

1853-1928

## Seventy-fifth Anniversary

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**First Baptist Church**

**Delaware, Ohio**

**W. Schuyler Foster, Pastor**

**August 5 and October 7, 1928**

## COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as in one body in Christ.

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of all rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

**1853-1928**

**Program 75th Anniversary**

**Sunday, August 5th, 1928**

Anniversary Sermon by the Pastor  
Hand of Fellowship, Lord's Supper

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**Sunday, October 7, 1928**

**HOME COMING DAY**

9:30 A. M. Anniversary Session Sunday School.  
10:30 A. M. Anniversary Sermon, .....Rev. E. R. Graves

Hand of Fellowship  
Lord's Supper

Noon, Covered Dish Dinner at the church.

3:00 P. M. Closing Anniversary Service.

History, 1853-1928, Mrs. L. D. Maugans.

Address: Rev. T. F. Chambers, D. D., Secretary of  
Ohio Baptist Convention.

Letters: Former Pastors  
Members.

Greetings: Rev. F. Howard Callahan, President of  
City Pastors' Association.

Reminiscences.

Anniversary Committee:

Mrs. Geneva Wagner

Mrs. A. J. Ryan

Mrs. E. J. Barth

Miss Ellen Pugh

Prof. Rufus Crane

Rev. H. Schuyler Foster

## SOME ITEMS OF HISTORY, 1853-1928

In the pioneer days, ten years before the civil war, there were a number of devout men and women, of the Baptist faith, in and around Delaware who gathered together for religious services. They longed for a church home, and in February, 1853, they banded together in what they called the Society of Regular Baptists and adopted the following resolution: "Resolved that the articles of faith as published in the Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge be adopted as the basis of our belief." The meetings were at first held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church and later the Templar Hall on Sandusky Street was used for worship. At the first recorded meeting Rev. E. G. Wood was the moderator and James Eaton was secretary, a position he faithfully held until 1869, when we find the names of S. B. Harmon and George Eaton as clerk. Of the original thirty-seven members fifteen were men and twenty-two women. This little band of Baptists were aided by the Ohio Baptist Convention and struggled valiently to support their minister.

On August 6, 1853, a Council consisting of delegates from Baptist Churches of Columbus and vicinity recognized the Society of Regular Baptists as the First Baptist Church of Delaware, Ohio.

We pause to pay tribute to the venerable Father Drake. The minutes record that Father Drake felt that the completion of the house of worship was to those who suffered privation and great inconvenience a direct answer to his prayer and a comfort to his soul.

In May, 1854, a Sunday School was organized, and during that year a lot was bought on North Franklin Street, on which to build a church. At that time the church was \$200 in debt, but with faith and courage they faced the difficulties and four years later a brick building was completed and dedicated August 1, 1858, with a three days' service.

Under the pastorate of Rev. Albert Reed, the old church was remodeled in 1897 and dedicated October 3rd of that year.

The church joined the Columbus Association in August, 1853, and remained a member until 1913, when at the urgent request of churches in the Mt. Vernon and the Mad River

Association, it withdrew to help form the new Marion Association.

At the anniversary service, August 5, 1928, the church voted to seek reinstatement into membership in the Columbus Association and this was brought to pass at the meeting of the Columbus Association at Granville September 21, 1928.

The clerk's record book for the first sixteen years is still preserved; all other records up till 1913 were lost in the destructive flood which visited Delaware that year.

Brief sketches of the church may be found in the history of Delaware County at the City Library.

The pipe organ presented by one of the faithful members Mr. Morgan Savage, is still doing good service.

In Memoriam—During the present pastorate the following faithful and efficient members have passed to their eternal home: C. D. Frost, Alonza A. Larason, Herbert L. Eliot, Mrs. William Cavin, Ferdinand Volk, Mrs. Ivy Cooper, Mrs. Mary Foster and Miss Hattie Carpenter.

In the church today, Miss Lou Flagg and Mrs. Larason have the honor of having the longest period of unbroken membership, having been members since before 1878; followed by Miss Hamilton, Leo Sperling, Mrs. Kate Tilton, Mr. and Mrs. Maugans, Mrs. Ferd Volk and Mrs. Jaynes, all of whom have been connected with this church since the eighties.

Recently the church has installed a new heating plant, has decorated the walls of the entrance hall and the Sunday School room, and laid a new carpet in the Sunday School room. The exterior woodwork has been repainted.

The main room is in great need of redecorating but the roof must first be repaired. All will be done as soon as funds are provided.

No estimate can compute the sacrificial values of those modest members who during the past seventy-five years have made the history of this church a benediction and an inspiration to countless others. They were devout men and women whose record lies like a quiet and fragrant path across the distant years. No scale can measure the influence of those Pastors, Deacons and members whose lives were instinct with a devotion to duty and the right. May their fidelity prove an inspiration to the present membership to similar loyalty and devotion.

Morgan S. Williams 1938-1942  
 C. B. Jones 1946-1947  
 James B. Stephenson - PASTORS 1947 -

The following are the names of the different pastors and the years in which they commenced and closed their pastorates:

E. G. Wood	.....	1853-1855
Elias George	.....	1855-1856
James Harvey	.....	1856-1862
P. Kennedy	.....	1862-1865
D. A. Randall	.....	1866-1867
A. J. Lyon	.....	1867-1871 ✓
I. B. Tooms	.....	1870-1871
B. I. George	.....	1873-1874
G. T. Stanbury	.....	1874-1876
T. J. Shephard	.....	1877-1878
J. W. Icenbarger	.....	1878-1884
E. A. Stone	.....	1884-1886
A. H. Bachelder	.....	1886-1889
Charles C. Haas	.....	1891-1892
J. B. Woodland	.....	1892-1894
Albert Read	.....	1896-1899 - "
Homer C. Lyman	.....	1900-1905
Charles M. Brodie	.....	1905-1909
J. B. Shelton	.....	1910- ?
George L. Ford	.....	1914-1916
M. F. Bagby	.....	1917-1919
A. J. Bowser	.....	1921-1924
LeRoy James	.....	1925-1926
H. Schuyler Foster	.....	1926-1938

During the interim between pastorates many have served acceptably as preachers. Among the more recent ones were Rev. E. R. Graves and Rev. C. M. Eddy, both of Granville, and Rev. St. Clair Sloan, now of Buchnell University.

The saintly Icenbarger was never seen without his Bible under his arm.

Bachelder, the seaman, was devout, tall, dignified.

Rev. Haas gave up his pastorate here because of failing eyesight.

Mr. Woodland's wife died during his pastorate here. Later he married Miss Emma Bean.

Mr. Shelton died shortly after resigning his pastorate here.

Rev. Mr. Lyman and Rev. Brodie will be remembered because of special work among the young people. Under the former pastorate, the state convention was entertained and the Detroit excursions were inaugurated.

## **FAMILIES UNITED IN WORSHIP AND WORK**

Fellow christians are welcomed by this church at the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Members in good standing in churches of other denominations may be admitted to the fellowship of this church by vote of the church. Such members are designated as Associate members and are entitled to all the privileges of this church. However, by the practice of the denomination they may not serve as official delegates where distinctively Baptist matters are to be acted upon, nor may they vote on any question to alter or change the policy of this church as a regular Baptist Church.

Church letters of Associate members are delivered to the clerk and are endorsed with a statement and the date of reception into associate membership. Such letters are kept on file and upon dismissal the clerk returns to them the original letter bearing also a statement of such dismissal.

## **A WORTHY OBJECTIVE**

The movement for the Parsonage began in the Sunday School, and on February 2, 1927, the church passed the following: Resolved—That we take steps to secure a Parsonage; That a committee of five be appointed to take charge of money contributed for a parsonage. That the money be deposited in a bank or building association in the name of the church; That the committee devise ways and means to add money to the fund; That they investigate suitable property and be prepared to report to the church on all matters pertaining to the securing of a Parsonage.

The fund is small. Help it grow'

## **COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION**

The relations of our church with the other Delaware churches and Ohio Wesleyan University are most cordial. Union services are held during the summer and frequently during the year. We are one of the co-operating churches which maintain week-day religious education in the eight grades of our public schools and also a training school for Sunday School workers.

## Directory, 1928

Pastor, Rev. H. Schuyler Foster.  
Moderator, Miss Alice Whittier.  
Vice Moderator, Mrs. J. F. Gleich.  
Clerk, Miss Ellen Pugh.  
Treasurer, W. Fred Via.  
Treasurer of Benevolence, Mrs. A. J. Ryan.  
Financial Secretary, Miss Nellie Williams.

### Deacons

H. H. Metcalf (1929)  
Prof. Rufus Crane (1930)  
William Sartwell (1931)  
George Sartwell (1932)  
Veley Main (1933)

### Deaconesses

Mrs. Geneva Wagner (1929)  
Mrs. A. J. Ryan (1930)  
Mrs. J. H. Eads (1931)

### Trustees

C. W. McKeehan (1929)      Vern Pinyard (1932)  
Veley Main (1930)        W. Fred Via (1933)  
David Thomas (1931)

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Mrs. E. J. Barth, Chairman.  
Mrs. O. D. McClain, Mrs. C. W. McKeehan, Mrs. Eugene  
Nash, Mrs. Clara Pinyard, Miss Laura Wagner.

MUSIC COMMITTEE—Mrs. Rufus Crane, Chairman.  
Mrs. Lot Jones, Mrs. J. F. Gleich.

USHER COMMITTEE—Prof. Rufus Crane, Chairman.  
George Sartwell, W. F. Via, Bird Frost, Clarence E.  
Dix.

PARSONAGE FUND COMMITTEE—Mrs. Rufus Crane,  
Mrs. J. F. Gleich and Consulting Members, W. F. Via,  
C. W. McKeehan, Eugene Nash.

ADVISORY BOARD—All the regular officers of the church



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent, Prof. Rufus Crane.  
Assistant Superintendent, Prof. David O. Voss.  
Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Mildred Bowers.  
Cradle Roll, Mrs. Paul Frost.  
Home Department, Mrs. H. S. Foster, Mrs. Clara Pinyard.  
Pianist, Miss Mildred Bowers.  
Chorister, Miss Ellen Pugh.

## TEACHERS

Beginners and Primary, Mrs. Rufus Crane, Miss Mildred Coover.  
Juniors, Miss Nellie Williams.  
Intermediate, Miss Ellen Pugh, Prof. David Voss.  
Senior, Mrs. Geneva Wagner, Mrs. H. S. Foster, Miss Alice Whittier, Mrs. J. F. Gleich, Rev. H. S. Foster.

## WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

President, Mrs. Geneva Wagner.  
Vice President, Mrs. H. H. Snider.  
Secretary, Mrs. Mary E. Swickheimer.  
Treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Ryan.  
Missionary Department, Mrs. Lot Jones.  
Work and Relief Department, Mrs. Eugene Nash.  
Social Department, Mrs. Nellie Pinyard.  
Music Committee, Mrs. J. F. Gleich, Mrs. Chas. Eliot.  
Hostess Committee, Mrs. E. J. Barth, Mrs. O. D. McClain.  
Reading Points, Mrs. Howard Cummins.  
World Wide Guild, Mrs. H. S. Foster.

## Present Membership List, 1928

MEMBERS	ADDRESS
Anson, Paul .....	180 West William Street
Anson, Mrs. Nettie .....	30 Columbus Avenue
Barth, Mrs. Anna .....	181 South Sandusky Street
Bennett, Mrs. George .....	262 North Union Street
Biggs, G. W. ....	Horseshoe Road, R. D. 7
Biggs, Mrs. G. W. ....	Horseshoe Road, R. D. 7
Burroughs, Mrs. Eugene .....	70 Henry Street
Burroughs, Mamie .....	70 Henry Street
Murroughs, Frederick .....	70 Henry Street
Bowers, Emery .....	Chestnut Street
Bowers, Mrs. Mildred .....	Chestnut Street
Bowers, Mildred .....	Chestnut Street
Bradford, Carol .....	188 Griswold Street
Byerly, Harold .....	33 Pennsylvania Avenue
Cavin, William .....	73 South Street
Cavin, Charles .....	73 South Street
Cavin, Mrs. Charles .....	73 South Street
Clark, Pearl .....	137 North Union Street
Collins, W. G. ....	East Central Avenue
Collins, Mrs. W. G. ....	East Central Avenue
Converse, Mrs. D. C. ....	112 Pennsylvania Avenue
Converse, Harold .....	112 Pennsylvania Avenue
Converse, Paul .....	112 Pennsylvania Avenue
Coover, Mrs. Cora .....	Marion Road
Coover, Mildred .....	Marion Road
Coover, Lois M. ....	Marion Road
Crane, Prof. Rufus .....	39 Montrose Avenue
Crane, Mrs. R. ....	39 Montrose Avenue
Crigler, Martha .....	14 North Washington Street
Cruikshank, Mrs. Wealthy .....	176 West William Street
Cummins, Mrs. Margaret .....	72 North Washington Street
Dix, Clarence E. ....	58 Columbus Avenue
Dix, Mrs. C. E. ....	58 Columbus Avenue
Drey, Vesta S. (Mrs. Robert) .....	14 University Avenue
Downing, Mrs. Eva Taylor .....	Marion Road
Eads, James H. ....	17 Griswold Street
Eads, Mrs. J. H. ....	17 Griswold Street
Eads, Harold .....	17 Griswold Street
Eads, Martha .....	17 Griswold Street
Eagon, Helen .....	278 North Sandusky Street
Eagon, Gilbert .....	94 East William Street
Eliot, Mrs. H. L. ....	448 West Central Avenue
Eliot, Mrs. Lois Hilliard .....	Leonardsburg
Eliot, Charles .....	137 Griswold Street
Eliot, Mrs. Charles .....	137 Grisowld Street
Flagg, Lou .....	82 North Union Street

Foster, Edgar W. ....270 South Franklin Street  
 Foster, Rev. H. Schuyler .....123 Oak Hill Avenue  
 Foster, Mrs. H. S. ....123 Oak Hill Avenue  
 Foster, H. S. Jr. ....123 Oak Hill Avenue  
 Foster, Donald .....123 Oak Hill Avenue  
 Foster, Muriel .....123 Oak Hill Avenue  
 Frost, Bird E. ....94 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Frost, Mrs. B. E. ....94 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Frost, Ernestine, (Mrs. Paul) .....302 East William Street  
  
 Gleich, Mrs. J. Fred .....23 Woodland Avenue  
 Glenn, Jesse T. ....139 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Glenn, Mrs. J. T. ....139 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Glenn, Ruth .....139 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Glenn, T. J. Jr. ....139 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Grove, Mrs. Sadie .....Sarah Moore Home  
 Grubb, James .....178 West William Street  
  
 Hamilton, Jennie .....82 North Franklin Street  
 Harris, Mrs. Georganna .....255 East Central Avenue  
 Hillard, William .....Horseshoe Road  
 Hillard, Mrs. Wm. (Pearl C.) .....Horseshoe Road  
 Hudson, Mrs. Louisa .....Bowtown Road  
  
 Jaynes, Mrs. L. T. ....13 North Liberty Avenue  
 Jones, Mrs. Lot .....184 North Union Street  
  
 Kunze, Mrs. Edna M. ....Columbus Pike  
 Larason, Mrs. A. A. ....82 North Liberty Avenue  
 Laughlin, J. F. ....391 North Sandusky Street  
 Laughlin, Mrs. J. F. ....391 North Sandusky Street  
 Lucky, Mrs. O. E. ....174 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Main, Mrs. Elizabeth .....PanHandle Road  
 Main, Veley .....Horseshoe Road  
 Main, Mrs. V. ....Horseshoe Road  
 Main, Veron .....Horseshoe Road  
 Main, Louis .....Horseshoe Road  
 Main, Kenneth .....Horseshoe Road  
 Main, W. E. ....Horseshoe Road  
 Main, Curtis, .....Marion Road  
 Main, Carl .....256 South Sandusky Street  
 Maugans, LeRoy .....Bowtown Road  
 Maugans, Mrs. LeRoy .....Bowtown Road  
 Martin, L. D. ....163 West Central Avenue  
 Martin, Mrs. ....163 West Central Avenue  
 McMillin, Mrs. Grace .....17 East Fountain Avenue  
 McClain, Mrs. O. D. ....176 North Liberty Avenue  
 McKeehan, C. W. ....230 West Lincoln Avenue  
 McKeehan, Mrs. C. W. ....230 West Lincoln Avenue  
 Midden, Mrs. Elsie .....351 West William Street  
 Mills, Dr. Mary .....10 1-2 West Winter Street  
 Mitchell, Mrs. Mary J. ....107 West William Street  
 Morton, Mrs. Charles E. ....92 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Nash, Eugene .....157 East William Street  
 Nash, Mrs. E. ....157 East William Street  
 Nash, Pauline .....157 East William Street

Neds, Mrs. Edith Glenn .....139 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Newell, Mrs. Helen McK. ....132 West Central Avenue  
 Newell, Mary .....30 Columbus Avenue  
  
 Pinyard, Vern .....119 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Pinyard, Mrs. V. ....119 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Pinyard, Homer .....119 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Pinyard, Mrs. Clara ....North Liberty and Heffner Street  
 Pinyard, Edith .....North Liberty and Heffner Street  
 Pinyard, Murray .....North Liberty and Heffner Street  
 Pugh, Ellen .....275 North Liberty Avenue  
 Pugh, Mary B. ....275 North Liberty Avenue  
 Prouty, Harry .....West Central Avenue  
 Richards, C. H. ....199 Griswold Street  
 Richards, Mrs. C. H. ....199 Griswold Street  
 Roloson, Mrs. Jennie .....200 North Liberty Avenue  
 Ryan, Mrs. A. J. ....82 North Union Street  
 Sartwell, William Sr. ....Troy Road  
 Sartwell, Mrs. W. ....Troy Road  
 Sartwell, W. D. Jr. ....R. D.  
 Sartwell, Mrs. W. D. ....R. D.  
 Sartwell, George .....R. D. 1 Troy Road  
 Sartwell, Mrs. George .....R. D. 1 Troy Road  
 Sartwell, William (3) .....R. D. 1 Troy Road  
 Sartwell Thomas .....R. D. 1 Troy Road  
 Sartwell, Rachel (Mrs. Thomas) .....R. D. 1, Troy Road  
 Schaeffer, Wade .....131 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Schaeffer, Mrs. W. ....131 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Schaeffer, Dorris .....131 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Schaeffer, Marie .....131 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Sheets, Nellie .....430 West Central Avenue  
 Smith, Mrs. Iona .....114 Spring Street  
 Smith, Freda .....57 Park Avenue  
 Smith, Myrtle Eagon, .....274 North Sandusky Street  
 Spencer, Gwladys .....135 North Sandusky Street  
 Sperling, Leo .....181 North Sandusky Street  
 Swickheimer, Mrs. Mary E. ....20 East Fountain Avenue  
 Swearingin, Earnest .....R. D. 1, Troy Road  
 Tilton, Mrs. S. E. ....Pennsylvania and Franklin St.  
  
 Via, W. Fred .....343 West William Street  
 Via, Mrs. W. F. ....343 West William Street  
 Volk, Mrs. Ferd .....255 East Central Avenue  
 Volk, William .....255 East Central Avenue  
 Volk, Mrs. William .....255 East Central Avenue  
 Volk, Walter .....419 North Franklin Street  
 Volk, Francis .....107 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Voss, Prof. David O. ....201 North Franklin Street  
 Voss, Katherine, Groesbeck (Mrs. D. O.) 201 N. Franklin St.  
  
 Wagner, Mrs. Geneva .....56 West William Street  
 Wagner, Laura .....56 West William Street  
 Watrous, Lawrence .....83 East Winter Street  
 Watrous, Mrs. L. ....83 East Winter Street  
 Whittier, Alice .....150 North Franklin Street  
 Williams, Nellie E. ....194 North Franklin Street

### NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

Anson, Harris, Akron, O.  
Anson, Newell, 7400 Linwood Avenue, Cleveland, O.

Bowser, Harry.  
Bowser, Jack.  
Bowser, Mrs. Rosa L.

Carson, Mrs. Jane Burroughs, Toledo, O.  
Cramer, Martin, Springfield, O.  
Cramer, Mrs. M., Springfield, O.  
Craig, Mrs. E. M.  
Cavit, Miss Kate, Marysville, O.  
Cunningham, Mrs. Rosa Doland, Columbus, O.

Doland, Sheridan, Columbus, O.  
Doland, Lawrence, Columbus, O.  
Doland, Mrs. Emma, Columbus, O.  
Dodd, Elizabeth.  
Dunlap, Mrs. Minerva.

Eliot, Paul, Cleveland, O.  
Eliot, John, Cleveland, O.

Fox, Harold, Yankton, S. D.

Gardner, Gladys Irene.

Humphreys, Genevra, Cincinnati, O.

Laughlin, Leslie, Los Angeles, Cal.  
Loveless, Lyle, LaPine, Oregon.

Manros Alwilda L., Mrs. R. D., Mt. Vernon, O.  
Mackan, Mrs. Maud, 328 Cherry Street, Marion, Ohio.  
Metcalf, H. H., 225 E. North Broadway, Columbus, O.  
Moore, Dora, Park Pl, Athens, O.  
Maxim, Richard, 751 Franklin Avenue, Columbus, O.  
Maxim, Mrs. Lova 751 Franklin Avenue, Columbus, O.

Norris, Mrs. Mary, Cherry St. and Bellefontaine Ave.  
Marion, Ohio.

Potter Mrs. B. C., La Pine, Oregon.

Ramey, Mrs. Faun C. Mansfield, O.  
Richards, Mrs. Hedley, 637 E. Wilson Ave., Marion, O.

Smith, Mrs. Diantha, 239 Deming Avenue, Columbus, O.  
Smith, Florence, Cleveland, O.  
Smith, Harold.  
Smith, Mrs. Emma B. Doland, Columbus, O.

Thomas, David H., 225 E. North Broadway, Columbus, O.  
VanBrimmer, Mrs. Mary Richards, 637 E. Wilson Avenue  
Marion, Ohio.

Tunnison, Mrs. Jean E. Cincinnati, O.

## Meetings

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Sunday School, 9:15 A. M.

Divine Worship Sunday 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Lord's Supper first Sunday in January, April, July, October.

Midweek Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

Monthly Business Meeting first Wednesday, 8 P. M.

Women's Organization:

Missionary Department, first Friday each month.

Work and Relief Department third Friday each month.

World Wide Guild.

Church Year, May 1, to April 30.

Annual Meeting first Wednesday in May.

Ohio Baptist Convention, May.

Northern Baptist Convention, June.

Columbus Baptist Association, September.

