben Turner
- Gary Mompher

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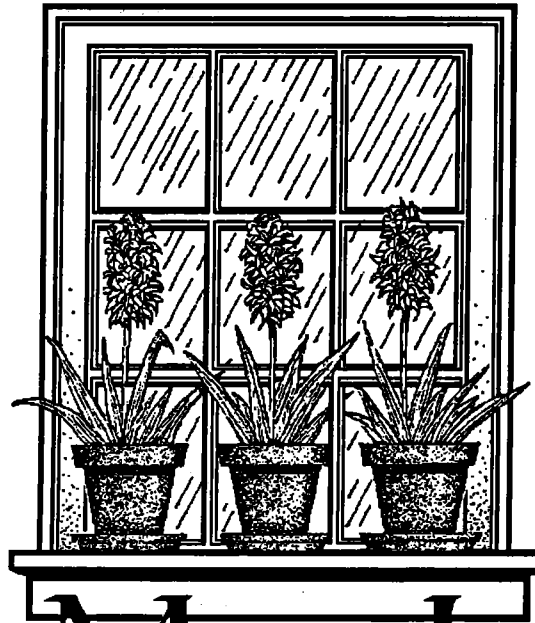
Most people, including myself, would assume that the professional woman who is single just isn't very domestic. These women get the same bad rap as the stereotypical bachelor who doesn't clean, do laundry or cook anything that doesn't require a toaster or a microwave. Most of the time I'd agree that the professional woman (at least this one) doesn't do a lot of cooking or cleaning. But, it's not because I don't know how to or don't want to, I just plain don't have time.

The truth of the matter, is that I'm not your typical, single, professional woman. I know this probably comes as a big shock to you, but I'm not really your typical pastor either.

I don't really like to clean, as many of you know, but I do it out of necessity. (I need to not be embarrassed by all the dirt balls on the floor and dust on the furniture when people come to visit me.) So, needless to say, cleaning is a chore for me.

I love to bake. I don't even mind cooking. But, I bake for fun. Whenever I get so stressed out by the pressures of life that I feel like pulling out my hair and screaming, I bake. It's the best kind of therapy I know. Muffins, pies, cakes, cookies, cobblers, biscuits, bread, etc I do it all. And I promise (Victor), that I don't go buy my baked goods from Buehler's bakery and try to pass them off as home-baked. These items actually get mixed from scratch, by my hands and baked in my oven. And they're usually quite edible and delectable.

Why do I bake? Well, as I said, it's the best way I know to relieve stress and it's tangible. I get to take real ingredients, mix them together and turn them into something that smells delicious and is yummy to eat. Then I get to give it to someone else who loves to eat it and appreciates getting



## March

something home-baked. I get results. Unlike the ministry, which is often comprised of putting in lots of time and energy and not always seeing any real results. Mind you, I'm not being critical or complaining, I'm just explaining the nature of ministry. Ministry and the Christian Life rarely produces quick and tangible results as readily as my oven does. So sometimes I need to bake.

That's why we like Easter. Easter for me, is like baking. We finally get

results. We have struggled and prayed and taught all year long, striving to follow the example of Jesus. And we've not always seen tangible results. We still struggle with our finances; we still work to invite people to church and get children, youth and adults involved in Sunday School; we still challenge ourselves to live more in tune with the teachings of Jesus; and we still visit people, go to meetings, and do lots of stuff which doesn't always seem to make any difference.

I imagine that's exactly how Jesus sometimes felt in his ministry. He taught and prayed and worked constantly to get his message through the thick skulls of the people and of his disciples, but they didn't get it. They didn't understand. And finally, he was persecuted and killed on the cross and buried in a tomb.

Then came Easter. Like a fresh, hot batch of chocolate chip cookies. Tangible, real, delectable. Jesus was resurrected from death to life. He came to his disciples and they could see and experience and believe that everything he'd taught them was real.

Let us receive the truth of Easter, and allow the power of Jesus gift of life to become real in our lives and in the life of our church. Amen.

Many Blessings,

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## Monthly Prayer Service

After prayerful consideration, the Board of Deacons has decided to sponsor a monthly worship service that will focus on praying for our families, church, community and world. The first service will take place on Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. and will last for 1 hour. The prayer service will be held on the second Thursday evening of each month. This first service will be led by Pastor Brummett and Deacon Lovell.

If you have and suggestions or want to help lead a prayer service, please speak to one of the Deacons.

*-The Board of Deacons*

*Alison Mowery, Jean Wickum, Jim Van Brimmer, Dave Lovell, Kirby Francis, Beth Trigg and Jody Lynn Brummett*

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## America for Christ Offering

The theme for the America for Christ offering this year is "Walk in Love", based on Ephesians 5:2. Putting love into action, faith into practice is the key. One way we can do that is to give generously to the America for Christ offering. This special offering is used to establish new churches, enhance camps and conferences, develop resources, study materials and ministries, promote peace in our world, develop and support leaders for our churches, and just about any other mission designed to reach America with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The America for Christ offering is about walking in the footsteps of Jesus, but it is also about being Jesus' feet in the world today. It supports the efforts of American Baptist Churches USA in Educational, National and Regional Ministries. We can support these efforts through our prayers and with our financial resources.

Our America for Christ offering goal is \$300. The designated Sunday for our offering will be March 16, however, we will continue to collect it through the remaining Sundays in March. The children have their boxes and we need to begin planning our

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

**Palm Sunday**  
10:45 a.m. Worship

**Maundy Thursday**  
7:00 p.m. Candlelight  
Communion Service

**Good Friday**  
at St. Mary Catholic Church  
11:00 a.m. Stations of the  
Cross March  
12:00 p.m. Good Friday  
Worship

**Easter**  
8:00 a.m. Early Easter Service  
8:30 a.m. Covered-dish  
Breakfast  
10:45 a.m. Worship

gifts as well. More information on the America for Christ offering will be coming in March. A poster will be displayed in the foyer to track our progress, each footstep across America will represent \$6 and when we have a foot in every state we will have reached our goal. Let's put two footsteps in every state!

Sincerely,

*-Randy Turner  
Board of Christian Education*

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## Easter Lilies

Lilies can be ordered to decorate the church on Easter morning, and can be given in memory or honor of a loved one. After the service you can leave your lilies at the church or take them home with you.

The cost will be \$6.00 each. If you would like to purchase one, please give your money to Jim Stephenson or Shirley Parker by Sunday, March 23 (Palm Sunday).

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## Lenten Study

Please join us for the next four Sunday evenings, for the Lenten Study called: "Great Stories of Faith." Each evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a time of worship, which will be followed by a video and discussion. We will end by 8:00 p.m. Babysitting is provided.

**March 2**

Scripture: Mark 14:12-28 and  
Mark 1:1-13

Topic: Ritual and Symbol

**March 9**

Scripture: Genesis 17:15-20;  
18:9-15; 21:1-7

Topic: The Light Way

**March 16**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 and  
Philippians 2:5-11

Topic: Facing Death

**March 23**

Scripture: John 1:1-18

Topic: God With Us

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## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the special fund to help pay for my rather expensive airplane ticket to Rochester, New York in January. I'm very relieved not to have an unneeded credit card debt. A special thank you to Cynthia Bland for having the idea and taking the initiative to ask for and collect all the contributions.

Sincerely,

Jody Lynn

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## Volunteers Needed for Ohio Camping Program

The Commission on Outdoor Ministries for the A.B.C. of Ohio is looking for people to serve as "volunteer hosts" to allow our camp's Site Managers a few days off from time to time. Although this is a volunteer position, the camp will provide training, room and board, and a mileage reimbursement for travel to and from the camp. If you are interested in serving in this way, please see Pastor

## MARCH WORSHIP

**March 2**  
3rd Sunday of Lent  
John 2:13-22  
"Spring Cleaning"

**March 9**  
4th Sunday of Lent  
Ephesians 2:1-10 and  
John 3:14-21  
"The Halftime Show"

**March 16**  
5th Sunday of Lent  
John 12:20-33  
"The Road Less Traveled"

**March 23**  
Palm Sunday  
Mark 15:1-47  
"Turn the Other Cheek"

**March 30**  
Easter  
Mark 16:1-8  
"Playing It Safe"

**April 6**  
Holy Communion  
John 20:19-31  
"Christian Skeptics"

Brummett for a list of responsibilities and desired qualifications.

### Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education has chosen the following officers and areas of responsibilities for 1997:

Chairperson: Linda White

Secretary: Carol Grubbs

Finance Committee Representative:  
Randy Turner

Nominating Committee  
Representative: Sue Elfner

All members will serve on the Parish Council for three-month terms

as follows: Carol Grubbs, 1st quarter; Randy Turner, 2nd quarter; Sue Elfner, 3rd quarter; Linda White, 4th quarter.

Areas of responsibility for each member of the Board are: Mission Education, Randy Turner; Leadership Development, Sue Elfner; Children and Youth Work, Carol Grubbs; Sunday School Coordinator, Linda White.

-Linda White

### Trustees Report

- Two new electrical outlets were installed in the sanctuary by electrician Mike Clark. One is in the southwest corner behind the piano. This will serve for fans in the summer and a light on the piano, and we'll no longer have to run an extension cord under the front pew and across the front aisle. The other plug was installed in the choir loft behind the railing by the microphone plug; it will be used for tape recorders, etc. The cost was \$150.

- A thank you to Jim Van Brimmer for repairing the door knob between the assembly room and the new building.

- One piano was tuned and two others "touched up" by Clifford Rector.

- At our February meeting, the trustees discussed at great length the financial situation and the increased cost of utilities and property taxes. Property taxes have gone up \$185.48 a year for the old parsonage. They have gone up \$271.08 a year for the new parsonage. The trustees are going to cover this with a \$35.00 a month increase in rent on the old parsonage.

Even though the church adopted the 1997 budget the same as the 1996 budget, expenses are going up by \$300.00 a month in areas we have little control over. The monthly gas budget at the church went up in January from \$300 a month to \$414 a month. The electric bill at the parsonage (an all-electric house) went from a monthly average of \$165 a month up to \$295 a month in January. The M&M and new health insurance combined went

up by \$35 a month.

These increases add up to a \$309 a month increase. To top that off, the giving in January dropped by \$300 a month compared to last year. This adds up to a \$600 a month shortfall!

If the deficit continues at this rate, the general fund balance of \$2,500 will be gone in four months!

The trustees also discussed the heat, lights and coffee pots being left on after functions. Each person or group sponsoring an activity in the church must appoint someone to "turn off" and "lock up". If a trustee is in the meeting, they should be the one. If not, the activity sponsor must see that it is done.

Non-church functions will pay \$10 a meeting. The quilters already do this. Small groups must meet in the senior high room instead of the fellowship hall. We will all have to make sacrifices!

If you have questions or need help with a thermostat, call a trustee.

-Steve Stoner, representative to nominating committee

Joe Mowery

Jennifer Turner

Arch Trigg

Peter White, rep. to finance and handicap access committees, and trustees' chairman

### Thanks

We want to extend our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for your generous donation to our organization, Meals on Wheels of Delaware, in 1996.

As we begin our 25th year in assisting persons to remain independent in their homes by daily delivery of meals, we will assuredly put this gift to good use.

We thank you for your financial help and kindness.

-Beverly C. Reiner,  
On-Site Director  
Meals on Wheels of Delaware

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## Recipe

It was a pleasure to donate baked goods for the recent ABY chocolate auction, and a very pleasant surprise that my cookies were chosen as first-place winners! Someone suggested I print the recipe, so here you are:

### Butterfinger Valentines

about 4 dozen, depending on size  
325°, 8-10 minutes

1 cup shortening, or margarine, or a combination

1/2 tsp. salt

1 tsp. baking soda

1 cup peanut butter

3/4 cup sugar

3/4 cup brown sugar

2 eggs, well beaten

1 tps. vanilla

2 cups flour

1/3 cup baking cocoa

valentine-shaped Butterfinger candies (Butterfinger Bits, Butterfinger BBs or other candies could be substituted as desired.)

Combine shortening/margarine, salt, soda and peanut butter and mix well. Add sugars and cream thoroughly. Add beaten eggs and vanilla and mix well. Add flour and cocoa and blend completely. Drop by rounded 1-1/2" balls (or larger; increase baking time) onto lightly-greased cookie sheets (sprays are fine) and press a candy shape firmly into the dough. Bake at 325 degrees for about 8 minutes in center of oven, till edges are done and middle is still a little shiny. Enjoy!

- Karen Stoner

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## Piecemakers

Delaware Piecemakers Quilt Guild will have a work day on Saturday, March 15th, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. to celebrate National Quilt Day. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

As part of our outreach project, we will be making Baby Quilts to give to children entering the hospital with life-threatening illnesses such as AIDS, leukemia, etc. These quilts belong with each child as they are in the hospital and hopefully go home.

If you wish to help, come for the

day or drop in for 15 minutes. You can help with materials donated or bring your own 100% cotton fabric (need 2 pieces), 1 yard of 36 or 45 inch front and back fabric, batting, embroidery thread to tie (not yarn), bias tape for binding and scissors. (Remember they will be washed often.)

We will have soup for lunch; bring a sandwich and join our fellowship. Its a great feeling to work with your hands and give of yourself to someone in need.

-Jeanne Ekelberry

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## Andrews House

### Second Fridays Dinners

On Jan. 10, the Andrews House partner churches served their fourth Second Fridays dinner to approximately 50 people. All partner churches are invited to participate in this activity which serves dinner for no charge on the second Friday of each month.

### Request for Donated Items

The Andrews House Residency Program is now underway with its first residents. They have been discovering some items which they need for the program that members of the partner Churches may be able to donate.

Items include: dictionary, thesaurus, introductory cookbooks (i.e. Betty Crocker), notebook paper, pens and pencils, tape, scissors, notebooks, comforters/bedspreads, laundry detergent, dish detergent, bath soap.

### Attention Potential Volunteers!

The Andrews House Residency Program, whose mission is to provide young adults aged 18 to 20 with a safe and supportive living environment in which to learn the skills and knowledge necessary for productive independent living as apart of a community, is in search of volunteers.

Suggested roles for volunteers include: being a mentor family, teaching life skills, teaching a resident about your profession, taking residents on outings, and being a respite care worker.

For more information, contact the Andrews House office at 369-4520.

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## Personals

• Congratulations to **VIC FOGLE**, who has been informed that he will be promoted to the rank of Sergeant, effective March 1st. He is among a few Marines to achieve this rank with only two years and seven months in the Corps. He will be moving to different living quarters as he no longer can live in his present barracks with his new promotion. Vic is open for possible new jobs and a tour out of the country. For now his address remains the same. Needless to say, Vic's mom is extremely proud!

• **SHIRLEY PARKER** will be attending the Senior Dance Recital of her granddaughter Andrea in Atlanta the first week in March. As senior member of the dance company, Andrea will have the solo parts. Her mother, Allison, will have a reception following the program for friends, relatives, and the dance company.

Shirley's grandson, Dan Fichter (son of Andy) had the lead in the 8th grade musical "42nd Street" recently. Unfortunately the weather prevented Shirley from attending.

• **ASHLEY FRANCIS** had a tonsilectomy at Grady Hospital.

• **JOHN LINN** is now at home after recuperating at the Arbors from surgery.

• **JEAN OSBORNE'S** son, Gary, from Ciaro, Egypt, was here for a visit.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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## Native American Prayer

**O GREAT SPIRIT,**  
Whose voice I hear in the winds,  
And whose breath gives life to all  
the world, hear me! I am small and  
weak, I need your strength and  
wisdom.

Let me Walk in Beauty, and  
make my eyes ever behold  
the red and purple sunset.

Make My Hands respect the  
things you have made and  
my ears sharp to hear your  
voice.

Make Me Wise so that I may  
understand the things you  
have taught my people.

Let Me Learn the lessons you  
have hidden in every leaf and  
rock.

I Seek Strength, not to be  
greater than my brother, but  
to fight my greatest enemy-  
myself.

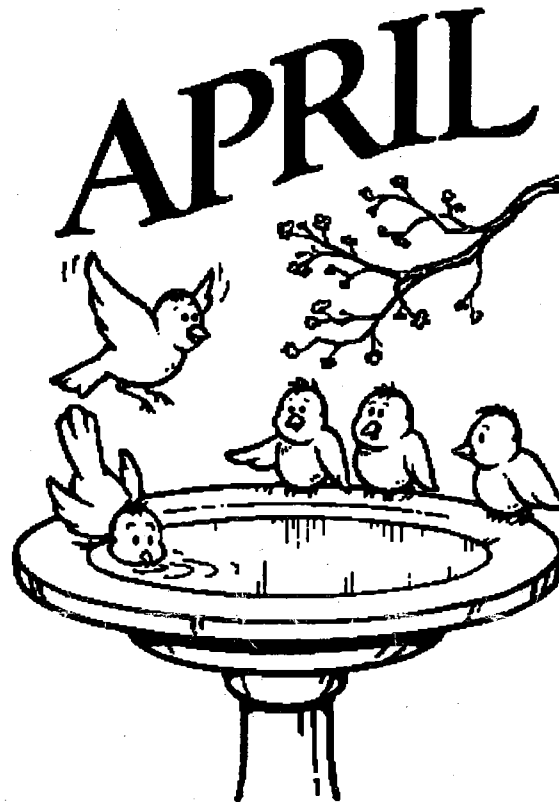
Make Me always Ready to  
come to you with clean hands and  
straight eyes.

So When Life Fades, as the fading  
sunset, my spirit may come to you  
without shame.

Amen.

## Embracing Future Change

On Saturday, April 19, our church membership has an opportunity to attend the 1997 Church Leadership Conference at the Karl Road Baptist Church. Workshop themes are: evangelism, education, missions, spiritual-



ity, leadership, programming, planning and conflict management. The conference is based on Jeff Wood's book *Congregational Megatrends*. Please call Sue Elfner at 363-2244 for registration forms as soon as possible.

It's a day of sharing beginning at 9 am to 3 am, including breakfast and lunch. Childcare is available and the conference cost is \$10.

## Trustees Notes

- Mike's Roofing repaired two leaks and several broken shingles on the Sunday school assembly room roof. Cost - \$200.00
  - Don Patrick checked the furnaces for gas leaks and did a carbon monoxide test. Only zeros readings were found. He also checked over the boiler and next door at the old parsonage. Cost - \$45.00
  - Thirty new rubber grommets were purchased for the holes in the pews that hold the communion cups. Ten broken or missing ones were replaced with the others held as spares. Cost - \$28.00
  - A total of 39 Sunday school hymnals were sent off to the rebinders in care of Barb Van Brimmer through her library connections. Thanks, Barb! A thank you to the Young at Heart group for sorting through them marking missing and torn pages! A thank you to the individuals who returned six hymnals. Any more that are found can still be done. With the completed sample copy we will have 40. We will use the "old" sanctuary hymnals while they are gone.
  - Jennifer Turner supplied us with a new mop. Thanks, Jennifer
  - One of the hearing devices for the hearing impaired is missing. Would everyone please keep your eyes open for it.
- ### Historical Notes
- Ten years ago on Easter Sunday, 1987, our pastor Rev. James B. "Steve" Stephenson retired.

• Fifty years ago (1947), the entire sanctuary except for the organ and baptistry was furnished. New wooden pews replaced the curved theater seats. New railings were installed across the front along with a new choir loft, pulpit chairs, new pulpit and new altar. Everything was given as memorials. It has served us very well, even though things are getting a little worn around the edges!

-Peter White, Chairman  
Board of Trustees

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**The Twenty Twenty  
Committee Public  
Workshop**

The Twenty Twenty Committee is a citizens advisory group charged with creating a clear vision for Delaware County. Issues that the group have been addressing include: How do citizens feel about preserving our historical buildings?; Is Delaware County progressive enough?; How should we pay for all the road and bridge repairs we need?; How can we plan for the growth the County continues to experience?

As Committee Vice Chairperson Larry Cline says, "we know citizens have an opinion about these issues, we want them to take a few minutes



to come out and tell us what they think--their view counts."

Please come to the upcoming public workshop on Tuesday, April 8 at Delaware J.V.S. South Campus (4565 U.S.23) for an Open House from 11 a.m.-7p.m., Refreshments from 5p.m.-7p.m., and Presentation and Discussion at 7p.m.

If you have any questions or comments, please call 368-1840.

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**Habitat for Humanity  
Rummage Sale**

There will be a Rummage Sale to benefit local and international Habitat for Humanity projects on Saturday, May 3rd at 444 West Central Avenue from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

*Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hatfield*

*request the honour of your presence*

*at the marriage of their daughter*

*Tracy Lynn Hatfield*

*to*

*Tracy Adam Breese*

*Saturday, the twenty-sixth of April*

*nineteen hundred and ninety-seven*

*at half-past the hour of two o'clock*

*First Baptist Church*

*101 North Franklin Street*

*Delaware, Ohio*

If you have useful items you no longer need or want, you may donate them to the Rummage Sale. Call Lori Searfoss at 369-3712 or Kris Jones at 362-6642 for pickup.

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**Church Directory**

The 1997 Church Directory will be distributed in April. If your family's entry contains any errors, please let us know so we can correct our records.

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**Care Packages**

The Adult Sunday School Class (which meets in the Pastor's study), will be sending Care Packages to our college students and people serving in the military. We want them to know that while they're away at school, that their church family at



## APRIL WORSHIP

**April 6**  
Holy Communion  
John 20:19-31  
"Christian Skeptics"

**April 13**  
3rd Sunday of Easter  
Luke 24:36b-48  
"It Takes A Church"

**April 20**  
4th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 4:5-12  
"Politics As Usual?"

**April 27**  
5th Sunday of Easter  
American Baptist Women's  
Ministries Sunday

**May 4**  
6th Sunday of Easter  
Holy Communion  
John 15:9-17  
"Just Do It"

First Baptist is thinking about them and praying for them. We will pack these boxes during our Sunday School Class on April 20 and sending them out on Monday, April 21. We will be sending 10 boxes.

Please help us fill these boxes with items like: gum, candy bars, granola bars, raisins, hot chocolate, pencils, pens, stamps, small tissue packages, paper, home-baked goodies, etc... Use your imagination. You can drop off these items at the church anytime before April 20. There will be a box set out on the table under the mail boxes in the Education Building. Thank you for your help.

## Personals

• ALISON AND TODD BRADFORD in Marietta are the proud parents of JACOB TODD BRADFORD, who was

born at 3:39 pm on March 8th. His weight was 9 lbs, 8-1/2 oz. and he was 21-1/4" long. FRED AND CAROL GRUBBS are grandparents and EDITH HALL is his great-great-grandmother.

• BERNICE TURNEY recently suffered a painful injury when she pulled a tendon in her leg.

• Congratulations to JENNA WEAKLAND who was featured in the Delaware Gazette as the "Teen of the Week."

• JEAN EKELBERRY is recovering from bronchitis.

• PETER AND LINDA WHITE visited Linda's sister in Washington, D.C.

• KAREN STONER received her B.A. degree in English from The Ohio State University March 21, 20 years after first attending classes. She's currently pastor of Wyandot Baptist Church and plans to attend Methodist Theological School in Ohio in the fall for her Master of Divinity degree.

• DONNA REED was in the hospital for tests.

• RANDY TURNER coached the Delaware Hayes Chess Team at the state tournament.

• BETTY PORTER had surgery at Grady Hospital.

• JEAN OSBORNE had surgery at a Columbus hospital.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 2 Adam Mowery  
8 Rick Ramey  
Nathan Weakland  
9 Kirby Francis  
16 Marjorie Smale  
20 Melissa Gillette  
24 Michael Grubbs  
29 Deborah Lovell  
May 3 Rick Van Brimmer  
5 Mike Griffith

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**A**t a large church there were two ministers who preached on alternate Sundays. One usually spoke for 15 minutes and the other for 30 minutes.

One Sunday a woman looked at her bulletin and exclaimed, "Oh, no! I set my oven to the wrong minister!"

# APRIL 1997

## First Baptist Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 Choir	3	4	5
6 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Daylight-Saving Time Begins</i>	7 6:30 DISCIPLE 2 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	8	9 7:00 Choir	10 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Prayer Service	11	12
13 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 Peace Camp Meeting at First Presbyterian	14 6:30 DISCIPLE 2 7:00 Boy Scouts	15	16 7:00 Choir	17	18	19 8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Leadership Conference at Karl Rd. Baptist
20 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 A.B.W. Ministries Lunch Meeting; bring a sandwich 2:00 Board of Christian Education	21 6:30 DISCIPLE 2 7:00 Boy Scouts	22 <b>Passover</b>	23 <b>Secretaries' Day</b> 7:00 Choir	24	25 7:00 Hatfield/Breese Wedding Rehearsal	26 2:30 Hatfield/Breese Wedding
27 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	28 6:30 DISCIPLE 2 7:00 Boy Scouts	29	30 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner followed by Quarterly Business Meeting	May 1	2	3

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**H**ow often do we sit down and ponder the mystery of life and think about what a miracle life really is?

This has been an interesting Spring, to say the least. I've had the privilege to witness new life in two very different ways.

Not long ago I was talking on the phone with Rundy's sister-in-law Linda. Linda raises cows. And the Springtime of the year is commonly known as calving season. Many of you probably already knew this, but I'm a city girl, and such things are news to me. Anyway, Linda mentioned that she had a couple cows that were just about ready to drop (meaning give birth). So, I happened to mention that I also had one that was about ready to drop. Linda misunderstood, and thought I was announcing that I myself was expecting. Well, I corrected her right away, and said that I had a sheep that was about to give birth. She didn't get it. Well, she's a farmer who raises cows; and I'm a shepherd who tends sheep. Get it. I was just having a little fun with the Biblical symbolism. I know it's a really bad pun, but I really couldn't help it.

Well, not long after I had this conversation with Linda, Rundy and I happened by her place at about 11:30 one morning. Well, Linda was gone, but there was a new calf in the barn that was about two days old and there was another cow over in the birthing pen who sounded like she was having a cow (literally). So, we went over to check things out, and I discovered that there was a brand new calf on the

ground, that hadn't even dried off or gotten up on its legs yet. The amazing thing was that we just missed Linda by about a half hour, and when she left the cow wasn't even near ready to drop. I was so excited to get to see this, because I've

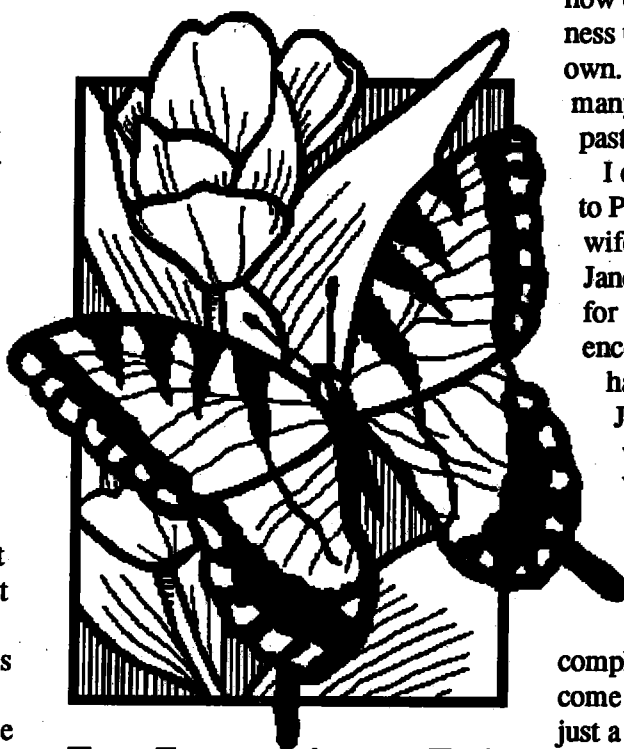
video record the birth of the baby. I jumped at the chance. What an opportunity.

Now, many of you will say that I must be crazy, why would I want to see this? After all, it isn't always the most pleasant thing to watch. Yes, but how often do you get a chance to witness the birth of a baby that isn't your own. Not very often. Besides, how many people would ask their malef pastor to do such a thing?

I can't tell you how grateful I am to Phil and Melissa and to their midwife for allowing me to be a part of Jane's birth. It's even more difficult for me to tell you what this experience was like. Believe it or not, I had the same feeling when I saw Jane for the first time that I had when I saw that brand new calf.

Wow. It's so amazing and utterly bizarre and strange that it's almost unbelievable. To even imagine that such a small and delicate, but amazingly complex and intricate creation can come out of a mother's body, after just a brief 9 months, just blows me away. It's just more than I can comprehend. That's probably why we call it a miracle.

Perhaps we should ponder the miracles of everyday life a little more often. It's springtime, as we all can see, and we've certainly enjoyed watching the new life explode around us as flowers bloom and trees bud and the grass starts to turn green and grow again. But have we really looked at the new life around us? Have we really looked at the bud on a tree and seen the detail? Have we



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never seen a baby cow before; all we ever had in Michigan was adult cows.

A couple weeks later, I received a phone message from Jennifer Turner, telling me that her sister Melissa Mercer (who really was expecting) was on her way to the hospital. So, I hustled over there to find that she was in full labor. Things were happening rapidly, and I was flabbergasted when they asked me if I'd be willing to

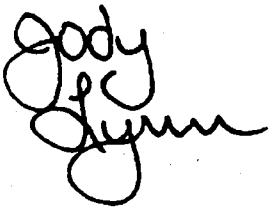
taken in the intricacies of a daffodil, or a ladybug? We tend to take these things for granted as a just another part of Spring. But, without just one of them, it wouldn't be the same.

I believe that we need to ponder the little things in life, like a rose, ora spider, or a bud on a lilac bush. We should even consider the miracle of life in the birth of a baby or even of a calf. Because if we forget to admire and appreciate the details of what makes life possible, then it's all too easy to forget that life is a sacred thing. And it is.

But, when we forget that life is sacred and delicate and intricate and complex, then it's easy to forget that it's all a gift to us. We didn't make it all happen. It isn't ours to create or to destroy. That privilege belongs only to God. If we take time to remember that life is a sacred gift, and spend some time appreciating it, then we will remember that everyone and everything in this great world of ours is also a gift from God.

Let us thank God for the precious gift of life. Amen.

Many Blessings,



## Church Retreat

Our annual church family retreat will be September 5,6,7 at Judson Hills. This will be our 25th anniversary of the retreat with some special activities planned. Please mark your calendars. We would like to see a good turn-out this year.

-Pam Faulk

## Next Month's Newsletter

I will be out of town when the June issue is being prepared, so Pastor Brummett will be our guest editor. Newsletter submissions should be placed in the regular newsletter box or given to her. Please don't forget, as any items mistakenly sent to my home or office won't make it into that issue.

- Jim Stephenon, editor

## Blanket Sunday

On Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day, the American Baptist Women's Ministries will host a Blanket Sunday. Blanket Sunday is sponsored by Church World Service, and gives an opportunity for us to purchase wool blankets at the cost of \$5.00 each which will be sent to people throughout the world. On Mother's Day, you will be able to donate \$5.00 for the purchase of a blanket. You may purchase as many blankets as you wish. You will also be able to give your gift in memory or honor of your mother or a woman who has had an important influence on your life. There will be a place in the service where we will come forward to offer our gifts and dedicate them to God. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Brummett or Evelyn Lee.

## Mother Daughter Banquet

The Annual Mother Daughter Banquet will be held at Radnor Baptist Church on Sunday, May 4, at 6:00 p.m. The evening will begin with a covered-dish dinner, followed by a program.

## Cherry Hill Brother's Quartet

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, the Cherry Hill Brother's Quartet will lead us in our Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. In case you haven't heard, the CHBQ are from the Cherry Hill Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, which is Pastor Brummett's home church. Two of the quartet's members, Joe and Kelly Brummett are Jody Lynn's father and uncle. Please bring your family to this special service of worship, and don't forget to invite a friend.

## New Baby

Congratulations to Phil and Melissa Mercer, the parents of Jane Catherine Mercer. Jane was born on April 10 and weighed 8 lb., 15 oz.



## Volunteers Needed for Ohio Camping Program

The Commission on Outdoor Ministries for the A.B.C. of Ohio is looking for people to serve as "volunteer hosts" to allow our camp's Site Managers a few days off from time to time. Although this is a volunteer position, the camp will provide training, room and board, and a mileage reimbursement for travel to and from the camp. If you are interested in serving in this way, please see Pastor Brummett for a list of responsibilities and desired qualifications.

## House and Yard Shower for Ty and Tracy Breese

The church will host a post-wedding shower for Ty and Tracy, to be held on Saturday, May 24, at 4:30 p.m. in

## MAY WORSHIP

### May 4

Holy Communion  
John 15:9-17  
"Just Do It"

### May 11

Mother's Day  
Blanket Sunday  
"Worship in Music"  
Cherry Hill Brother's Quartet

### May 18

Pentecost  
Acts 2:1-21  
"The Divine Hearing Aid"

### May 25

John 17:6-19  
"Blessed Assurance?"

### June 1

Holy Communion  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
"Slaves R Us"

the Fellowship Hall. This is an ALL-church shower, including men and women, and will feature gifts for the house and garage. Some suggestions include kitchen items, items for bathroom and bedroom (esp. queen size sheets), and tools for yard and garage. If you need more suggestions, see Pastor Brummett for a more complete list.

Wanted — A 3-5 drawer chest for a bedroom. Needs to be in good repair, however, the finish need not be perfect. Call Carol Fogle at 362-9284 if you are willing to sell

## Thank you

Thank you for all your prayers of concern and healing for me over this past month since my surgery.

Thanks also for the phone calls, visits, cards, and food. It is wonderful to be a part of such a caring church family.

After two stays in the hospital, I am on my way to better health. Please continue to remember me in your prayers!

Sincerely,  
Betty Porter

## Trustee's Notes

- Upon the advice of our insurance agent, Mr. Stephen T. Evanko, the Trustees changed insurance companies from Preferred Risk Mutual to Utica National Insurance. We faced an increase from \$250 to \$500 on the deductible and also an increase in the premium. With Utica, the benefits stayed the same or better at the same premium we had been paying.
- After some discussion, the Trustees decided to accept one new tree in front of the old parsonage but declined three new ones in front of the church. The city is planting new trees every 35 feet in the tree lawn (between the curb and the walk) wherever they are missing. Our renter favored a tree.
- Our church was honored to share our building and baptistry with William Street UMC for a baptismal service on Sunday afternoon, April 20. Peter White filled and heated the baptistry and served as building host.
- The lawn mower was repaired and serviced and had a new front wheel put on at Buckeye Tractor. Cost - \$62.75.
- I want to thank Steve Stoner and Carol Grubbs for standing by to meet needs during last weekend's wedding

of our newest members, Ty and Tracy Breese.

—Peter White, Chairman  
Board of Trustees

## Personals

- On Saturday, April 26, at 2:30 p.m. our church celebrated in the wedding of TRACY HATFIELD AND TY BREESE. Ty and Tracy took a two day honeymoon to Niagara Falls and will live in Delaware when they return. Look for their new address in the new church directory.
  - BARBARA LOVELL, NATHAN WEAKLAND AND JENNA WEAKLAND will be performing in Hayes Thespian's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Chapalear at 8:00 p.m. on May 22, 23 and 24. They will also perform in *Spring Pops* at May 15th at 8:00 at Willis, and will be playing in the orchestra at the Delaware Arts Festival on May 17th at 11:00.
  - MATTHEW LOVELL was the prince in *Into the Woods* at OSU.
  - JEFF FAULK will graduate from the University of Notre Dame on Sunday, May 18 with a degree in mechanical engineering.
  - ERIN FAULK has been accepted into Kappa Delta Chi sorority at Hope College.
  - PETER AND LINDA WHITE went to Washington, D.C., during spring break.
  - BERTHA AND JIM VAN BRIMMER went to visit daughter Suzy and family in Pennsylvania.
  - BETTY PORTER was back in the hospital for treatment.
- ## Birthdays & Anniversaries
- May 3 Rick Van Brimmer  
4 Ty Breese  
5 Mike Griffith  
7 Donna Reed  
Bertha Van Brimmer

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- 8 Christopher Weakland
  - 9 Cris Riedmiller
  - 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
  - 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
  - 14 Tom Weakland
  - 15 Barbara Lovell  
Betty Porter
  - 23 Helen Baker
  - 24 Jean Wickum  
Sharon & Steve Baker  
Deanna Weakland
  - 29 Bob Heizer
  - June 3 Justin Francis

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

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First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 Peace Camp Meeting 6:00 Mother-Daughter Banquet at Radnor Baptist Church	5 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Piecemakers 7:00 Boy Scouts	6 7:00 Deacons	7 7:00 Choir	8 7:00 Prayer Service 12:00 Young at Heart	9	10
11 <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship; Blanket Sunday -- Service in Music with Cherry Hill Brother's Quartet	12 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	13	14 7:00 Choir	15 7:00 A.B.W. Ministries	16	17
18 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:00 Peace Camp Meeting	19 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study, at Sandie Heizers 7:00 Boy Scouts	20 7:30 Board of Christian Education	21 7:00 Choir	22 7:00 Parish Council; Wedding Rehearsal	23	24 8:30 Men's Breakfast 2:30 Wandlin/Kenney Wedding 4:30 Breese Shower
25 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship  <i>Newsletter Deadline (Pastor Brummett, guest editor)</i>	26 <b>Memorial Day</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts	27	28 7:00 Choir	29	30	31

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# The Good News Letter

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## Congratulations Seniors

### Elizabeth Hopkins

Liz will be graduating from Delaware Hayes High School on Saturday, June 7.

She has been a member of First Baptist Church for about 6 years, and has been active in worship, Sunday School and in the American Baptist Youth Group.

While in high school, Liz was on the track team for 3 years, and was a member of the marching band's color guard for 2 years. As a member of the marching band, she performed at the National competition in Georgia and performed at the Peach Bowl. Liz also played violin in the orchestra for 3 years.

Liz recently received an honor award from Club Sport for working with children with developmental disabilities.

Liz also loves to work with horses, and recently received her Grooming License. She also received an award for Horsemanship through Delaware J.V.S. (Joint Vocational School) where she received her training.

During the summer Liz will groom horses at the Delaware County Fairgrounds and continue to work at Wendy's restaurant. In the Fall she will attend Bowling Green University where she will study Special Education.

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### Jenna Weakland

Jenna will be graduating from Delaware

Hayes High School on Saturday, June 7.

She has been active at First Baptist Church for about one year. When have been privileged to benefit from Jenna's musical talent, as she has played french horn solos for worship on several occasions.

This Fall, Jenna will attend Bowling Green University where she will study Music Education and French Horn Performance. She has been accepted in the Honors Program and will also receive a \$2,000 Music Scholarship for the next four years.

Jenna's scholarships include: the Delaware Music Club Scholarship; a scholarship from the Accepted Ancient Scottish Rite; the Charles Jones

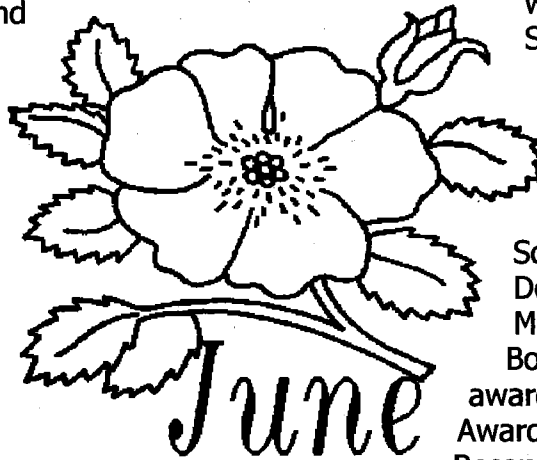
Scholarship in Music Education; the Dollars for Scholars Scholarship; the Multi-cultural Scholarship from Bowling Green University. Her awards include: the Scholar Athlete Award from the International Army Reserve; three awards for music and band, including, outstanding senior in

orchestra and choir and the John Phillip Sousa Award for marching band; and two thespian awards, including one for musical theater and one for directing a one act play.

In her Junior year, Jenna traveled to Kent State University to participate in a French Horn Choir, and went to Ohio Northern University to be in the Honor's Band.

Jenna also played volley ball for 1 year, and was on the swim team for 4 years and served as co-captain of the swim team her senior year.

A highlight of her education was an





educational trip to England that she took in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Jenna wants to thank the church for accepting her and her family with open arms and giving her a place to develop her musical talent.

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**Graduation Open House**

There will be an open house for Elizabeth Hopkins at the home of her Aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Sean Duffy at 112 North Washington Street from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 8.

There will be an open house for Jenna Weakland at the Weakland Home, 406 North Franklin Street, on Friday, June 6 from 6 to 10 p.m.

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**College Graduates**

Jeff Faulk graduated from Notre Dame University on Sunday, May 18.

Deborah Lovell will graduate from Baldwin-Wallace College on Friday, June 13.

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**Announcement**

Because it's June and we have several graduates, I felt it was important give them the first page. So, this little reflection will have to suffice as my editorial. Although it is shorter and isn't given the front and center attention it's used to, it is indeed a bonafide pastor's letter.

Enough of that.

What I'm going to right about is something really big and exciting. And, as you know, big and exciting things are easier and more fun to tell about, if you do it in a small and subtle way.

Many of you thought it would never happen. You have watched me go out there again and again, and come back empty-handed each and every time. You've encouraged me, you've prayed for me, you've even tried to help me (thanks, but no thanks). But, most importantly, you were exceedingly patient, put up with more than your share of duds and didn't give up on me. So, finally, I figured it all out, and brought home a dude instead of a dud.

And those of you who were in church on Mother's Day and after, know that the question was asked, it was then answered in the affirmative and the calendar was marked with a

date.

So, the official announcement can now be made and put into print.

Jody Lynn Brummett and Rundy Lew Hagans announce their engagement and invite you all to share in the celebration at their wedding ceremony on Saturday, September 13, 1997.

We can't tell you how excited we are to have family and especially a church family who can share in the excitement, the planning and the celebrating. Your support and love mean more to us than we can ever say.

Now, the only problem I've had in making this announcement, is that I left out some very valuable information. I know what my plans for the future are, but I neglected to share them with you. So here they are.

Following the wedding, Rundy will move into the church parsonage. Therefore, I'm not planning on leaving, if that's what you were either worried about or hoping for. The reason Rundy will move here, instead of me moving to Coshocton, is because he has a job with A.E.P. (American Electric Power) where he travels a good part of the year, and so his living arrangements aren't as crucial as mine.

Now, with that bit of business out of the way, we can get on with the celebrating.

Life is an amazing thing, and the course it takes can never be planned for or anticipated. I can only stand amazed at the blessings that have come my way in being in community with all of you and being your pastor. Now, this added blessing in the form of a pretty amazing guy, just puts the frosting on the cake. All this is to say that I am very happy.

Thank you for being willing to be a part of our happiness as we begin our life together.

We know that God has given us the gift of each other, and we pray that it will be a blessing to all of you.

Many Blessings,



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**Children's Day**

On Sunday, June 8, we will celebrate Children's Day in our Morning Worship, with our high school seniors Elizabeth Hopkins and Jenna Weakland bringing the morning message. The children will bring us a musical selection and the youth of the church will lead the service. Thanks to Carol Grubbs for helping to plan the service.

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### Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Brummett will be taking vacation from Monday, June 30 through Monday, July 14. Guest preachers for Sunday, July 6 and Sunday, July 13 will be announced. If you have any pastoral needs, please call your watchcare deacon or the chair of the Board of Deacons, Alison Mowery at 369-3314.

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### Bridal Shower

A bridal shower for Debbie Lovell will be given by Linda Goodman a friend of the Fogle and Lovell families.

**When:** Sunday, June 22, 1997

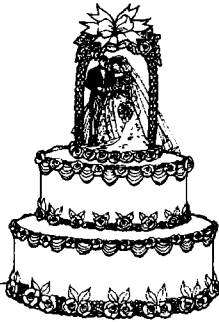
**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** First Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall

**Who:** Everyone

**R.S.V.P.** to Carol Fogle at 362-9284.

Debbie and Vic have registered at the following stores: J.C. Penney, Elder Beerman and Coast to Coast in Delaware.



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### Second Friday Dinner

Our church continues to join with the other Andrews House partner churches to serve Second Friday Dinners to approximately 70-75 community members young to food and Those who have seen the project. If spend an some month to help with tasks ranging from food preparation to serving, to transportation, to clean up - I will be happy to volunteer you. Please give me your name and choice of task. Workers from high school age up are welcome. Thank you for helping us remember those less fortunate than us.



from the very aged in need of fellowship. have helped need of this you could hour or two

*-Evelyn B. Lee*

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### Blanket Sunday

Your gift of \$190.00 will make a difference for many people around the globe. Church World

Service uses blanket funds to purchase and ship blankets worldwide and within the United States. It also supports a variety of self-help textile-oriented development projects through partner agencies.



*Blanket the World with Love*

Our gift last year totaled \$150.00. You will have another opportunity to honor and remember those special to you on June 15, Father's Day as we receive your offerings for Tools of Hope.

Thank you for caring.

*-Evelyn Lee*

*American Baptist Women's Ministries*

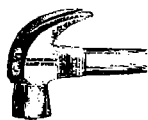
### Blanket Sunday, May 11, 1997

- Frocie Brummett
- JoAnn Brummett - Memory of Lillian Uptain
- Jody Lynn & Rundy - Memory of Lillian Uptain and Pearl Thomas
- Marie Brummett - Memory of Violet Curtis
- Geneva Evans - Memory of Ernestine Frost
- Sandie Heizer - Memory of Beverly Griffith
- Hopkins/Gillette Family - Memory of Mary Paulette Rogers
- Anne Linn - Memory of Annie Marsh
- Betty Porter - Memory of Grandmother Blanche Berger
- Marge Smale - Memory of Mother Ann Volk
- Jim & Bertha Van Brimmer - Memory of Mothers and Sisters
- Jean Wickum - memory of Marie Moffett Mead and Mable P. Mead
- Jody Lynn & Rundy - Honor of JoAnn Brummett
- Karen Brummett - Honor of Dr. Judith Lockyer
- Pam & Larry Faulk - Honor of Pat Cole, Flo Faulk and Jean Wickum
- Bob & Sandie Heizer - Honor of Elizabeth Heizer
- Evelyn Lee - Honor of daughters-in-law: Barbara, Linda, and Marcia
- Phil & Melissa Mercer - Honor of Mothers Judy Mercer and Jane Moore
- Allison Mowery - Honor of Anne Linn
- Jean Osborne - Honor of Alice Osborne
- Barbara Reed - Honor of Katherine Clapper
- Shirley Parker - Honor of friend Emma McAuley
- Jeff & Donna Reed - Honor of mothers Jane Reed and Dorene Scurlock
- Randy and Jennifer Turner- Honor of Tonabell

Turner and Jane Moore  
 Barbara Van Brimmer - Honor of Inez  
 Steinbrecher  
 Rick Van Brimmer - Honor of Bertha  
 Van Brimmer  
 Linda White - Honor of Margaret Seckman and  
 Carolyn Schneeberger

July 2 Tracy Breese  
 3 Phil Mercer  
 7 Jody Lynn Brummett

**Trustees**



♦ The Sunday School hymnals have been returned rebound at a cost of \$415.35. This leaves \$225.33 which will be transferred to the Handicapped

Access Fund. We will put the hymnals out as soon as new labels are made and put in them. A thank you to Barbara Van Brimmer for overseeing this project.

♦ On Saturday, May 24, Tricia Wandling and Scott Kenney were married in our church. Pastor Brummett officiated. The soloist was Lisa Balch and the organist was Tyna Milcetic, organist at Grace United Methodist Church. Peter White served as building host. A thank you to Mike Griffith for cleaning before and after the wedding.

♦ Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> was the first Sunday in 1997 that we didn't need any heat on in the church! That's another reason the gas budget will remain at over \$400 a month instead of the \$300 it used to be.

-Peter White  
 Board of Trustees

*Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lovell  
 request the honour of your presence  
 at the marriage of their daughter  
 Deborah Jean  
 to  
 Victor Guy Fogle  
 United States Marine Corps  
 son of Mrs. Willard Fogle  
 on Saturday, the fifth of July  
 Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven  
 at one-thirty in the afternoon  
 First Baptist Church  
 101 North Franklin Street  
 Delaware, Ohio*

*Reception immediately following  
 Delaware County Fairgrounds  
 Junior Fair Building  
 RSVP to Mary Lou Lovell 369-6041  
 by June 14, 1997*

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- June 3 Justine Francis
- 8 Pam Faulk  
 Carol Fogle  
 Aric Mompher
- 9 Mike & Teresa Griffith
- 10 David & Mary Lou Lovell
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 12 Anne Linn
- 15 Charles Ekelberry
- 23 Ned Weakland
- 24 Beth Trigg
- 25 Sandie Heizer
- 27 Joe & Alison Mowery
- 28 Jami Riedmiller



**Thank You**

Thanks for the cards, visits and phone calls after my knee injury. I really appreciated every one. Also to my "unknown" secret friend, a thank you for the flowers and cards.

Love to all,  
 -Bernice Turney

**Personals**

♦ Sophia and Jim Stephenson visited Sophia's sister and brother-in-law in Los Alamos, New Mexico for two weeks. They also visited the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Monument Valley, and other sites in the southwest.

♦ On May 9, at Honor's Day Convocation at Baldwin-Wallace College, Deborah Lovell received the 1997 Memorial Chemistry Scholarship and the Division of Analytical Chemistry Award.

♦ Matthew Lovell will travel with the Ohio State University Men's Glee Club Tour from June 14 through 23. The group will travel to Albany, Boston, Buffalo, New York City and West Point.

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**Summer Newsletter Schedule**

The next issue of the newsletter will be published the first Sunday in July and it will be a combined July/August issue. If you'll need to publicize an August event, please plan ahead and have your article ready for the July/August issue.

The September issue will be published the last Sunday in August so we can give advanced notice of September events.

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**Directory Update**

♦ Matthew Lovell's new email address is: Lovell.17@osu.edu.

♦ Ty and Tracy Breese should be changed to Ty and Tracy Breese.

♦ Tracy Breese's Birthday is July 2, instead of June 2.

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**Peace Sunday - June 15, 1997**

On June 15, we will celebrate Peace Sunday. Please prepare for Peace Sunday by using the meditations printed on the back of this page. Remember to pray for the children of our church, community and world.

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**June Calendar**

Please mark your Calendar with these special events and meetings:

- Monday, June 2: 7 - Piecemakers  
7 - Boy Scouts
- Tuesday, June 3: 7 - Deacons
- Sunday, June 8: 10 - Children's Day Worship  
12:30 - 2 - Peace Camp Meeting
- Monday, June 9: 7 - Boy Scouts
- Thursday, June 12: 7 - Prayer Service
- Monday, June 16: 7 - Boy Scouts

Thursday, June 19: 6:30 - A.B.W. Ministries Picnic

Saturday, June 21: 8:30 - Men's Breakfast

Sunday, June 23 - June 27 - Peace Camp '97

Sunday - 6:00 - Inter-generational, bring a sundae topping

Monday - Thursday: 9 - 11:30 in the morning for Children only

Friday - 6 - Intergenerational Picnic at Blue Limestone Park

Monday, June 23: 7 - Boy Scouts

Monday, June 23 - June 26 - Pastor at ABC/USA Biennial Meeting in Indianapolis

Thursday, June 26: 7 - Parish Council  
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**ABC/USA Biennial Meeting**

From Monday June 23 through Thursday, June 26, Pastor Brummett will be at the ABC/USA Biennial Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. If you have any pastoral need please call your watchcare deacon or Alison Mowery, chairperson of the Board of Deacons (369-3314).  
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**June Worship**

**June 1**

Holy Communion  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
"Slaves R Us"

**June 8**

Children's Day  
Guest Preachers:  
Elizabeth Hopkins and  
Jenna Weakland

**June 15**

Peace Sunday  
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

**June 22**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
1 Samuel 17:32-49

**June 29**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Mark 5:21-43

**July 6**

Holy Communion  
Guest Preacher

# *"They shall not bear children for calamity."*

*Isaiah 65:23*

## MEDITATIONS

In Preparation for Peace Sunday

### MONDAY

READ I John 3:1.

"We should say to each of them: Do you know what you are? You are a marvel. You are unique. In all the world there is no other child exactly like you. In the millions of years that have passed, there has never been a child like you...and when you grow up, can you then harm another child who is, like you, a marvel? You must cherish one another. You must work—we all must work—to make this world worthy of its children."—*Pablo Casals*

PRAY for God's eyes to behold the uniqueness and specialness of each human being, particularly those in your life. Pray for God's heart to embrace those far from you who are also loved by God, affirming their right to basic provision, respect and peace.

### TUESDAY

READ James 5:1-6.

"Thirty children a minute are dying from hunger. If 10% of the world's military budget was converted to meet the needs of the hungry in the world, hunger could be obliterated."—*World Bank*

PRAY for a world where children will not know real hunger. Take time to hear the cries of hungry children as God hears the cries of the poor and dispossessed. Ask God to seal in your heart one specific action in response to those cries.

### WEDNESDAY

READ Matthew 2:16-18.

"When young people are deprived of an opportunity to give their lives a meaning, and when they have lost their last glimmer of hope, they fall victims to drugs and crime."—*Latin American Bishops*

PRAY for the children of the world whose lives are wasted because of war, neglect, poverty or decisions of Herods at home or in their nation. Pray for the children who become victimizers of others through their own captivity to brokenness and hopelessness.

### THURSDAY

READ I John 3:11-18

"But ultimately the problems that we talk about on a macroeconomic level or on a global level, all come back to that human level where we begin to learn to love

one another at home, and in families and in one-to-one relationships; where we begin to appreciate those differences, where we begin to develop partnerships."—*Andrew Young*

PRAY about your own intimate relationships. Ask God to help you build a world of peace in that smallest human community. Ask to grow in love that shows itself in deed and in truth.

### FRIDAY

READ James 3:13-18.

"There is an old Roman proverb that says: 'If you would wish for peace, then prepare for war.' Rubbish! If you would wish for peace, then offer alternatives to war!"—*Barbara Ward*

PRAY for God's wisdom to see in your conflicts the alternatives which lead to creativity, reconciliation and resolution. Commit yourself to sow specific seeds of peace in one of those conflict over the next day.

### SATURDAY

READ Matthew 7:12.

"World peace starts right here. I will not raise my child to kill your child."—*Barbara Choo*

PRAY for the simplicity of Christ's teaching to penetrate your own heart. Offer yourself as a model to young people about how to respect the lives of others, even your enemies.

### SUNDAY

READ Hebrews 11:1.

"I simply can't build up my hopes on a foundation consisting of confusion, misery and death. I see the world gradually being turned into a wilderness, I hear the ever approaching thunder, which will destroy us too. I can feel the sufferings of millions and yet, if I look up into the heavens, I think it will all come right, that this cruelty too will end, and that peace and tranquility will return again."—*Anne Frank*

PRAY for the faith to have God's vision for the world so fill your soul that it will spill out into creative action. Pray for a stronger hope than any of the seductions of despair, that you might live in the faith of the God who is Lord of the future.

# Good News Letter

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**V**ACATION. What a wonderful thing. Time to relax, kick back, let down my hair and just relax. No schedule. No plans. Nothing to do except whatever my little heart desires.

Vacation? Yea, right.

I'm on vacation, and yet I find myself sitting at a computer, not vacationing, but working.

What's wrong with this picture?

The truth is, I have my whole week chocked full of activities, none of which are remotely linked to the term vacation. Why? Because, as

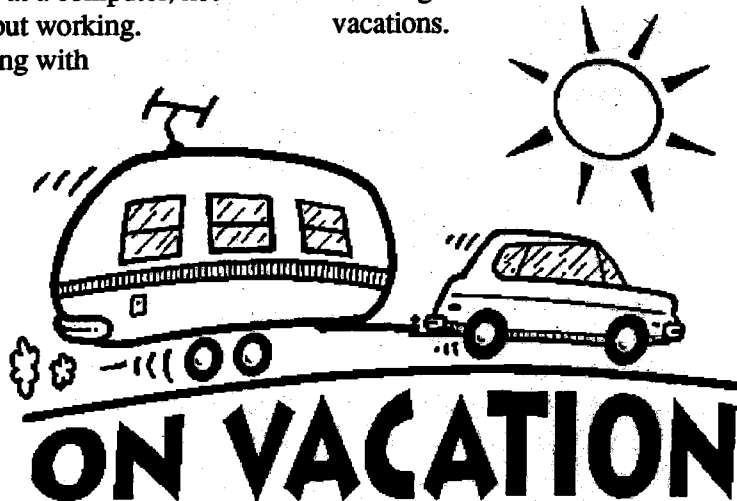
they say, "I'm so far behind I think I'm ahead." Why am I so far behind? Well, if you haven't heard yet (which isn't likely), I'm planning a wedding. And, in case you didn't know, planning a wedding is a LOT of work. I plan to spend the first three days of this week addressing all of my invitations, going shopping to find a M.O.B. (Mother of the Bride) dress, and looking for all of those little odds and ends that make a wedding.

On top of all that, I was at the ABC/USA Biennial meeting in Indianapolis last week, where I was able to get even further behind. Now, in order to convince all of you that I can get married and still be a some-

what effective pastor, I must work during my vacation.

Now, don't think I'm telling you this to make you feel guilty or to cause you to feel sorry for me. That would be wrong.

I've told you all of this, so that I can now tell you that I don't think we should go on vacations.



Now I'm not telling you this to make you upset or depressed. It's just that I believe that the term vacation is a misnomer. It gives us the impression that we're going to get something that we really aren't going to get. Our expectations for a vacation are far, far too high. We expect to leave for a vacation exhausted, tired and completely worn out, and return completely rejuvenated ready to plow back into our jobs and lives with renewed energy. I don't think so. It's impossible for me to take this two weeks away from Delaware, my work, and all of you, and come back entirely and completely refreshed. Even I've been around long enough to know that it just doesn't work that

way. It's simply impossible to get away from it all.

I'm just kidding myself if I think I can actually ever take a real vacation. And I'm not sure that I want to. I love what I do: my work, my friends, the community I live in and the activities I'm involved in. I don't really want to get away from it all. All I can ever hope to accomplish, is to remove myself from all of these things that I love in order to remind myself how much I do love them. Because, when life gets busy and hectic, and I get over-worked and too involved in the things of my life, I have to take a vacation. I try not to think of it as taking a vacation from my life and my work, but as taking a vacation for my life and my work.

As I type these final words, I prepare to begin my real vacation. And I say a prayer of thanks for all of you, hoping that you will find some time this summer to take a vacation for your life. Because, in the end, our lives and the lives of those we care for and minister to depend on it.

Many Blessings,

## Handicapped Access Ground Breaking

At noon on Sunday, July 20, we will have the official ground breaking at

the rear of the church where the vestibule housing the elevator will be located. We will follow this ceremony with a pot-luck lunch in our fellowship hall. Please plan to join your family with the other church families in this joyous celebration.

—Evelyn Lee  
Handicapped Access Committee

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**Teacher Needed**

Wanted: Teacher for Primary Class (grades 1 and 2) for next church school year.

Description: A challenging yet rewarding job for someone who would like to make a difference in a young person's spiritual life. Excellent materials and a substitute teacher will be provided.

Benefits: Lifelong for both teacher and pupils! See or phone Linda White (362-1091) if interested. Don't delay — this is a great opportunity!

—Linda White  
Board Of Christian Education

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**Choir Social**

If you have ever considered joining the choir, you are invited to join our choir for food, fellowship, and song at a choir social. It will be held at 7:00 on Wednesday, August 20 at a place to be announced. Linda White will be our hostess.

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**Tools of Hope**

Donations were received on June 15 with the following dedications:

- Jody Lynn Brummett and Rundy Hagans, in memory of Gilbert Hagans, Alford "Bromo" Brummett, and in honor of Joe Brummett
- Frances M. Cook in memory of Frederick P. Cook and Wallace F. Leighs
- Jeanne Ekelberry, in memory of Hewlett Trogdon

**Newsletter Schedule**

Please note that this issue of the newsletter is for both July and August. The September issue will be published the last Sunday in August .

- Jim Stephenson, editor

- Erin and Jeff Faulk, in honor of Larry Faulk
- Pam and Larry Faulk, in memory of Don Faulk, Ralph Cole and Wilbur Wickum
- Kirby and Tammy Francis, in memory of Rev. David M. Francis and in honor of Jim Hughes
- Gillette/Hopkins family in honor of Thomas M. Rogers
- Robert Heizer in memory of George E. Heizer
- Evelyn Lee in honor of sons Bruce, Doug, and Rick
- Anne Linn in honor of Stanley Anstaett
- Lovell family in memory of George Cray and Robert Lovell, and in honor of Ray Morby
- Debbie Lovell and Victor Fogle in memory of Willard Fogle and in honor of Dave Lovell
- Laura and Adam Mowery, in honor of Joe Mowery
- Betty Porter in memory of her father Ralph E. Guy
- Barb Reed in memory of her husband James Reed
- Jeff and Donna Reed in memory of Jeff's father Ron Reed, and in honor of Donna's father Bob Scurlock
- Marge Smale in memory of her father Francis J. Volk
- Sophia and Jim Stephenson in memory of Rev. James Stephenson
- Archie J. Trigg in memory of Archie L. Trigg
- Randy and Jennifer Turner in memory of Audy Turner and Adren Jones
- Bernice Turney in memory of Ben

Turney

- Barbara Van Brimmer in honor of Paul Steinbrecher
- Rick Van Brimmer in honor of Jim Van Brimmer
- Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer in memory of their fathers
- Linda White in honor of Charles Seckman
- Jean Wickum in honor of Larry Faulk and John Mead

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Thank you for making a difference in the daily life—and future—of adults and youngsters alike in more than 70 countries through Church World Service. Our contribution was \$181.

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**Letters**

**RETIREMENT!**

After 17 years, 9 months, I will be retiring from the Child Support Agency. I plan to spend more time with my mother and the rest of my family. Also, more time quilting, sewing and reading.

—Jeanne Ekelberry

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Thank you for the cards, expressions of love and understanding that I received when my sister died. Special thanks to the women of the church for the lunch that was served after the service. It was truly an expression of Christian love and hospitality.

—Marge Smale

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**Church Retreat**

This year's church retreat is a very special celebration. The theme will be "Celebrate with Your 'Family'". We will be celebrating at Judson Hills on September 5 to 7. If you have been to any of the first 24 retreats, come and relive old memories; if you've never been, come and see what you've been missing and get to know your church family a little better. We have tried to keep the cost down. It is the lowest it has been for

## JULY WORSHIP

### July 6

Holy Communion  
Guest Preacher:  
Tom Weakland  
"Truth Vs Fact"

### July 13

Guest Preacher:  
Sandie Heizer  
Judges 19:27-30 & Luke 8:1-3  
"Fragments"

### July 20

Mark 6:1-13  
"The Call to Conflict"

### July 27

Joint Worship Service  
Zion U.C.C.  
The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett  
2 Samuel 11:1-15  
"Living the Right Story"

## AUGUST WORSHIP

### August 3

Holy Communion  
Joint Worship Service  
First Baptist Church  
The Rev. Dr. William R. Nirote

### August 10

2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33  
"The Heavier Side of Life"

### August 17

John 6:51-58  
"To Have and To Hold"

### August 24

Ephesians 6:10-20  
"Turkey or Tortillas?"

### August 31

Rally Day  
James 1:17-27  
"Fill 'Er Up"

### In Nehemiah Center

one person occupancy - \$70 per person  
two people occupancy - \$45 per person

### ONE NIGHT

#### In Cabins

Adult: \$20  
Child (4-10): \$15  
Family Plan (3 or more immediate family): \$30 + \$7 per person

#### In Nehemiah Center

one person occupancy: \$40 per person  
two people occupancy: \$30 per person

### SATURDAY DAYTIME

(meals and materials, but no lodging)  
Adult: \$10  
Child (4-10): \$7

### SUNDAY (breakfast only)

Adult: \$3  
Child (4-10): \$1.50

## Thanks

A special thank you goes out to all those who worked at Wyandot Lake on June 21. The check has not been received yet, but we made around \$200 for the retreat fund. It was not the most fun thing to do on a very hot day, so your efforts were much appreciated.

several years, and is much less than what the camp will charge us due to our fund raising efforts. Please prayerfully consider joining your church family for this very important event. Fill out the attached registration form and give it to Jody Lynn or Pam Faulk by August 31. Some rooms in the Nehemiah Center should be available, but no guarantees. It is much cheaper if you have a room-

mate if you wish one of those rooms. Here are the prices:

*Unless noted otherwise, prices include food, lodging, and materials.*

### FULL WEEKEND (two nights)

#### In Cabins

Adult: \$30  
Child (4-10): \$25  
Family Plan (3 or more immediate family): \$40 + \$10 per person

## Retreat Registration

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Persons attending retreat: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Weekend     One Night     Saturday Only     Sunday Only

Our family will not be attending the retreat.



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## One Great Hour of Sharing

Our offerings in June for One Great Hour of Sharing totalled \$279.41. Our goal was \$300.

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## Shower for Jody Lynn Brummett and Rundy Hagans

All men and women of the church are invited to a wedding shower for Jody Lynn and Rundy on Saturday, August 16 at 2:00 at the church. The happy couple are registered at Coast to Coast, J.C. Penny, and Service Merchandise. Please RSVP to Pam Faulk, Melissa Mercer, or Allison Mowery.

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## Nacel Cultural Exchanges

Open new worlds to your family! Share your home with a French or

Spanish teenager for four weeks this summer. The students, ages 14-18, are hoping to learn about American life by becoming part of a family.

Host families provide meals, a bed and a caring atmosphere. The students share their language and culture with their host family. Their visit is sponsored by Nacel Cultural Exchanges, a non-profit educational organization.

For information, contact: Margo Gibbs, Ohio Coordinator, at 548-2113 or Nacel at 1-800-622-3553.

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## McTaggart 50th Anniversary Reception

We were fortunate to have John and Bertha McTaggart as members of our church fellowship for many years. You are invited to attend a reception in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. It will be held at 3:00 on Sunday, July 27 at the First Baptist Church, 111 West Monument Street (just off of Main Street), Dayton.

Please no gifts, just your presence. If you can't attend but wish to send a card or letter, their home address is 8330 Saint Francis Court, Centerville, OH 45458.

We send them our congratulations and best wishes.

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## Personals:

• **FRANCES BRANDUM**, sister of **MARGE SMALE**, died on June 3. She had served as an Army nurse from 1945 to 1947 and later as a special duty registered nurse. Our sympathy and prayers go out to her family.

• **EDITH HALL** fell in her home and received 8 stitches above her left eye. She is fine and recuperating at home.

• **ERIN FAULK** was named to the Dean's List for second semester at Hope College. She is home for the summer and working as a nanny. She would like to thank the church for the care package she received in May.

• **Rick Van Brimmer** received Ohio State's "Distinguished Staff Award" at ceremonies held June 11. It is the highest non-teaching award given by the University.

• **JENNIFER AND ED LINN** have moved from a one-bedroom to a two-bedroom apartment in the same complex. Their new address is in the Church Directory Update.

• **JACK SMITH AND MARILYN** took a trip to Branson, Missouri.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|------|----|---|
| July | 2  | Tracy Breese  |
|      | 3  | Phil Mercer   |
|      | 7  | Jody Lynn Brummett                                      |
|      | 13 | Sue Elfner  |
|      | 18 | Peter & Linda White                                     |
|      | 19 | Jarrold Trigg   |
|      | 20 | Darlene Bennett   |
|      | 23 | Alison Mowery<br>John & Kathy Maher                     |
|      | 26 | Jeff Faulk  |
|      | 27 | John & Anne Linn  |
|      | 28 | Darlene Bennett   |
|      | 30 | Bernice Turney  |
| Aug. | 3  | Carolyn Schneeberger                                    |
|      | 7  | Jennifer Linn   |
|      | 8  | Mary Gillette<br>Jim Van Brimmer<br>Jean Syler          |
|      | 9  | Steve Stoner  |
|      | 14 | Rick & Barbara<br>Van Brimmer                           |
|      | 17 | George & Cris Riedmiller                                |
|      | 18 | Pam & Larry Faulk                                       |
|      | 19 | Tom & Shannon Weakland                                  |
|      | 21 | Jim Stephenson  |
|      | 24 | Florence Faulk<br>Lynn & Sue Elfner                     |
|      | 25 | Betty Davis   |
|      | 26 | Kirby & Tammy Francis                                   |
|      | 27 | Linda White<br>Christina Hopkins                        |
|      | 29 | Lynn Elfner   |
|      | 30 | Fred & Carol Grubbs<br>Katie Riedmiller<br>Archie Trigg |

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

## Church Directory Update

- Mike and Teresa Griffith's address is:  
284 Lake Street
- The Mercer family's listing should include:  
Jane Mercer (April 10)
- Michael Ekelberry's address is:  
1313 W. 112th St., Apt. 7  
Cleveland, OH 44102
- Janet Porter's new address is: 8909 Oak Village (the rest of the address stays the same), and her e-mail address is:  
janetporter1@juno.com
- Jennifer and Ed Linn's e-mail address is:  
jedlinn@juno.com

# JULY 1997

## First Baptist Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 Deacons	2 7:00 Choir	3 5:00 Fogle/Lovell Rehearsal	4 <b>Independence Day</b>	5 1:30 Fogle/Lovell Wedding
Pastor on Vacation June 30 - July 14						
6 10:00 Morning Worship with guest preacher Tom Weakland 5:00 Ecumenical Vespers at City Park	7 7:00 Delaware Piecemakers Boy Scouts	8 8:30 Men's Softball*	9	10 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Prayer Service	11 9:45 Co-Ed Softball*	12
Pastor on Vacation						
13 10:00 Morning Worship with guest preacher Sandie Heizer	14 7:00 Boy Scouts	15 12:30 Board of Christian Education pot luck lunch at Elfners	16 10:00 4-H Meeting	17 6:00 Ross/Watkins Rehearsal 7:15 Men's Softball*	18 7:15 Co-Ed Softball*	19 8:30 Mens' Breakfast 5:30 Ross/Watkins Wedding
Pastor on Vacation						
20 10:00 Morning Worship 12:00 Ground Breaking Ceremony for Handicapped Access Project, Followed by Pot-Luck Lunch	21 7:00 Boy Scouts	22 9:45 Men's Softball*	23 7:00 Choir	24	25 7:15 Co-Ed Softball*	26
27 10:00 Joint Worship Service at Zion United Church of Christ, with Pastor Brummett Preaching 3:00 McTaggart's 50th Anniversary Reception in Dayton	28 7:00 Boy Scouts	29	30 6:30 Covered-Dish Dinner & Business Meeting	31 9:45 Men's Softball*	August 1 9:45 Co-Ed Softball*	2 6:30 Clemens/Martel Wedding
Pastor at Conference in Chicago						

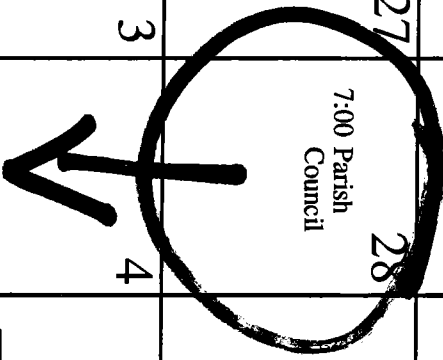
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# AUGUST 1997

First Baptist Church  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:00 Joint Worship Service at First Baptist, with William R. Niroto Preaching	4 7:00 Delaware Piecemakers Boy Scouts 8:30 Co-Ed Softball*	5 7:00 Deacons 7:15 Men's Softball*	6 10:00 4-H Meeting	7 12:00 Young at Heart 12:00 Board of Christian Ed. 7:15 Men's Soft. Tournament*	8	9 8:30 Men's Breakfast 2:00 Brummett/Hagens Shower
10 10:00 Morning Worship	11 7:00 Boy Scouts	12	13	14	15	16
17 10:00 Morning Worship	18 7:00 Boy Scouts 9:45 Co-Ed Softball*	19	20 7:00 Choir Social (place to be announced)	21 7:15 Co-Ed Softball Tournament*	22	23
24 10:00 Morning Worship <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	25	26	27 7:00 Choir	28 7:00 Parish Council	29	30
31 Rally Day 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>September newsletter publishes today (one week earlier than usual)</i>	1 September	2 7:00 Deacons	3 7:00 Choir	4	5	6



25th Annual All-Church Retreat, Friday through Sunday

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The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett, Pastor  
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It was a long time ago, twenty-four years to be exact. My parents would pile me and my brother and most of our belongings into the car and we'd hook up our camper and drag the whole mess up to our property in Cheboygan, Michigan. Just in case you don't know your geography, Cheboygan's in the Northern part of the Lower Peninsula, about 15 miles South of the Mackinaw Bridge.

The land we own covers 140 acres. We always set up camp in a clearing just off the main road which covered about 20 acres. My parents had a pond dug in the back near the woods to provide a fishing hole for us and a watering hole for the deer and other animals. We would spend our time fishing, taking nature hikes, having campfires. One summer we collected stones and wrote our name in a bare spot of ground next to our camper.

I have only fond memories of going on vacations up to this property. And, so it shouldn't surprise you that this summer I wanted to take my fiance up there to share this great spot with him. Now I remember that the last time I camped on this property, I was eight years old. So my memory of what it looked like and where it was located were that of a young child.

Rundy and I drove up and down the road that my dad promised me is the same road that our property is on. But I couldn't find the property. We drove up and down that road about 3 million times (Ask Rundy, I'm not exaggerating), until I finally gave up and gave my Mom a call on the cell phone. And still, I swore up and down (using all good words of course) that we couldn't possibly be on the right road, because I didn't see anything that even vaguely

resembled the property I remembered. Mom assured me that we were on the right road, and in fact, we had driven right past it all 3 million times. I just didn't recognize it anymore, and so I couldn't see it.

That was my problem. I was looking for the property that I remembered. I guess that we expect things that we love not to change. Now, in 24 years, I've changed quite a lot. But in my heart



and memory, I didn't want that property to have changed. We finally found it. We stopped an elderly gentleman, driving a pickup truck, and asked if he knew where the land was that had a pond on it. Well, as fate would have it, he had lived in Cheboygan for 75 years and knew every inch of that City. "It's right over there," He said, while pointing across the road to a heavily wooded piece of land. All I could say was, "Are you sure?" He was sure alright. And sure enough we started walking back onto that piece of land, and we walked and walked, and I heard

ed in the direction where I thought the pond was located, and eventually we found it. But it didn't look the way I remembered. That beautiful clearing had grown up with trees that were huge, and the pond looked a lot smaller than I remembered. To tell you the truth, I was disappointed.

Well, this is just another case of that old "You can't see the forest for all of the trees" syndrome. All those trees didn't stop growing just because I stopped going up to the property. That piece of land didn't stay the same for 24 years just for the sake of my memory. Life doesn't work that way.

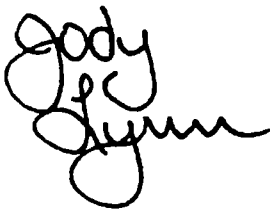
I did a lot of growing up that day. And as a bonus, I learned a little something about the nature of life. Life is all about change. Somehow, in the great scheme of creation, God made it so that people and things don't stay the same.

And you might think, like I did, that this is obvious. Everyone knows this. Don't insult our intelligence. But, I'm not so sure. I believe that most of us would prefer to live as though nothing will ever change from the way we like it, or from the way we get used to having it, or from the way we remember it. Even if we don't like what happens in our lives, we have a hard time believing things will ever change for the better.

The truth is, things are gonna change. But we have a choice. We can either accept the changes or not. The question is: will we be open to allowing changes to happen within ourselves and within the world around us? Because, this is where the rubber meets the road. If we can accept change, then we can accept the presence of God in our lives. God doesn't enter into our lives when we're 8 years old and stay the same for 24

years. It would be more comfortable and reassuring that way, but it certainly wouldn't be as much fun. We have a dynamic God, who changes with us, who encourages us to change and sometimes stands behind us pushing us trying to get us to change. The only thing that doesn't change, is that God is always with us.

In this time of change, may God's presence give us the strength to hold on to the God who always is, so that we can become the people God calls us into being. Amen.



**Sunday School**

Summer is nearly over and once again it is time to begin a new year of Sunday

School activities. Classes begin Sunday, August 31 with a breakfast buffet (bring a breakfast item to share) at 8:30 followed by opening activities and classes will start by 9:25. Our regular time schedule will be: opening at 9:15; classes from 9:25 to 10:25.

This year those who have made a commitment to teach are as follows:

Pre-School & Kindergarten:  
Barb Reed, teacher  
Carol Grubbs, substitute

Primary (grades 1 and 2):  
Donna Reed, teacher  
Evelyn Lee, substitute

Middlers (grades 3 to 5):  
Linda White, teacher  
Jeanne Ekelberry, substitute

Junior High (grades 6 to 8):  
Sue Elfner, teacher  
Pam Faulk, substitute

Senior High (grades 9 to 12):  
Larry Faulk, teacher  
Arch Trigg, substitute

Adult Class I:  
Randy Turner, teacher  
Jim Van Brimmer, substitute

Adult Class II:  
Jody Lynn Brummett, teacher

Our teachers have purposefully taken this challenge to pray, prepare, and teach in our Sunday School. Won't you purposefully make a commitment to join us this year and become a member of a Sunday School class? Exciting things can and will happen. See you then!

-Linda White  
Sunday School Coordinator

**Trustees Notes**

- A thank you to Mike Griffith for cleaning up and putting everything away after the Fogle-Lovell wedding.
- A thank you to Jim Van Brimmer for making an immediate repair to the pipe organ before the Fogle-Lovell wedding. A major wind supply line had

**25TH ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT**

Don't forget our annual church retreat on September 5, 6 and 7. Contact Pastor Brummett or Pam Faulk immediately if you haven't turned in the form from the June newsletter. Every family in the church should have filled in this form and returned it to Jody Lynn or Pam.

**Schedule:**

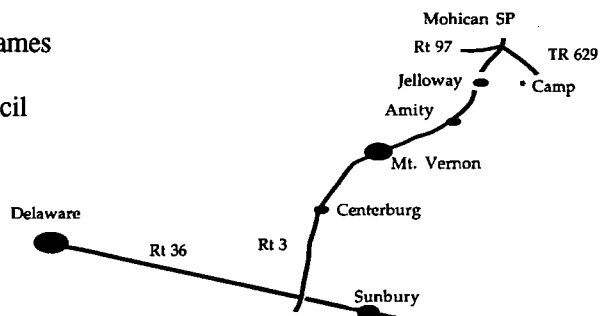
- FRIDAY**  
6:30 Arrive and unpack  
7:30 Dinner  
9:00 Session #1  
10:00 Free time - relax
- SATURDAY**  
7:00 Rise and shine  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Session #2  
11:00 Free time  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Session #3  
3:00 Free time  
5:30 Supper  
7:30 Evening program and free time
- SUNDAY**  
7:00 Rise and shine  
8:00 Breakfast  
10:00 Worship

**What to Bring:**

- Retreat remembrances  
Favorite skits  
Photos  
Sleeping bag or bedroll and pillow  
Towel, washcloth, toiletries  
Rain gear (so that it won't rain)  
Comfortable and "extra" shoes  
Clothes for two days  
Songs or skit for Saturday night (see Pam)  
Beverages for free time and Friday supper  
Board games and outdoor games  
Bible  
Tablet or notebook with pencil  
Flashlight  
Camera  
Sweater or jacket  
Desire to have a good time!

**Directions to Judson Hills Camp:**

Take Rt. 36 towards Sunbury. Turn left onto Rt. 3. Continue on through Centerburg, Mount Vernon, Amity and Jelloway to the intersection of Rt. 3 and Rt. 97 (at Mohican State Park). Turn right onto Township Rd. 629, drive past the Canoe Livery and on to the camp (about 2 miles).



## Groundbreaking Ceremony Held

The groundbreaking ceremony for the handicapped accessibility project was held at noon on Sunday, July 20. The ceremony included a litany by Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett, special music by Jeanne Ekelberry, and greetings from the ABC/OHIO by Rev. Sandie Heizer. Other participants included Rick Van Brimmer, moderator, and Jim Van Brimmer, Deacon.

The project will provide three major changes to our facilities: an elevator at the rear of the church, handicapped parking in a paved lot, and handicapped-accessible rest rooms. Members of the Handicapped Access Committee are Evelyn Lee, chairperson, Jody Lynn Brummett, Jim Van Brimmer, and Peter White.

A potluck lunch in the fellowship hall followed the ceremony.



*From left to right: Peter White, chairperson, Board of Trustees; John Creasy, Architect, Stults and Assoc.; Louis Huffman, Contractor, Countryside Construction; Phil Trotter, Acme Home Elevator Co.; Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett*

come apart. Good old duct tape did the job but it was hard to get to. It saved us a service call.

- On July 19, Erick Watkins and Tiffany Ross were married at First Baptist. Pastor Brummett officiated, Mary Lou Lovell was organist, and Peter White served as building host.
- The sanctuary piano was tuned by Clifford Rector before the joint service with Zion UCC.
- The trustees have contacted Patrick Electric to give us an estimate on a fire alarm system which the fire department says we are required to have by state law.
- Our new insurance company did a walk-through inspection and gave us two recommendations, but we will concentrate on the fire alarm system first! Outside inspections take the money we badly need for building maintenance, but we will do what we have to do in order to comply.

*—Peter White  
Chairman, Trustees*

## DISCIPLE Bible Study

Starting in October, Jim Van Brimmer, Alison Mowery and Jean Wickum will be leading a DISCIPLE Bible Study Class. This is an intensive 34 week study of the Bible in relation to being Disciples of Jesus Christ. It involves a 2-hour weekly class meeting plus about 1 hour of study and preparation time each day. The day for meeting has not been determined. If you are interested in participating please call any of the leaders or Pastor Brummett. There will be an information meeting following morning worship on Sunday, August 31.

## Fall Rally

The Marion Association Fall Rally will take place on Sunday, September 28 starting at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Marion. At this meeting, the new president of the Marion Association, The Rev. Jody Lynn Hagens (Brummett) will be installed. The evening's events will include a short business meeting, a light supper,

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

**SEPTEMBER 7**  
Holy Communion  
Worship in Song and Prayer

**SEPTEMBER 14**  
Guest Preacher:  
Randy Turner

**SEPTEMBER 21**  
Mark 9:30-37  
"The Least We Can Do"

**SEPTEMBER 28**  
Christian Education Sunday  
Mark 9:38-50  
"The Broken Circle"

**OCTOBER 5**  
World Communion Day  
~~CropWalk Sunday~~  
Mark 10:2-16  
"Handle With Care"

and a worship service with special music and a sermon from our Executive Minister Dr. C. Jeff Woods.

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**Engagement Announced**

The Trigg and Hedges families are jubilant to announce that Jarrod and Nichelle are engaged to be married. The wedding date is set for October 3, 1998.

Another blessing was Nichelle joining our congregation on August 17, 1997.

-Beth Trigg

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**Personals**

• **BARB AND RICK VAN BRIMMER** vacationed in Italy this first two weeks of August. Stops included Venice, Florence, Capri, and Rome—where they celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary.

**BARB** was also featured in a Dispatch newspaper article about her work as curator of the Medical Heritage Center at Ohio State University.

• As the newsletter was going to press I received word of the birth of a new baby. I wasn't able to confirm the proper spelling of the baby's name, so I

hope this is correct. **SIDNEY ST CLAIR RUNYAN** was born on Friday, August 22. Her parents are **CHIP AND DIANNA RUNYAN** and **JANET LATHROP** is her grandmother. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and both mother and daughter are doing well.

• **DEBORAH LOVELL AND VICTOR FOGLE** were married at First Baptist on Saturday, July 5. The Rev. Heather Rittenhouse officiated.

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**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- Sept. 8 Tammy Francis
- 10 Katherine Griffith
- 11 Barbara Reed
- 14 Marci Sander  
Richard Davis
- 15 Janet Porter  
Jim & Bertha Van Brimmer
- 18 Melissa Mercer
- 24 Chip & Dianna Runyan
- 26 Michael & Tammy Grubbs  
Phil & Melissa Mercer
- 30 Mary Lou Lovell
- Oct. 3 Janet Lathrop  
Laura Beth Mowery
- 7 Jack Smith

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**CropWalk '97**

The Delaware CropWalk, which we usually hold on the first Sunday in October, will be postponed until Sunday, March 29, 1998. Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to participate.

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**Mission Advocates in Partnership**

An international missionary commissioning will take place in Grandville on Saturday, September 13 at 2 pm. Participants from around the world will participate by satellite. It will then be televised on the Odyssey Network on Sunday, September 14 at 3 pm.

**Church Directory Update**

New Addresses:

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Corrections:

**Ed and Jennifer Linn**


In the Personals section of the previous newsletter, it was incorrectly stated that Ed and Jennifer have moved. They have not. However, their e-mail address that was in the Church Directory Update was correct.

**Janet Porter**

In the previous newsletter, Janet's new address contained a typo. It should be:  
 8908 Oak Village Blvd.  
 (the rest of her address remains the same as printed in the directory)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Labor Day</b> 1 	2 7:00 Deacons	3 7:00 Choir	4	5	6
7 10:45 Morning Worship led by Jean Wickum and Beth Trigg. (There will not be any Sunday School classes today.)  Church Retreat	8 7:00 Delaware Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	9 7:30 Association Trustees Meeting at First Baptist, Sunbury	10 7:00 Choir	11	25th Annual Church Retreat	
				Pastor On Vacation		
14 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with guest preacher Randy Turner	15 7:00 Boy Scouts	16	17 7:00 Choir	18	19	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast
Pastor On Vacation						
21 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:30 Board of Christian Education	<b>First Day of Autumn</b> 22 7:00 Boy Scouts	23	24 7:00 Choir	25 7:00 Parish Council	26	27
<b>Christian Education Sunday</b> 28 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 4:00 Marion Association Fall Rally at Trinity Baptist Church, Marion <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	29 7:00 Boy Scouts	30	<b>October</b> 1 7:00 Choir	2	3	4



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# Good News Letter

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Rundy and I got a LOT of presents for our wedding. In fact, we're still trying to find places to put all of them. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe it may be a decorating faux pas to leave them all in the living room.

So, the Shaker style hutch should arrive this week and most of our gifts will either be put away or on display.

However, the best gifts we received weren't things, but people. And not just any kind of people, but the young variety, usually referred to as children. Most of the children didn't bring along cards and presents. The parents just signed their children's names to their cards. The children didn't have to give a present, because their present was just being there. (This of course is true of everyone).

Many of you got a chance to hear about or see the material presents that we received, but not everyone got to see the presents that the children gave us. Rundy and I not only saw these presents, but we received them with open arms. We thought perhaps you would like to share them with us.

There was Brittany, our flower girl, who was excited and proud to be in our wedding for her friend Rundy. You can see this when you look at the pictures. She had such a great time,

that she wants to become a free-lance flower girl.

There was Ned who drew a beautiful picture with a note to present to me after the wedding.

There was Stacy who did the "Hokey Pokey" and the "Macarena"

mony were paid.

There were the older college students who graciously traveled or came from their busy campus life to celebrate this day with us.

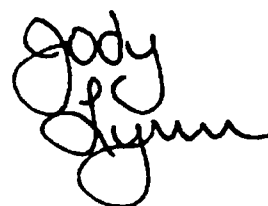
And there were all the children, young and old, who got their face painted and then went back to get both of their hands painted. Not to mention a few of the children and young at heart who strutted their stuff on the dance floor.

I would certainly be remiss if I didn't say a special thank you to Holly, Lindsay and Kayla who diligently and energetically helped open presents for nearly three hours on Sunday morning.

These were the greatest and best gifts. We will remember, laugh about and cherish these gifts for all of our life together. Along with your presence at our celebration, we are

grateful for God's love and for the love you all have given to us. Our only hope is that we will use this gift wisely and lavishly and that much love will come out of our marriage.

Many Blessings,



like we've never seen them done before.

There was Sarah, who tried to take a picture of the bride with an empty camera, and who when it was time to go home did everything in her power to distract her parents and delay their departure.

There was Jonathan who had profound reflections about how God's love was present at our wedding and who wanted to know if the comedians we had performing our wedding cere-

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## Trustees Notes

- A thank you to Mike Griffith for cleaning up and putting everything away after the Brummett-Hagans wedding.
- A thank you to Evelyn Lee and Bertha Van Brimmer for cleaning, sorting out and emptying the store room before construction started.
- A thank you to Dave Lovell for climbing the 40-foot ladder to change the spotlights over the stain glass window in the sanctuary.
- On August 2, Tom Martel and Sarah Clemens were married at First Baptist. Pastor Brummett officiated, Mary Lou Lovell was organist and Peter White served as building host.

- Your chairman did the lawn mowing and hedge trimming this past summer.
- A thank you to Lynn and Sue Elfner for mopping up the concrete dust after the new door was cut through the hallway wall into the nursery.

— Peter White, Chairman

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*Note: I accidentally omitted the following item from the Trustees Notes when I typed last month's newsletter.*

— editor

- On July 19, Erick Watson and Tiffany Ross were married at First Baptist. Pastor Brummett officiated, Mary Lou Lovell was organist, and Peter White served as building host.

## Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett and Rundy Hagans Wedding

The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett of Delaware and Rundy Hagans of Warsaw were united in marriage at First Baptist Church on September 13.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and JoAnn Brummett of Dearborn, Michigan. Her husband is the son of Harriet Hagans of Warsaw and the late Gilbert Hagans.

The Revs. Sandie and Bob Heizer officiated at the 5:30 pm service. Mary Lou Lovell was organist, Larry Griffin played trumpet, and Joe Brummett, the bride's father, played guitar. The bride's gown was made by her mother.

A reception followed in the Benes Room at Ohio Wesleyan University's Hamilton-Williams Campus Center.



Jody Lynn, a 1983 graduate of Northville High School in Northville, Michigan, received her bachelor of arts degree from Eastern College in St. Davids, Pennsylvania, in 1987; and her master of divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. in 1990.

Rundy graduated from Riverview High School in Warsaw in 1970. He is a maintenance mechanic for American Electric Power/Northern Region Service Organization in Conesville.

The couple has settled at the church parsonage at 632 Congress Court.

## Handicapped Access Project

As of September, we have started our payments to the American Baptist Extension Corporation at Valley Forge for our Handicapped Access Project. Our payments are \$399.44 per month. Our pledges for our project total \$259 — from 16 church families. There are 48 giving units in our church.

Please rethink your part in helping to meet this \$140.44 difference. We are so fortunate to have several memorials and gifts honoring individuals to pay for the bulk of this huge project but we still need to face the loan needed to complete it. Can you possibly include this in your giving to the church yet this year?

We already have several church members who need these services as soon as they are completed and none of us are getting any younger or know what our needs will be someday. The committee has worked hard to keep expenses minimal and will appreciate any cooperation you can give us.

—The Handicapped Access Committee

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**Special Presentation**

Jews For Jesus presents - The Liberated Wailing Wall: An Experience in Messianic Joy! On Tuesday, October 7, 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Marion. Call (614) 387-6527 for details.

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**Thank You**

I would like to thank Jody Lynn for leading the sessions at our 25th annual retreat this year. I know it was in the midst of a busy time for her, but she took the time to plan sessions that would be meaningful for all. Those who attended had a great time, and those who did not attend were missed.

-Pam Faulk

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A special "thank you" to all who contributed in any way to the dinner for Mrs. Clapper's family. They were pleased to return from the services to find a lovely meal waiting for them. Once again you proved the strength of our special church family who cares.

-Evelyn Lee

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**Katherine Clapper**

Church member Katherine Leone Clapper, 85, of Ashley, died on Thursday, September 25 at her residence.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, John and Mary Ann Murday of Columbus; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara Reed of Delaware, Sharon and Steve Baker of Ashley, and Diana Jean and Harold De Weese of Powell; 13 grandchildren including Cris Riedmiller; 17 great-grandchildren including Kati, Jami, and Regan Riedmiller; and several nieces and nephews. Her husband, Lewis Raymond Clapper, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at Shoemaker Funeral Home in Columbus with the Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett officiating and burial was in Northlawn Memorial Gardens, Columbus.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

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**ABWM**

Please leave the items below on the Care and Share table in the assembly room. They are for the Race Track Chaplaincy of America (P.O. Box 1924, Galloway, OH 43119; 614-878-5695). Items can be new or gently used where appropriate.

The items needed are caps, cowboy hats, boots, work shoes, jeans, underwear, pots & pans, candle warmers, hot plates, crock pots, electric skillets, folding beds, pillows, sheets, pillowcases, fans (even broken ones are used for parts), sneakers (for women, men or children), shaving cream, blankets, quilts, coffee, sugar, crema, treats, drink mix, canned goods, 8 oz. hot & cold cups, disposable plates, and plastic forks (no spoons or knives).

Chaplain Paul Hershey requests that if you are planning to spend money for these items, *please* just send the money instead, even if it's just a small amount. Checks should be made payable to the Race Track Ministry.

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**Crisis Update: Congo**

As government troops loyal to President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire fled before advancing troops in early May, three American Baptist missionary doctors at the Vanga Hospital reported that they were safe and the hospital remained undamaged.

Drs. Bill Clemmer, George Win and Mark Thompson remain at the Vanga Hospital and described the invasion and peaceful encounter that ensued:

**OCTOBER WORSHIP**

**OCTOBER 5**

World Communion Day

Mark 10:2-16

"Handle With Care"

**OCTOBER 12**

Mark 10:17-31

Trivial Pursuit?

**OCTOBER 19**

Men's Sunday

**OCTOBER 26**

Mark 10:46-52

"Double Vision"

**NOVEMBER 2**

Holy Communion

Mark 12:28-34

"The Already & the Not Yet"

"Our main concern here at Vanga has been that ... we could have a wave of undisciplined, destructive and desperate government soldiers fleeing through Vanga and possibly destroying much of what is here...

"Soldiers [who had entered the hospital] demanded that we give them vehicles... Soon they were surrounded by a large group of young people all holding clubs ... saying that if the soldiers dared loot or create any trouble, there would be a large price to pay. It was amazing!... The soldiers quickly ... left on the boat by which they had come.

"It was exciting to hear the reaction of the Vanga village people when they realized they did have the power to control what happened in their village and hospital if they all worked together... The Lord can make a negative situation into a very positive one."

-from *InMission* magazine

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## Personals

• **BRADLEY EUGENE HEIZER** was born to Jeremy Heizer and Melissa Brandeberry on Friday, September 26. Bradley weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. The proud grandparents are Bob and Sandie Heizer. Bradley also has a big sister named Stacey.

• **SHIRLEY PARKER** will be in Vermont for a family reunion and fall birthday party for about 12 members who have September, October, and November birthdays. These will be celebrated at son Joe's in Putney, Vermont (whose sculptures will be featured in the opening of Sculpture Fest 1997 in Woodstock, Vermont). She will also spend several days with her sister in Massachusetts.

• **SOPHIA AND JIM STEPHENSON** visited Boston and Cape Cod.

• **MARGE SMALE** had her two daughters visit, Cindy from California and Becky from Boston.

• **BERNICE TURNEY** had arthroscopic knee surgery.

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- Oct. 3 Janet Lathrop  
    Laura Beth Mowery  
    7 Jack Smith  
    9 Suzanne Grubbs  
    Ed & Jennifer Linn  
    11 Joe Mowery  
    15 Peter Heizer  
    19 Paul Hopkins  
    20 Yonica Bennett  
    21 Bennett Anniversary  
    25 Jenny Grubbs  
    28 Ed Linn  
    30 Jean Osborne  
    31 Ray Biggar  
Nov. 1 Stefanie Stoner Heizer  
    5 Victor Fogle  
    8 Nicole Howard

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

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19 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	20 7:00 Boy Scouts	21 7:00 Board of Christian Education	22 7:00 Choir	23	24	25 9:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study <i>Daylight-Saving Time ends tonight</i>
26 9:15 Sunday School Teacher's Meeting 10:45 Morning Worship  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	27 7:00 Boy Scouts; Pastoral Relations	28	29 6:30 Covered- Dish Dinner followed by Annual Business Meeting	30	<b>Halloween</b> 31	<b>November</b> 1

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It's November again, and you know what that means. It's budget time. Yeah! It's also time for my yearly stewardship sermon that talks about financial stewardship.

Now, as the pastor, talking about money puts me in a precarious position. The reasons are pretty obvious. The money that the church brings in is used in part to pay my salary, and so I have a vested interest in making sure that our church meets it's financial budget each year. In fact, I would even dare to hope that our church will increase it's budget and it's giving so that my salary can enjoy the yearly increases that it likes to have.

Today, as I was awaiting news about the coming birth of the Turner baby, I received a call from Jennifer Turner, who obviously hadn't had the baby yet, asking if I wanted to come over for lunch. And since I was busy procrastinating on my newsletter article, my sermon preparation and my report for the quarterly business meeting, I said, "yes! I'll be right over!"

I got to eat lunch sitting in-between four-year old Ben Turner and his 2-year old cousin Michael Mercer. What a treat. And when lunch was over Ben took me by the hand and led me into the family room informing me that it was time to play. So, I went along with him, sat down on the floor, played safari animals for a while and then we started playing catch with a stuffed, plush basketball. This was great fun. I'd throw the ball to Ben and then he'd throw it back at my head. Lots of laughter followed.

It didn't take long for Michael to figure out that we were having fun without him and want to be included. And so we all played catch. I'd throw the ball to Ben, who threw it back at me; then I'd throw the ball to Michael who threw it back at me; and then we'd start all over again. It's called sharing. And they didn't seem to



mind, as long as they were included. Somehow they knew that if they both wanted to play that they would have to take turns. And they didn't even fight about it. A miracle perhaps?

What does this have to do with the stewardship of our finances you ask? More than you might imagine. Probably more than I can imagine. The truth of the matter is, we all want to play. We all want to be a part of the action, otherwise we wouldn't

come to church and take part in it's ministries. But in order to be part of the church, we've got to be willing to share.

And believe it or not, this doesn't start with financial sharing. It starts with love. But not ours. The whole thing begins, which we often forget, with the amazing love that God gives to each of us. Far more than a share. In fact, all that we have is nothing less than a gift from God. And then God invites us to receive that love, (or as I like to call it) God invites us to play the game. And part of playing the game is learning to share.

The only way to say thanks to God for the love we've received is by giving that love back. It's called a tithe. Giving back 10% of what we've been given. And we in God's church teach each other to give that love back in different ways. Through the giving of our time and through the giving of our money.

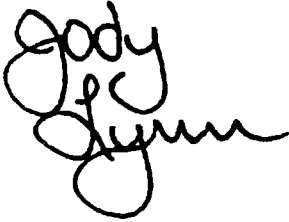
When we think of sharing our time, that doesn't seem too difficult. We come to church, teach Sunday School, sing in the choir, come to a prayer group, volunteer at the food pantry. That's probably more than 10% of our time.

But things get a little trickier when it comes to sharing our money. 10%? Are you serious? Do you realize how much that is? How can we possibly give 10% of our money?

Well, the truth is, we can't always do it all at once. It's usually something that people work up to. But it's done only one way, and that's through faith. There's no other way to do it.

We can do it because we want to play the game. And we somehow know that if we all want to play, we'll have to take turns. It's called sharing.

Many Blessings,



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**ABC/OHIO CALLS NEW MINISTER OF MISSION SUPPORT**

The Regional Board recently announced that the Rev. Dan Taylor has been called as the Minister of Mission Support for the American Baptist Churches of Ohio.

Dan is currently serving as pastor of the Des Peres Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to this position, he served as co-pastor of the Wolcott Baptist Church in Kansas City.

Direct institutional fund raising experience from two American Baptist related colleges is part of the experience Dan brings to this position. He served as Assistant Director of Admissions, Director of Church Relations, and Director of Estate Planning at Franklin College from 1981 to 1986, and as Admissions Counselor and Associate Director of Church Relations at Alderson Broaddus College from 1974 to 1981.

Dan received his B.A. from Glenville State College in West Virginia and his M.Div. From Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas.

As a pastor, Dan stressed every aspect of mission. He also was active on the regional level, serving on an executive minister search committee and as a member of the personnel

committee, among other activities and responsibilities.

In response to an assignment given by the personnel committee, Rev Taylor wrote these words,

"Intertwined and interrelated, Stewardship and Mission are rooted in giving and living. Mission is the obligation of every person who answers the call to follow Jesus Christ. Stewardship is the energy and the integrity with which we live our lives after giving our lives to Jesus. Stewardship is a lifestyle of loving, caring and sharing."

Dan is married to the former Rebecca L. Cutlip, BIM missionary to Thailand from 1983 to 1987. Rebecca is currently serving as the Minister of Christian Education for the Des Peres Baptist Church. Dan and Rebecca are the parents of two children, Jacob, age 7 and Sarah, age 4. Dan will begin his work on December 1.

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**Handbell Festival**

On Sunday, November 23rd, at 7 p.m., the 2nd annual Delaware Area Handbell Festival will take place in Gray Chapel on the Ohio Wesleyan University Campus. Eight handbell ensembles from area churches and schools will perform separately and as a massed ensemble. Featured by the entire ensemble will be music of the Christmas season, including a handbell-accompanied sing-along of familiar carols. The public is invited to attend this sound sensation experience for a thrilling prelude to the Christmas season. There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted.

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**Andrews House Christmas Bazaar**

The annual Andrews House Christmas Bazaar, sponsored by the twelve partner churches, will be held at Andrews House on:

Friday, Dec. 5, 10 am - 8 pm  
Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 am - 2 pm

Baked goods, candies, jellies, and crafts of all kinds are needed for the bazaar. Also needed are new and gently-used items of at least \$50 value to be sold by silent auction.

Proceeds will support programs at Andrews House.

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Wickum, your Andrews House Bazaar representative.

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**Poinsettias**

Please see Shirley Parker or Jim Stephenson if you'd like to purchase one or more poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Advent. If you wish, they can be given in memory of a family member or friend, and you are welcome to take them home after our Christmas eve service.



Please place your orders by Sunday, November 23rd. The price will *probably* be \$8 each, but we don't know for sure yet. We'll announce the price during Sunday morning announcements as soon as we know what it is.

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**Trustees Notes**

- A very special thank you to Jeff Reed and Dave Lovell for putting a new wood veneer on the front doors. Its a great improvement.
- The fire extinguishers were recharged and inspected by B&J of Marion. The cost was \$119.75.
- The furnaces were all serviced with new filters, two new belts and two new thermocouples by Don Patrick. The cost was \$172.93.
- A water leak was repaired in the fellowship hall furnace room by Don Patrick. The cost was \$60.00.
- On October 4, Timothy Rice and

Nicole Howard were married at First Baptist. The groom's father, pastor Garrison Rice, of Faith Baptist Church, Lancaster, officiated. Mary Lou Lovell was organist and Mary Gillette was matron of honor. Peter White served as building host and was assisted by Mary Lou and Mary Gillette. The wedding party donated a large floral arrangement for use on the following Sunday.

- Peter White, chairman

**Pastor's Schedule**

Just a reminder that the pastor is always available for emergencies, but for routine matters please respect Friday as her day off.

**The Doxology**

What song has been sung more often in church services than any other? It would probably be the Doxology.

Some believe that the Doxology — "Praise God from whom all blessings flow..." — has been sung more often than any other known song for more than 300 years.

The word "doxology" is taken from the Greek language and means an "offering of praise to God."

The musical doxology was written by Thomas Ken, an outspoken seventeenth-century Anglican bishop who was born in England in 1637. During his early ministry, he wrote a book titled *A Manual of Prayers for the Use of Scholars at Winchester College*. In this manual he included three of his own hymns that he wished his students to sing each day as part of their personal devotions. They were titled "Morning Hymn," "Evening Hymn," and "Midnight Hymn." Each closed with the familiar four lines we now know as the Doxology.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.

PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.

PRAISE HIM ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOSTS.  
PRAISE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST.

-submitted by Pam Faulk

**Recipes**

When one gets older, time blurs, and surprises are in store...one of which came when I took a Wacky Cake to a gathering and found it was not a familiar treat for those present. During the fifteen years Wick and I were youth advisors, I'll bet we had Wacky Cake to eat at one-third of all the Sunday night meetings. And perhaps at another third we had Bubble Bread.

So for those of you ready for a new or an old familiar treat, here is the recipe for Wacky Cake.

**WACKY CAKE**

In a 9 x 13 inch cake pan, put:

- 3 cups of flour
- 2 cups of white granulated sugar
- 6 tablespoons of cocoa, heaping
- 2 teaspoons of baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt

With a fork, stir these dry ingredients together in the pan, mixing well. Make three wells in the mix and put in:

- 2 teaspoons of vanilla
- 2 tablespoons of vinegar
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil

Mix well with the dry ingredients, pour 2 cups of warm water over the whole mess and mix that well.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. When cooled, pour on:

**ONE MINUTE FROSTING**

- 1 cup sugar
- 4 tablespoons cocoa
- 1/4 cup of milk
- 1/4 butter or oleo
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

**NOVEMBER WORSHIP**

**November 2**

Holy Communion  
Mark 12:28-34

"The Already & the Not Yet"

**November 9**

Mark 12:38-44

"Tip the Balance"

**November 16**

Hebrews 10:11-25

"The Eleventh Commandment"

**November 23**

Stewardship Sunday  
John 18:33-37

"Mean What You Say"

**November 30**

1st Sunday of Advent  
Luke 21:25-36

"Promises, Promises"

**December 7**

2nd Sunday of Advent  
Holy Communion  
Malachi 3:1-4

"The Good News"

Boil hard one minute  
Spread on the cake  
Try this frosting, hot, on vanilla ice cream

- Jean Wickum

**Personals**

• For the record, the pastor's new legal name is: first name - Jody Lynn middle name - Brummett; and last name - Hagans.

• SHANNON LOVEJOY and MICAH STONER were married at the church in a small family-attended service Saturday, November 1, officiated by Micah's mother Karen, a pastor licensed by this church. Micah and



Shannon will reside at 2272 Bruce Road #21 in Delaware; telephone 614-368-8336. For the directory, Micah's birthday is March 20 and Shannon's is March 6.

• CAROL GRUBBS, ANNE LINN, and BETH TRIGG vacationed in England for three weeks.

• ED AND JENNIFER LINN were in Delaware recently to visit their families.

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**Birthdays &  
Anniversaries**

- Nov. 1 Stefanie Stoner Heizer
- 5 Victor Fogle
- 8 Nicole Howard
- 10 Natalie Griffith
- 15 Teresa Griffith
- Frances Johnson
- Harold Van Broekhoven
- Barbara Van Brimmer
- 20 Randy Turner
- 22 Peter White
- John Maher
- 26 Elizabeth Hopkins
- 28 Karen Stoner
- Dec. 4 Erin Faulk
- 5 Zachery Grubbs

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**Church Directory  
Update**

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# NOVEMBER 1997

First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	3 7:00 Delaware Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	4 7:00 Board of Deacons	5 7:00 Choir	6 10:00 Sewing Group	7 9:30 Church Women United at Kilborune U.M.C.	8 9:30 DISCIPLE
9 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	10 7:00 Boy Scouts	11 7:30 Marion Association Executive Committee	12 7:00 Choir	13 12:00 Young at Heart	14	15 8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:30 DISCIPLE
16 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 2:30 Board of Christian Education	17 7:00 Boy Scouts	18 7:00 Parish Council	19 7:00 Choir	20 7:00 ABW Ministries	21	22
<b>Stewardship Sunday</b> 23 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 7:00 Handbell Festival at OWU <i>Deadline to order poinsettias</i>	24 7:00 Boy Scouts; Pastoral Relations	25	26 7:00 Choir	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> 27 	28	29
<b>1st Sunday in Advent</b> 30 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Newsletter deadline</i> 	<b>December</b> 1 7:00 Delaware Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	2	3 7:00 Choir	4	5 10:00 Christmas Bazaar at Andrews House until 8:00	6 10:00 Christmas Bazaar at Andrews House until 2:00

# Good News Letter

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It was the Monday after Halloween — November 3. I was walking into my Doctor's office for a regular visit (nothing to worry about), when what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a Christmas tree. In fact, the whole waiting room was decked out with tree, lights, garland, ornaments with a snow village in the window sill, the whole scene made complete by the faint echo of holiday tunes coming from the radio. They were ready for Christmas.

Wait just one minute.

We haven't even thrown away our pumpkin or finished eating the candy corn. I haven't even bought a Christmas card or thought about what to get anyone in the way of a gift. I just barely finished putting away wedding presents and sending off thank you notes. Wait just one minute ... or maybe two.

It didn't take me long to tell the receptionist, in my gracious, non-opinionated manner, that it was ridiculous to put up Christmas decorations the first week of November. Furthermore, it should be a law that Christmas decorations can't be put up in public places until after Thanksgiving. It's not fair. It's not right. And on top of that, it's not fair. Well, I can assure you, that by the time thanksgiving arrived, they were sorry that they'd put up their decorations so early.

And now, just because its December, doesn't mean that we should begin to celebrate Christmas. After all, it's the Season of Advent. Remember the Advent calendar? You start on the first day of December, and open a different window every day until Christmas Eve. Twenty four windows if I remember correctly. And after all those little windows have been opened up, then it's Christmas.

You say I'm just an old hum bug. Well, maybe. But, I love the holidays as much as the next person. I also love the season of Advent. The time of waiting and watching and preparing. Isn't the time of preparation what really makes Christmas special?

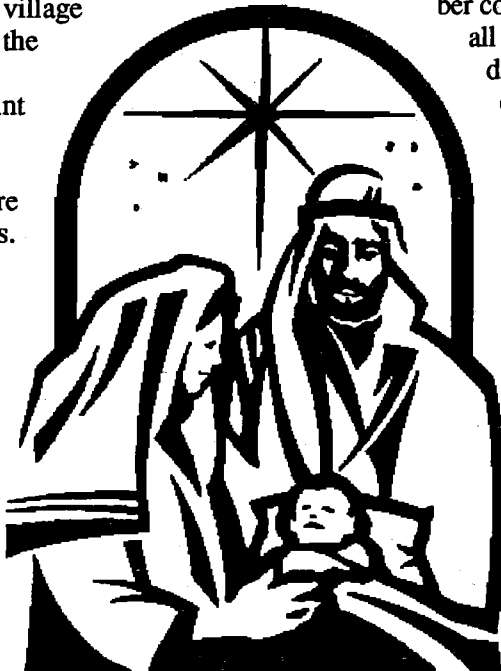
If we celebrate Christmas for two months before it actually arrives, then what's the big deal.

Christmas is a wonderful season. But most of the wonder comes from waiting for Christmas to arrive; the growing sense of anticipation and expectation that increases with each day. Preparing not only with cards, cookies, decorations, music, trees and presents, but also preparing ourselves for the gift of Christmas itself.

So many things rush by us these days. Life moves so quickly; our lives are so busy and hectic. Lets not make Christmas just like everything else. Christmas doesn't happen overnight. It

takes time. As we open up the windows of our Advent calendars, let us also open up the windows of our hearts, so that when Christmas arrives, we'll have room to let it in.

Many Blessings,



## CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

**Saturday, Dec. 13**  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Carolling

**Sunday, Dec. 14**  
12:00 p.m. Birthday Party for Jesus

**Thursday, Dec. 18**  
7:00 p.m. A.B.W. Ministries Christmas Meeting at the parsonage to pack boxes for shut-ins.

**Sunday, Dec. 21**  
2:00 p.m. Holiday Open House at the parsonage until 4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. An Evening of Best-Loved Carols; Reception; Secret Advent Friend Party

**Wednesday, Dec. 24**  
6:45 p.m. Instrumental Preludes  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

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## Christmas Carolling

Everyone is invited to join the choir for our annual Christmas carolling on ~~Saturday, Dec. 12.~~ We'll be singing ~~Sat., Dec. 13, 7:00.~~



familiar Christmas carols that everyone knows. Please dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Afterwards (around 8:30) we'll have refreshments at a place to be announced.

- Jim Stephenson, choir director

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## Birthday Party for Jesus

On Sunday, December 14, we will celebrate the coming birth of Jesus with a Birthday Party for Jesus. This celebration will take place during a fellowship time following our morning worship. We will have a special ceremony and Jean Wickum will explain the different symbols that are used to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

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## Holiday Open House

You are cordially invited to attend an Open House at the home of Rundy and Jody Lynn Hagans (632 Congress Court) on Sunday, December 21, between 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Holiday desserts and hors d'oeuvres along with punch and coffee will be served.

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## An Evening of Best-Loved Carols

On Sunday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m., we will have an original Christmas Program featuring your favorite Christmas Carols. There will



be congregational singing, instrumental solos, vocal solos, duets, a children's choir, the adult choir and readings about the origins and histories of your favorite Christmas hymns. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring one dozen of your favorite cookies to share.

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## Secret Advent Friend Revealing Party

On Sunday, December 21, following the reception after our Christmas Program, we will have a party to reveal the secret advent friends from 1997. Everyone is welcome to attend. At this party, there will be forms available for all who wish to sign up to be and have a Secret Advent Friend for 1998.

## Secret Advent Friends

We will draw names after worship on the Sunday following Christmas. If you choose to participate you will draw the name of someone in our church, whose name you will have for the entire year. You will be responsible for remembering that person in prayer and with an inexpensive gift or card on their birthday, holidays and important times of their life. The person who draws your name will have the same responsibility for you.

If you have any further questions about Secret Advent Friends or wish to participate, please see Sue Elfner.

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## Babysitting Available for Some Events

Greetings this joyous Advent season! We would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that First Baptist Church is planning to have babysitting services available for six events throughout the year: the four quarterly business meetings, Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve. By having this service available, families with young children will be able to participate. We will be paying for this service. Not being a budgeted line item, we will

## DECEMBER WORSHIP

### December 7

2nd Sunday of Advent  
Holy Communion  
Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6  
"The Good News"

### December 14

3rd Sunday of Advent  
Luke 3:7-18  
"More Good News"

### December 21

4th Sunday of Advent  
Luke 1:39-45  
"Upside Down Christmas"

### December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Communion  
Luke 2:1-14

### December 28

1st Sunday of Christmas  
1 Samuel 2:18-20,26; Luke 2:41-52  
"Wise People Still Seek"

### January 4

Epiphany  
Holy Communion  
Matthew 2:1-12  
"Realistic Visionaries"

need extra contributions to help cover the cost, which we estimate to be \$130 for the year. Please consider the benefits of this service and support it generously. If you have any questions, please contact me.

-Melissa Mercer,  
on behalf of Parish Council

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## American Baptist Women's Ministries - State Project

The ABW Ministries state project for 1997-98 is CPR or Church Planting in Russia. In cooperation with American Baptist missionary, Richard Hill, and the Russian Baptist Union, we hope to send indigenous Russian

missionaries to Siberia, East Russia and the Ural Mountains. The Russian Baptist Union will provide \$50 a month salary and transportation.

Our goal is to send \$15,000 next June so we can help send out 2 teams of 2 trained Russian men and their families, plus 4/5 of another missionary or 2/5 of 2 missionaries. Most of the evangelistic work is being done in large cities. Our focus will be in smaller towns with the hope of establishing a self-supporting church in 2 to 3 years.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please speak with Pastor Hagans or a member of the ABW Ministries of our church.

### ABW Scholarship Student

Each year ABW provides scholarships for deserving seminary students, and each participating church is assigned a scholarship student for them to take a special interest in.

Our scholarship student this year is our own Karen Stoner, wife of Steve, daughter of Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer. Karen graduated from OSU in 1997 and is now a full-time student at Methodist Theological Seminary working towards a Master of Divinity degree. She is pastor at Wyandot Baptist Church near Nevada, Ohio. Please keep her in your prayers for God's continuing direction in her life.

—Marge Smale

### New Baby

Melissa Claire Turner (she'll go by Claire), daughter of Randy and Jennifer Turner, was born at 2:25 am on Friday, October 31. She weighed 9 lbs 4-1/2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Congratulations!



### Thank You

Boy have we been eating high on the hog! I think this is the expression I'm meaning... Anyway, we Turners would like, from the bottoms of our full bel-

## A Prayer

Dear God,

So far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped and I haven't lost my temper. I haven't been grumpy, nasty, or selfish, and I'm really glad of that!

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot of help.

Thank you.

Amen.

lies, to thank our wonderful friends for the delicious and abundant food. The prayer support was and is appreciated also. We are so thankful for Claire's healthy arrival and look forward to sharing her with our church family.

Once again, thanks so much.  
Love,

—Randy, Jennifer, Calvin,  
Ben and Claire Turner

### Poinsettias

The following people purchased poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during Advent.

- From the Lovell family in memory of Margaret Morby and Robert and Jennie Lovell
- From Carol Fogle in memory of Will Fogle and for the joy of Vic and Debbie's happiness.
- From Jack Smith in memory of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Alden Smith



- From Florence Faulk in memory of Don Faulk
- From Barb and Rick Van Brimmer in memory of Topper Hill
- From the Lee family in memory of Richard Lee
- From the Stephenson family in memory of Rev. James B. Stephenson
- From Mary Gillette in memory of Mary P. Rogers, and in honor of Thomas M. Rogers
- From Cynthia Bland in memory of her mother, Rena Cheek Bland, and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cheek
- From Ray Biggar in memory of his parents, Robert and Grace Biggar
- From Anne Linn in honor of Frances Johnson, and in memory of Annie Marsh Griffith
- In memory of Charles and Ruth Brown and Fred Grubbs, Sr., from their children and grandchildren
- From Jean Wickum in memory Wilbur Wickum and in memory of her aunt Martha Moffett

If this list has any errors or omissions, please tell the pastor and a correction will be placed in the bulletin.

### Trustees Notes

- Further work was needed on the drain from the bathtub at the parsonage. Dave Lovell repaired the ceiling in the first floor rest room underneath.
- A lapel mike that uses a long cord to plug into the amplifier was purchased, enabling the pastor to move around while speaking. Our previous lapel mike system, which used radio waves rather than a direct connection to the amplifier, was not usable due to short wave and CB interference. We would like to sell the old system to someone that can use it, like a country church away from the interference.
- Peter White cleaned out the gutters and downspouts at church.
- Christmas decorations: Larry Faulk erected the Christmas tree; Sue Elfner and Peter White put up the greens and decorations; Pastor Hagans did the

creche; Jim Stephenson arranged the poinsettias.

- Peter White, chairman

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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

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**Personals**

- SHIRLEY PARKER's son Joe from Putney, Vermont, and his daughter Julia were Thanksgiving Day guests.
- JEAN OSBORNE and her aunt Alice Osborne took a trip to Florida.
- JOHN LINN was a patient at Grady for two days.

**Church Bloopers**

These bloopers were collected from various church bulletins:

- The Rev. Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.
- Thursday night—Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- Weight Watchers will meet a 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth With Joy."
- Today... Christian Youth Fellowship Sexuality Course, 8 p.m. Please park in the rear parking lot for this activity.
- The church is glad to have with us today as our guest minister the Rev. Charles Green who has Mrs. Green with him. After the service we request that all remain in the sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens.
- The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

**Church Directory Update**

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