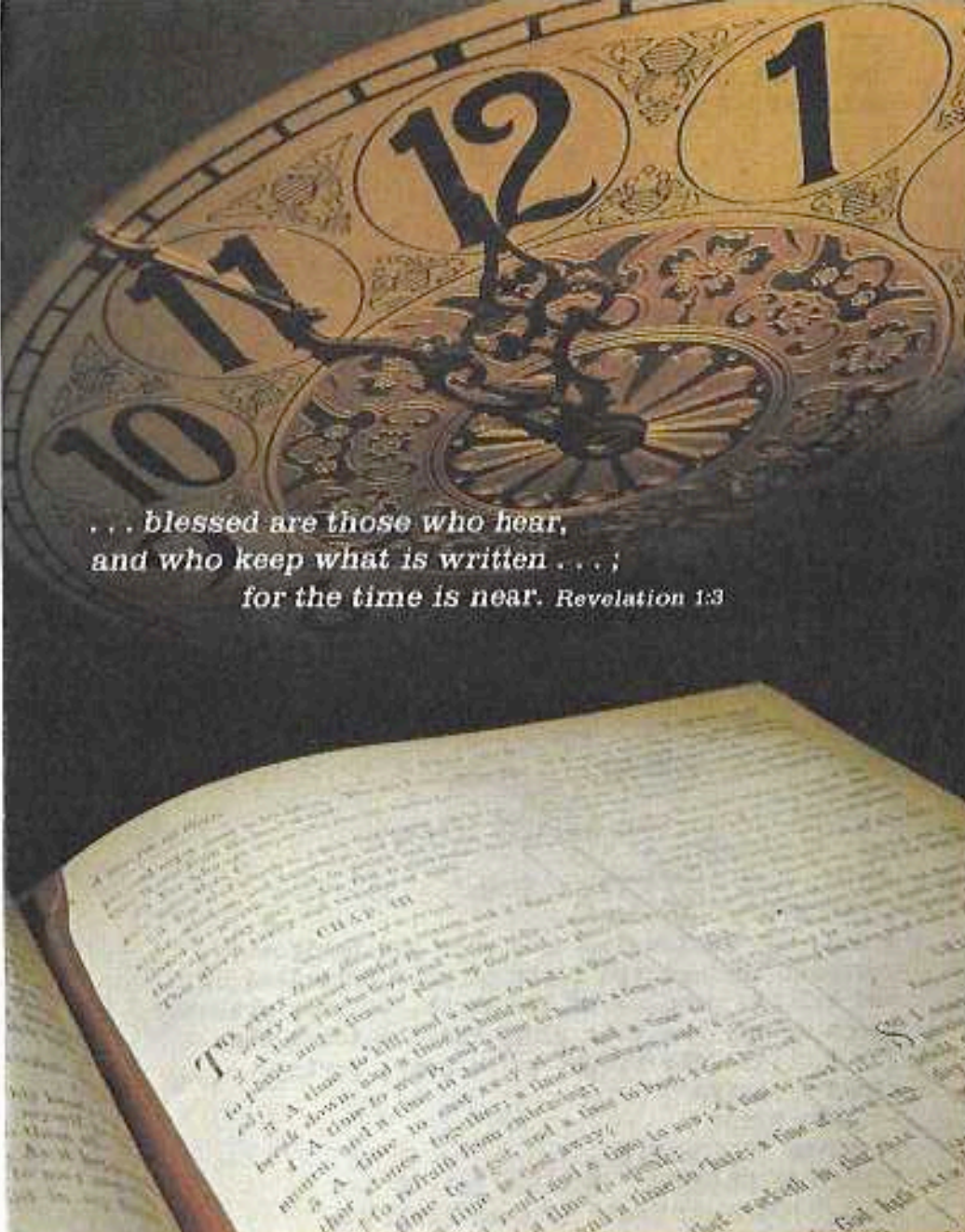




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Missing Several



*... blessed are those who hear,
and who keep what is written . . . ;
for the time is near. Revelation 1:3*

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 N. FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO

Epiphany
January 3, 1982

James B. Stephenson, minister
Frances L. Belt, assisting

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I love to look at trees and all
Things simple, strange and natural,
Like daily light and nightly stars -
I feel the loosening of bars
That bind me in, for things like trees
And stars and light are mysteries,
And when I look at them, I see
Also the mystery of me,
And feel that I am more, not less,
No little lonely separateness,
But I and everything that is
Are His!

- James Dillet Freeman

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45 A. M.

PRELUDE "Glorious Things" (Hughes)
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #206 "We Three Kings"

*INVOCATION (unison)

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested
yourself through the birth of your Son; lead us,
and all the peoples of the earth, to your presence,
where we may see your glory face to face; thru
Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12

SOLO "Sing We Noel" (French Carol) by
Jeanne Ekelberry

MORNING PRAYERS and BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Contemplation" (Ritter) DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE "Happy New Year!"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*HYMN, #196 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #589 "Ring out the Old"
*BENEDICTION
ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "The Gospel Trumpet" (Price)
*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, W. C. Wickum, Jim Stephenson
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Greeters, Lana & Jerry Palmer
Ushers, Charles Ekelberry, Michael Grubbs, Tim
Fogle, Steven Palmer

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in the vestibule? It is our prayer that your experi-
ence here this morning will bring you close to God.

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK - Evelyn Lee - TUESDAY

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

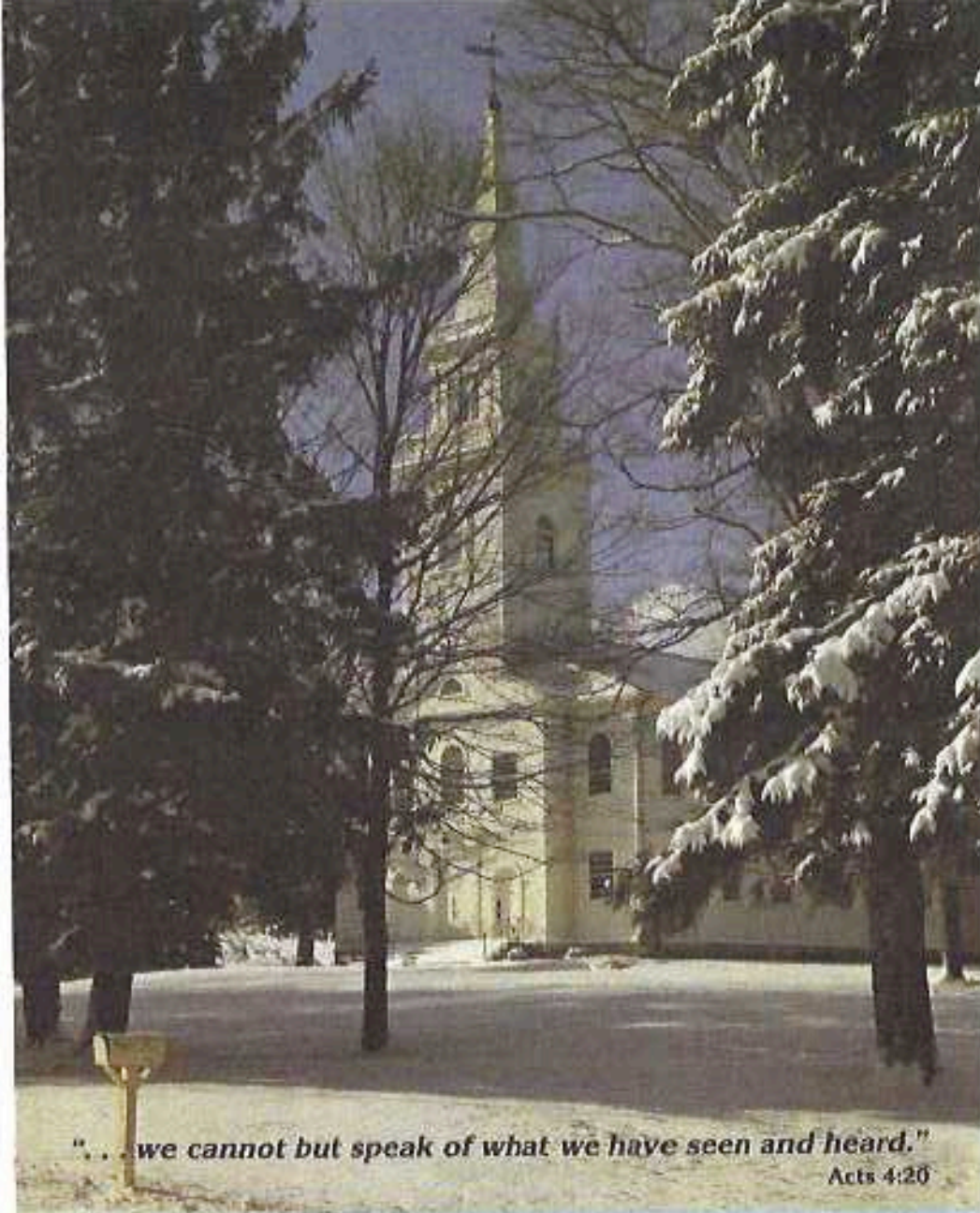
MONDAY 7:00 Board of Christian Education at
the parsonage.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

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Wonderful, wonderful, fortunate you,
This is the year that your dreams come true!
This is the year that your ships come in;
This is the year you find Christ within.
This is the year you are glad to live;
This is the year you have much to give.
This is the year when you learn the Truth;
This is the year when you find new youth.
This is the year that brings happiness;
This is the year you will live to bless.
Wonderful, wonderful, fortunate you,
This is the year that your dreams come true!
- Russell A. Kemp

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THE GOOD NEWS LETTER will be published Sunday, Jan-
uary 17. All material must be in the office by Jan.
13.



"...we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

Acts 4:20

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO

January 10, 1982

James B. Stephenson, minister
Donna R. Brown, assisting

Egypt is a waste of sand
And a wind blowing thru silent streets.
The jackal howls death in a ruined temple
Where stone gods sleep in the desert night.

There is no hope in Egypt;
Broken bones bleach by an ancient road
Leading from nowhere to nothing.

We were lost in Egypt,
Knowing only the ruined temples, the eyeless
Gods, and the taste of sand in our dry throats.
But when we fell, and struggled on only to
Fall again; we saw, believe me, we saw there
In that ancient road, the footprints of a Child,
Leading from nowhere to Everything! (S. U.)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45 A. M.

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown
INVITATION TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #122 "Come Thou Almighty King"
*INVOCATION (unison)
O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonder-
fully restored, the dignity of human nature; grant
that we may share the divine life of Him who humbled
Himself to share our humanity, your Son, Jesus Christ
who taught us to pray, saying,
*LORD'S PRAYER
*SONG OF PRAISE (tune, Doxology)
O Life and Love we all may share,
Creative Spirit everywhere,
O Jesus Christ who sets us free,
In joy we sing our praise to Thee.
*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 1
SOLO W. C. Wickum
MORNING PRAYERS & BLESSING OF CHILDREN
BRINGING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*RESPONSE No. 422 (1st stanza)
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matt. 2:13-23
MESSAGE "From Nowhere to Everything"
*HYMN, #252 "All Hail the Power"
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown
*Congregation stands

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Organist, Ruth J. Brown
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Grubbs, Steven Palmer

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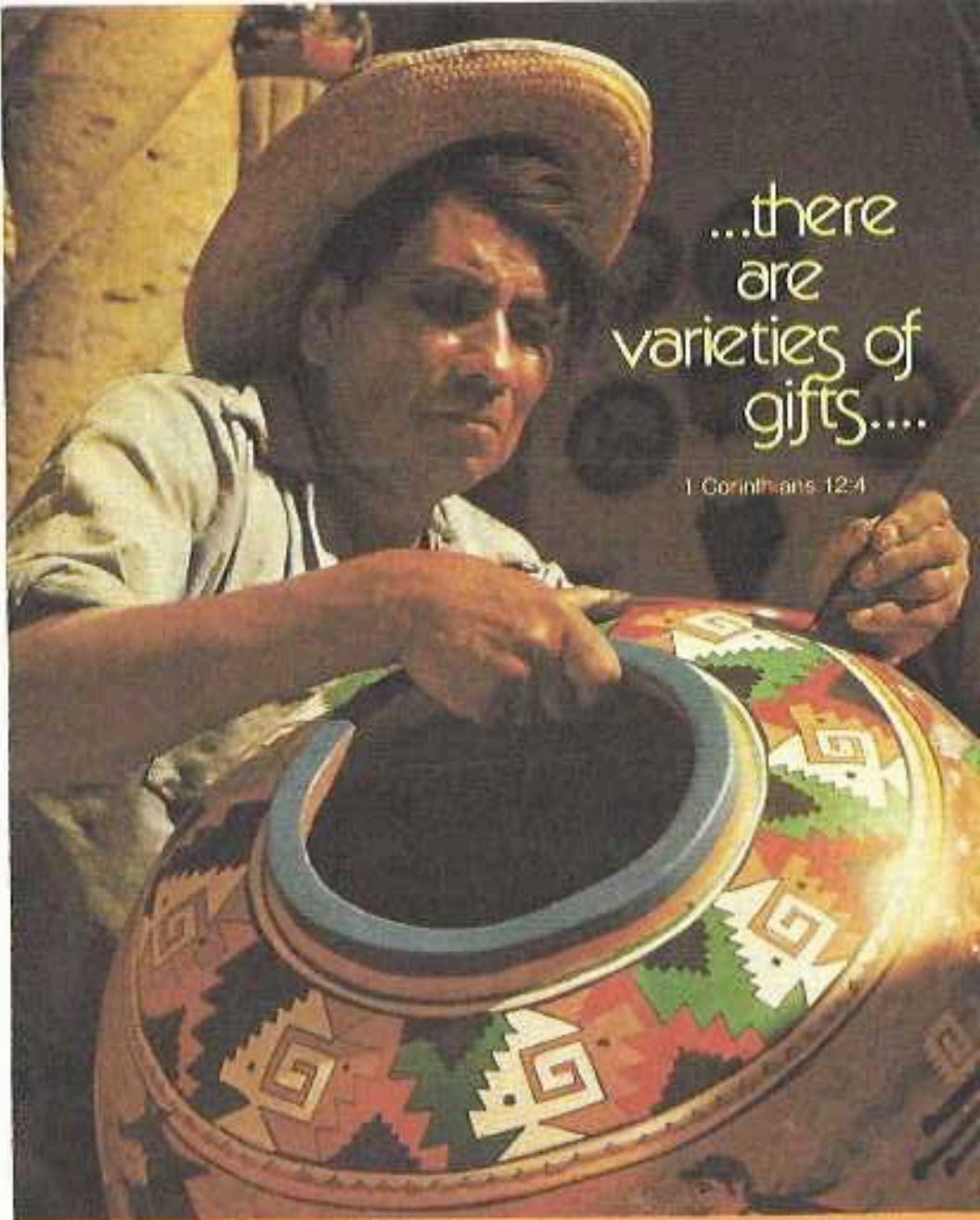
BIRTHDAYS Larry Faulk TUESDAY
Claudia Elliot FRIDAY

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 7:00 Youth Fellowship.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.
WEDNESDAY 6:30 Covered dish dinner and annual
meeting of the church fellow-
ship. Election of officers.
Child care available.
THURSDAY 7:30 Women's Mission Society with the
Gabriels, weather permitting.
Program by Helen Aleshire.
NXT SUNDAY A number of our youth will attend the
Senior High Retreat at Judson Hills.

...there
are
varieties of
gifts....

1 Corinthians 12:4



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
JANUARY 24, 1982

James B. Stephenson, minister
Jerry L. Palmer, assisting

Shepherd shall I tend your sheep,
I who have scant shephord's skill?
But I hear them weep and weep,
And if I do not go, who will?
The sheep do not belong to me,
I am not sure where the sheepfold is;
But looking around, I do not see -
In a world that is not mine but His -
Any to come save such as I;
And so there is nothing else to do,
When in the dark I hear them cry,
But look for a light to lead them to.
- James Dillet Freeman

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.

PRIMINE

INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN, #423 "The Church's One
Foundation"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING #31 (O.T.)

ANTHEM "The Lord Is My Shepherd
(Lorenz)

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

SOLO "Shepherd Show Me How to Go"
(Humphreys) W. C. Wickum

MESSAGE "Shepherds"

*HYMN, #101 "Savior like a Shepherd"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, W. C. Wickum, Jim
Stephenson

Organist, Ruth J. Brown

Ushers, Charles Ekelberry, Tim Foglo,
Michael Grubbs, Steven Palmer

We welcome visitors to our worship.
Please sign the guest book in the vesti-
bule. And we invite you to return soon!

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY 11:45 Annual Business Meeting
7:00 Youth Fellowship
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal
NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School
10:45 Worship and Dedication
of officers.

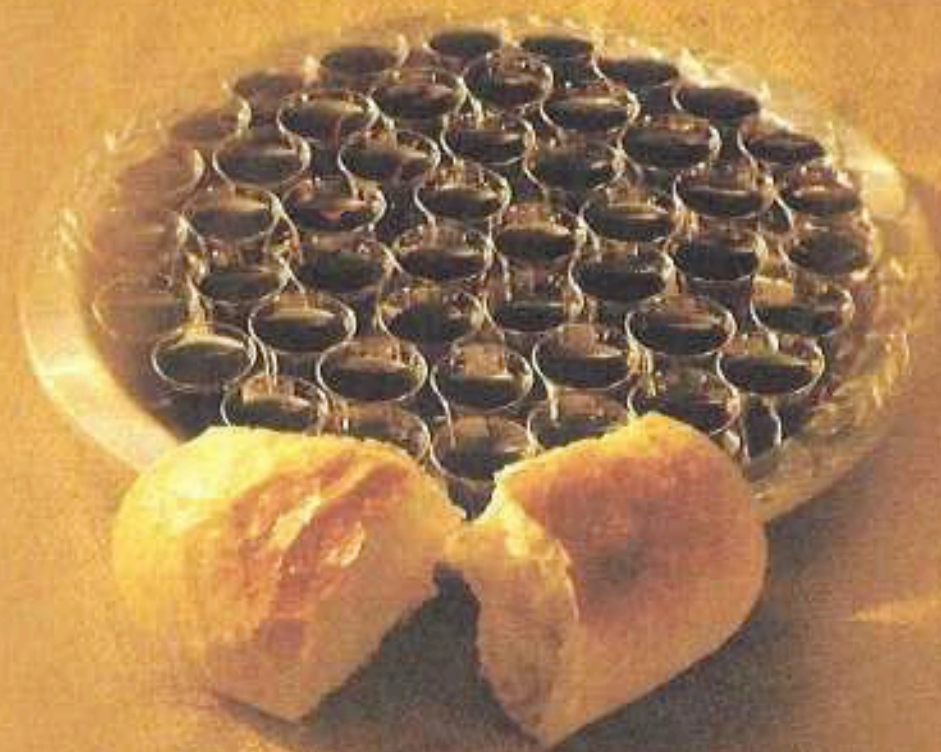
BIRTHDAY Sophia Stephenson TUESDAY

NOTES FOR THE BUSINESS MEETING . . .

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Rogers & Rogers
1375 Jackson Ave
New Orleans

...Jesus took bread....

Matthew 26:26



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO
FEBRUARY 7, 1982

James B. Stephenson, minister
Larry Faulk, assisting

THEME OF OUR WORSHIP: "Signs on the Path."

He is a path, if any be misled;
He is a robe, if any naked be;
If any chance to hunger, He is bread;
If any be a servant, He is free;
If any be but weak, how strong is He!
To dead men life He is, to sick men health;
To blind men, sight, and to the needy, wealth!
- Giles Fletcher, Jr.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.

PRELUDE "Hosanna" (Nordman)
CHORAL INTROIT
*HYMN, #107 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
OLD TESTAMENT READING #33
ANTHEM "Open My Eyes" (Hughes)
MORNING PRAYERS
BLESSING OF CHILDREN
OFFERTORY "Majestic Largo" (Lorenz)
*RESPONSE The Doxology
NEW TESTAMENT READING John 14:1-14
MESSAGE "Signs on the Path"
DEDICATION OF OFFICERS
*FELLOWSHIP OFFERING
*HYMN, #161 "Bread of Life"
HOLY COMMUNION
*HYMN, #46 "How Firm a Foundation"
*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "Theme by Mendelssohn" (Lorenz)
*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, W. C. Wickum, Jim Stephenson

Organist, Ruth Brown
Organist for Today, Betty Porter
Ushers, Charles Ekelberry, Michael Grubbs,
Tim, Fogle, Steven Palmer

We are happy to welcome visitors to our worship this morning. We invite you to sign the guest book in the vestibule. It is our prayer that your experience here this morning will bring you nearer to Jesus. And we cordially invite you to consider becoming a part of our Christian Fellowship.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

Last week was Green Lake Sunday. Please read the materials on the bulletin boards.

The Good News Letter will probably be available next Sunday depending on the state of our duplicating equipment. If you have stories, personal items, etc., they must be turned in to Steve no later than Tuesday night. Brief items can be phoned in, longer ones should be written. Please do not ask for an extension of time.

Our equipment trauma makes the effort of publication much more difficult and much slower than in the past and we need your cooperation. Thanks to all!

BIRTHDAYS

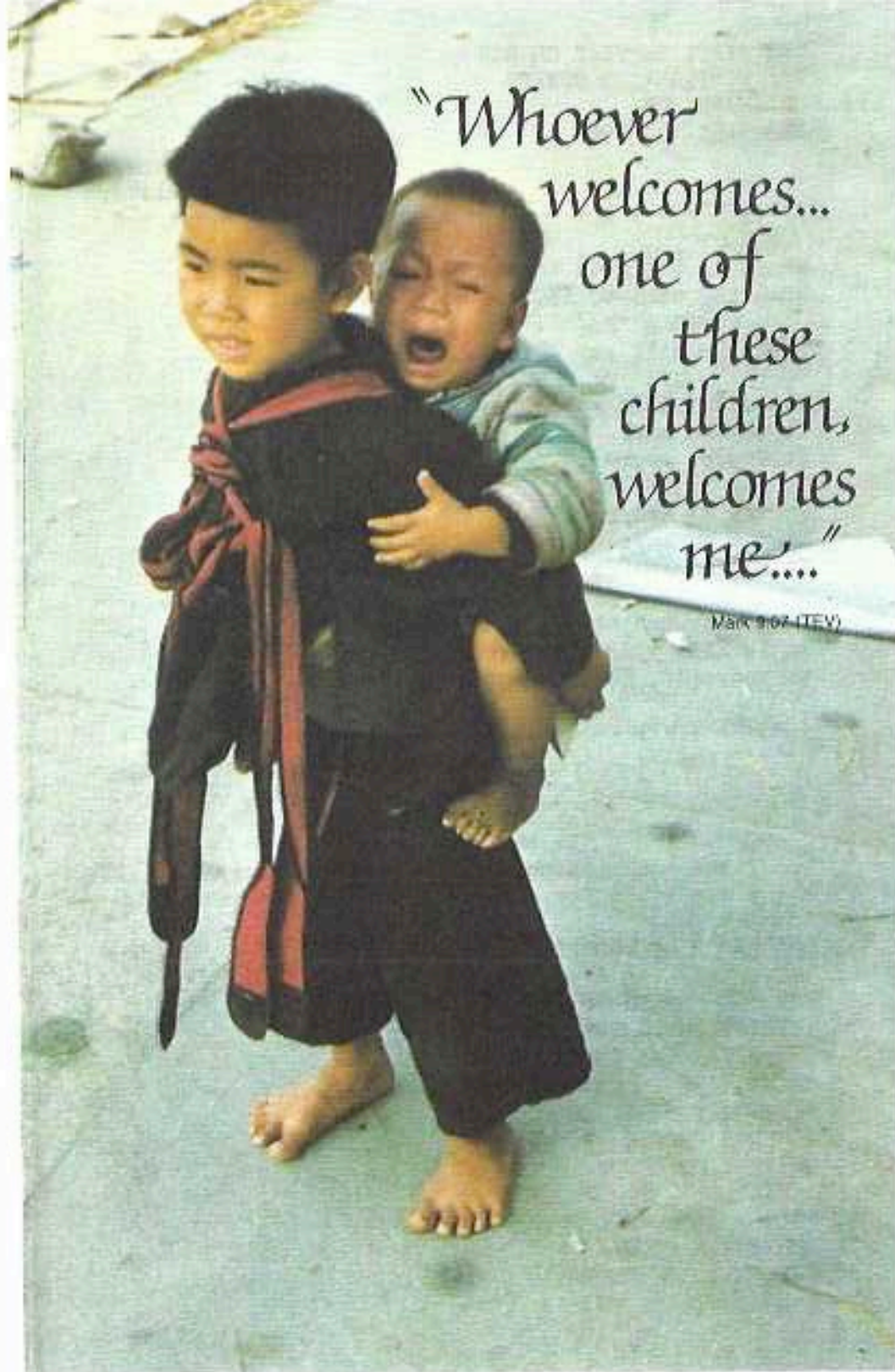
MONDAY Della Dean
SATURDAY Lana Palmer

JESUS SAID:

If you knew me you would know the Father also. (Jn. 8:19)
He who has seen me has seen the Father. (Jn. 14:9)
I and the Father are one. (Jn. 10:30)

"Whoever
welcomes...
one of
these
children,
welcomes
me..."

Mark 9:37 (TEV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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DELAWARE, OH.
FEBRUARY 14, 1982

James B. Stephenson
minister

Where is the gate to peace?
When you come to it, you will not find a sign
saying "Peace."
The sign will say "Discipline."

The discipline may be renunciation.
It may be work.
It may be courage.
It may be knowledge.
It may be prayer.
It may be love.
It may be losing yourself in search of God.

To go through the gate of peace
is to find your right relation
to yourself, to things, and to God. (anon)

Please
be
silent
in the Sanctuary
someone sitting near you came to pray

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE Ruth Brown
INVITATION TO WORSHIP
INTROIT The Choir
*HYMN, 379 "Love Divine"
*INVOCATION
*LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
A READING No. 20 (NT)
SOLO Jeanne Ekelberry
MORNING PRAYERS
CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "Love"

PRAYERS

*HYMN, #392 "Jesus the very Thought"

*BENEDICTION "Alleluia"

POSTLUDE Ruth Brown

*Congregation stands

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Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Greeters, Lana & Jerry Palmer
Ushers, Charles Ekelberry, Michael Grubbs, Tim
Fogle, Steven Palmer

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name and address in the guest book in the vestibule?
It is our prayer that your presence with us will bring
us all closer to God. If you do not have a church
home in Delaware, we invite you to consider becoming
a part of our Christian Fellowship.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 Parish Council.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the
parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

NXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.
10:45 Rev. David Lyons will be
our guest speaker. Our
minister will speak at Asbury
United Methodist Church.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER is available today. Take copies
home for your absent friends and relatives!

These three remain: Faith, hope, and love;
and the greatest of these is love.
I Cor. 13:13

The Lord is . . . the Creator. . . .

Isaiah 40:28



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO

James B. Stephenson, minister
Polly Focke, assisting

First Sunday in Lent February 28, 1982
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "A Light unto My Path" (Frick)
INTROIT The Choir
INVITATION TO LIVE
*HYMN, #228 "When I Survey the Cross"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:20-31
ANTHEM "O Love, How Deep" (Lani Smith)
MORNING PRAYERS
SPECIAL PRESENTATION
OFFERTORY "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" (Ambrose)
*RESPONSE Doxology
NEW TESTAMENT READING I John 4:7-8
MESSAGE "The Amazing Power of Faith"
PRAYERS
*HYMN, #252 "All Hail the Power"
*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "Come with Rejoicing" (Morrison)
*Congregation stands

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Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Greeters, Beth & Archie Trigg
Candlelighter, Stefanie Stoner
Ushers, Michael Grubbs, Tim Fogle, Steven Palmer,
Charles Ekelberry

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We are happy to welcome visitors to our worship today.
It is our prayer that your presence will will help us
to experience the presence of God. You are here; he
is here, and this mutual presence brings power into
our lives.

If you do not have a church home in Delaware we sug-
gest that you consider becoming a part of our Fellow-
ship. May we have your name and address in our guest
book in the vestibule.

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY 6:30 Teachers at the church.
MONDAY 7:00 Board of Ed. with Polly Focke.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
FRIDAY 9:45 World Day of Prayer at St. Mary.
NXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.
10:45 Worship & Holy Communion. Message:
"My Brother, My Lord"

BIRTHDAYS Rev. Ted Stephenson WEDNESDAY
Mrs. Mary Barkeloo SATURDAY

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead,
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the living and
the dead;
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The Holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. AMEN.

(Note: in the translation above, the term "hell" can
read as "place of the dead," and Catholic as Univer-
sal)

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The Apostles' Creed, the oldest statement of the be-
lief of the church, will be one of our study sources
for Lent. You are invited to take home a study-
sheet on the Creed that you will find on the table
in the vestibule. See newsletter for details of
our Lenten activities.

Litany

- Leader:** *Praise God from whom all creation flows.*
People: *For God has made everything in its season.*
- Leader:** *O Lord, for the tenacity to be born and a time to build up.*
People: *We praise Thee, O God.*
- Leader:** *Grant us the vision to laugh and to dance in green pastures, beside clear waters.*
People: *We praise Thee, O God.*
- Leader:** *We rejoice in the time to embrace Your wonders, and to keep Your faith.*
People: *We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*
- Leader:** *Without Your help, O Lord, a time to weep and to mourn o'er takes us.*
People: *We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*
- Leader:** *Grant us the tenacity to cast away and to rend from us habits which lay waste Your natural resource.*
People: *Grant us courage, O God.*
- Leader:** *With Your challenge, O Lord, there comes a time to speak and a time to gather together the stewards of this land.*
People: *Grant us dedication, O God.*
- Leader:** *O Lord, Our Lord, grant us a time to love and a time for peace.*
People: *Glory be to Thee, Creator, Redeemer, God only wise; Amen.*



Show me a sign....
Psalm 86:17



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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James B. Stephenson
minister
J. Steven Stoner
assisting

2nd Sunday in Lent March 7, 1982

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Please be quiet in the Sanctuary,

someone sitting near you came to pray.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown

INTROIT The Choir

*HYMN, #107 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*INVOCATION unison

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspira-
tion of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you and magnify your Holy Name; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

A SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:25-30

ANTHEM "Kum bah yah" African Folk Melody

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND BLESSING

BLESSING OF CHILDREN'S OFFERING

BRINGING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*RESPONSE The Doxology

MESSAGE "My Brother, My Lord"

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING

*HYMN, #461 "Bread of Life"

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #261 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown

*CONGREGATION STANDS

Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Choir Directors, Jim Stephenson, W. C. Wickum
Greeters, Anne Linn, Annette Ringley
Ushers, Charles Ekelberry, Tim Fogle, Michael
Grubbs, Steven Palmer
Candlelighter, Victor Fogle

OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY 7:30 Message Input at the parsonage,
632 Congress Ct.
WEDNESDAY 7:15 Lenten Breakfast at Holiday Inn.
7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
THURSDAY 7:30 Women's Mission Society with Karen
Stoner, 17 Westland Way. Program,
Marjorie Smale.
NXT SUNDAY 9:15 Intergenerational Lenten Experience.
10:45 Worship. Message, "Earth in Spring-
time." Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1-18.

BIRTHDAYS

TUESDAY Annette Ringley
FRIDAY Evan Trigg
NXT SUNDAY Chris Treese

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morning. May we have your name and address in the
guest book in the vestibule? If you do not have a
church home in Delaware, we invite you to consider
becoming a part of our Christian Fellowship. As de-
fined in our constitution, "the purpose of this
church is the study and practice of the Way of Jesus
Christ. This is a pathway of freedom which binds no
person to a creed but sets each one free to follow
the Light of Christ within him." _ _ _ _ _

Lord of the brooding blue
Of pleasant summer skies,
Lord of each little bird that through
The clear air flies,
It's wonderful to me
That I am loved by Thee!
- Amy Carmichael

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HE IS RISEN

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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minister
Beth Trigg
assisting

EASTER WORSHIP

April 11, 1982

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Christ Arose" (Lowry)

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN, #239 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty God, we search for life, fearing to lose it;
we grasp at life, and yet cannot hold it; but Jesus our
Lord has delivered us from fear, has placed life in us
to be enjoyed, to be filled with meaning. We sing
our praise to Jesus who is our Savior, our Lord, our
Teacher, praying as he taught us to pray,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 20:1-18

QUARTET "The Risen Lord" (Noble) Donna Brown, Karen
Stoner, Jim Stephenson, W. C. Wickum

MORNING PRAYERS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Easter Day" (Crain), "The First
Easter" (Rogers)

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Were You There?" (Spiritual)

*RESPONSE The Doxology

SOLO "The Holy City" (Adam) W. C. Wickum

MESSAGE "Alive Forever"

CLOSING MEDITATION

*HYMN, #256 "Look Ye Saints"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "The Strife Is O'er" (Palestrina)

*Congregation stands

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have your name and address in our guest book in the
vestibule?

Choir Directors, Jim Stephenson, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Candlelighter, Stefanie Stoner
Greeters, Cap and Myrtle Gabriel
Ushers, Steve Palmer, Mike Grubbs, Tim Fogle,
Charles Ekelberry

Opportunities

Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.
Next Sunday 10:45 American Baptist Women's Sunday.

We express our grateful thanks to all those who have
worked to enrich our Lenten and Easter season. A
special thank you to the choir, director Jim Stephen-
son, and accompanist Ruth Brown, for the beautiful
cantata of last Sunday!

Spring bursts today,
For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.

Winter is past,
Sweet spring is come at last, is come at last.

Bud, fig, and vine,
Bud, olive, fat with fruit and oil, and wine.

Sing, creatures, sing,
Angels and men and birds, and everything!

(Christina G. Rossetti)

EASTER HAIKU

Glorious morning!
God did this for me - for me!
Praise be to Jesus!

(Karen Stoner)

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Our SHUT-INS and those in NURSING HOMES:

HELEN BAKER, at home; EDITH HALL, at home; ELIZABETH HEIZER, at Union Manor Nursing Home in Marysville; FRANCES JOHNSON, at Wintersong Village Nursing Facility; and CAROLYN SCHNEEBERGER, at the Sarah Moore Home.

Those in need of our PRAYERS include:

PAUL ALLEN; LAURA ANDERSSON, daughter of Helen and Bruce Andersson, members of St. Peter's Church; BONNIE ARMSTRONG, Sue Elfner's cousin; CHUCK ARMSTRONG; BOB BIGGAR, Ray Biggar's brother; JOE & JEAN BROWER & daughter DARLENE; JOAN CAHILL, Archie Trigg's sister; WILLA CORDER, Jennifer Turner & Melissa Mercer's grandmother; DAVID CYRUS; VIRGINIA DIEHL, member of Randy Turner's home church; SHANNON DE'LISSANJRO, Jean Wickum's granddaughter; JEANIE DEWEESE, Barb Reed's sister; the FETTER Family; DEWEY HUGHES, Tammy Francis' grandfather; TOM HYPES; LOLA JACKSON; JEANETTE JONES; MIKELL HEDLEY, friend of Lynn Elfner; DEBBIE HELD, Bernice Turney's niece; HOLLY KAUF & CHILDREN, Barb Reed's daughter; the LEHR Family, friends of Pastor Hagans; JOHN & ANNE LINN; AMY MCGREW, Marge Smale's daughter; MARY ANN & JOHN MURDAY; SUSAN MUSSARD, Jean Wickum's friend; SHIRLEY PARKER; the RAMEY FAMILY; LUCY RINEHART, Archie Trigg's aunt; JACK SMITH; CHERYL SPANGLER, SHANNON STONER; BERNICE TURNEY; BERTHA VAN BRIMMER; MRS. VAN BROEKHOVEN, Harold Van Broekhoven's mother; GREG WALKER; the WERLING Family; JEAN WICKUM.

Those in COLLEGE or AWAY AT COLLEGE include:

ERIN FAULK at Hope College; NICHELLE HEDGES; LIZ HOPKINS at Bowling Green University; MATTHEW LOVELL at O.S.U.; NATALIE MOWERY at O.S.U.; CHRISTINE REILLY at Ohio Wesleyan University; MARCI SANDER at O.S.U.; SHANNON & MICAH STONER at DeVries Institute of Technology; KAREN STONER at METHESCO; JARROD TRIGG at Eastern Michigan University; and JENNA WEAKLAND at Bowling Green university.

Those in the MILITARY include:

VICTOR & DEBBIE FOGLE, in the Marines; ED & JENNIFER LINN, in the Air Force.



*... give me understanding, so that
I may know your teachings.*

Psalms 119:125 (TEV)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO

James B. Stephenson
Minister

American Baptist Women's Sunday April 18, 1982
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Ruth Brown
*HYMN, #165 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
*INVOCATION Janet Inscho
*LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Helen Aleshire
SPECIAL MUSIC "She Who Knows the Lord of Light"
SCRIPTURE READING Philimon 1:5-6 Barbara Payne
SOLO "One Day at a Time" (Wilkin & Kristofferson)
Beth Trigg
MORNING PRAYER Beth Trigg
BLESSING OF CHILDREN
OFFERTORY Lana Palmer
*RESPONSE Doxology
SONG "To God Be the Glory" Choir with congregation
joining in Chorus
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice,
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice,
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory
Great things He has done.
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Helen Aleshire
MESSAGE "Faith for Times like These" Brenda Donegan
*HYMN, #348 "Faith of Our Fathers"
*BENEDICTION Frances Belt
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Ruth Brown
*Congregation stands

Ushers and Greeters
Mary Ann Balangee, Della Dean, Sophia Stephenson,
Bertha VanBrimmer

Candlelighter
Victor Fogle

Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Directing the Choir, Mary Lou Lovell

Our worship today is conducted by the women of the Church. This is American Baptist Women's Sunday.

Our speaker for today is Brenda Donegan. She is a member of the Prospect Baptist Church. She is the Vice-President of Leadership Development for the Marion Baptist Association. It is a privilege to hear her this morning.

OPPORTUNITIES

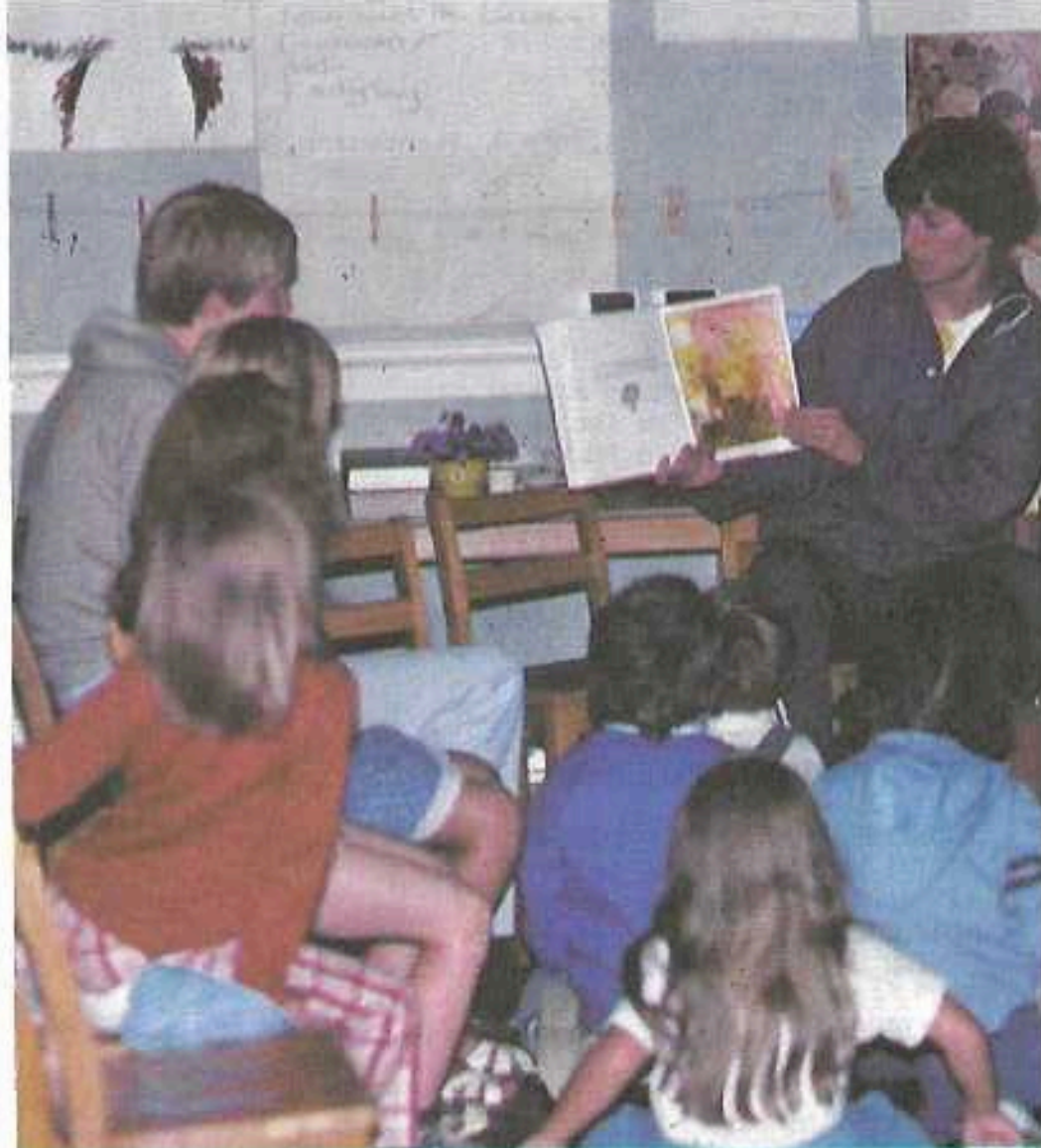
MONDAY	7:00 Parish Council in the Youth Room.
TUESDAY	7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage. 7:30 Ice Cream Social committee in the Youth Room.
WEDNESDAY	7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
THURSDAY	7:30 Women's Society with Bertha McTaggart, 149 Grandview.
NEXT SUNDAY	9:15 Church School. 10:45 Youth Sunday.

God is very near to me
In the whispering of a tree;
And Her voice I've often heard
In the singing of a bird.

I have often walked with Her
In the twilight warm and dim;
Sure and tender, She is there
In the clover scented air. (Mary E. McCullough)

The rose on the altar is in honor of the new daughter who was born April 14 to Dr. and Mrs. Richard Lee, Jr. of Houston. Congratulations also go to the grandparents, Richard and Evelyn Lee!

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Serve the Lord . . .

Romans 12:11 (TBV)



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DELAWARE, OHIO

James B. Stephenson, minister

YOUTH SUNDAY
APRIL 25, 1982

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

- PRELUDE Alison Grubbs
- CALL TO WORSHIP Krissy Martin
- *HYMN, #214 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"
- *INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER Martha Kirtland
- WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Steve Palmer
- *FELLOWSHIP
- SPECIAL MUSIC
 - "I've Been Redeemed"
 - "They'll Know We Are Christians"
 - "Sing to the Power"
 - "Oh How I Love Jesus"
 - "Pass It on"
- SCRIPTURE READING Lara McElwee
- MORNING PRAYERS Mike Grubbs
- SOLO Janet Porter
- BLESSING OF CHILDREN Suzi Grubbs
- SPECIAL MESSAGE Mike Grubbs
- OFFERTORY Charles Ekelberry
- *DOXCLOGY
- MESSAGE "Where Are You with Christ?" Janet Porter
- *HYMN, #295 "Just as I Am"
- *BENEDICTION Elizabeth Brown
- *ALLELUIA
- POSTLUDE Jennifer Palmer
- *Congregation stands
- USHERS Alison Grubbs, Krissy Martin, Mike Ekelberry, Lara McElwee
- ORGANIST Alison Grubbs
- PIANIST Jennifer Palmer
- GREETERS Ernestine Frost
Frances Johnson

We welcome visitors to our worship service. May we have your name and address in our guestbook?

Today is youth Sunday, and we are happy that our Youth Fellowship is conducting our Morning Worship.

OPPORTUNITIES

- TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.
- WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
- NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes for all ages.
10:45 Morning Worship and Holy Communion. One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Message: "God in My Heart, God in My Hand"- Read Matt. 28:16-20.
11:45 Quarterly Business Meeting.
5:30 Covered dish dinner and White Elephant Sale in the Fellowship Hall.

Your "Good News Letter" is available today.

How much more beautiful are trees
When blossoms come from them in May!
How much more beautiful are you
When loving words are all you say!

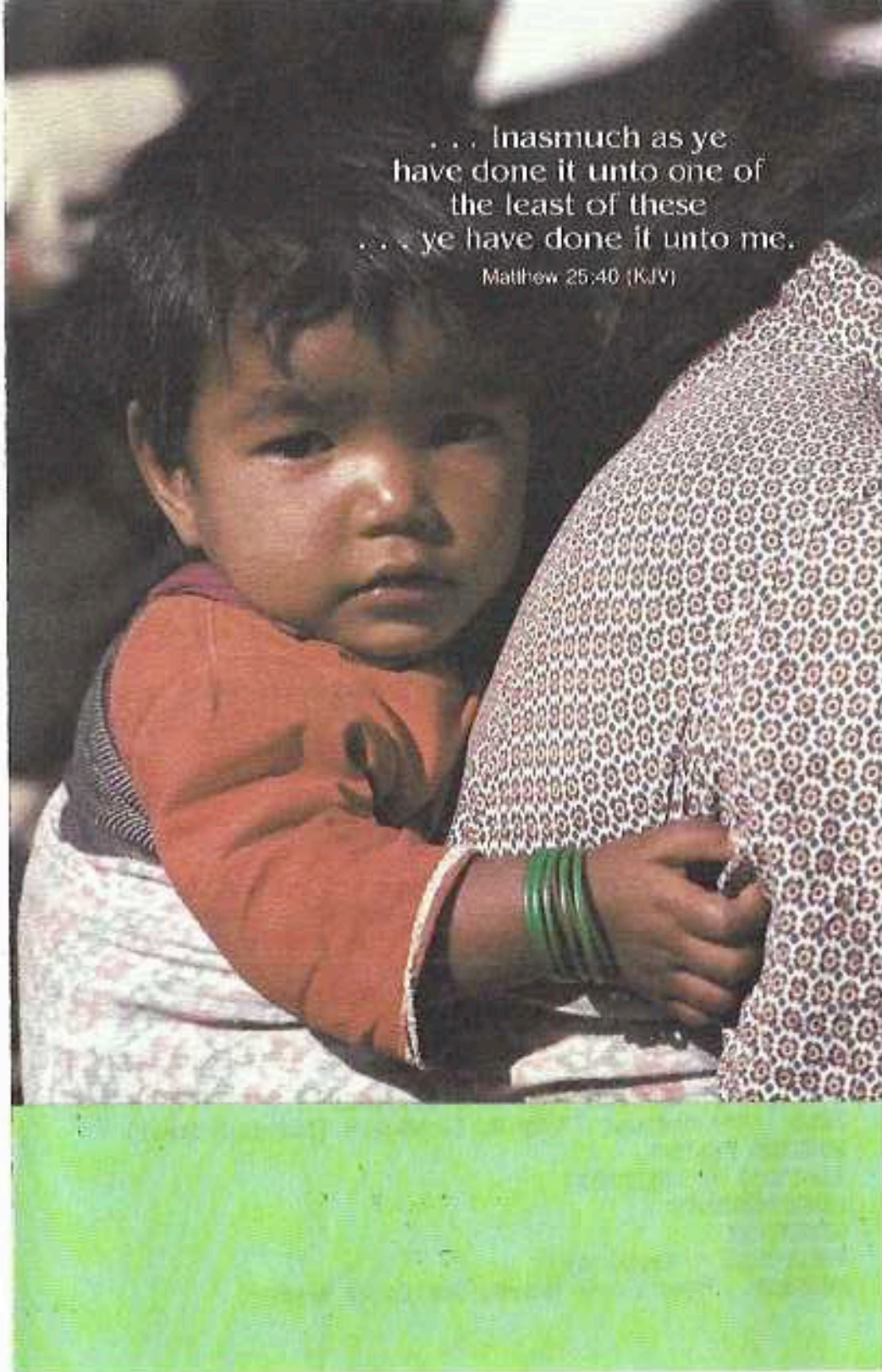
How much more beautiful the sky
When sunset gives it golden hue!
When every thought is tender, kind,
How much more beautiful are you!

Molly C. Rodman

Evelyn Duke is soon moving from Delaware. Her new address will be A 15, Gateway Gardens, Kokomo, Indiana, 46901.

... Inasmuch as ye
have done it unto one of
the least of these
... ye have done it unto me.

Matthew 25:40 (KJV)



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Beth Trigg, assisting

MAY 2, 1982

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May is a smile at the heart of things,
A joy made manifest, warm and clear,
A lift of the spirit that gives it wings
As young and brave as the time of year.

The tall trees sing in the dancing wind;
The brook makes music across its bar;
And there is no power that can rescind
The light on the fields where the daisies are;

Nor anything keep the heart from knowing
God everywhere, and green things growing!
- Eleanor H. Zimmerman

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE Ruth Brown

INTROIT

*HYMN, #167 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*INVOCATION unison

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspir-
ation of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name;
we pray as Jesus taught us,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

A SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:16-20

SOLO "My God and I" by W. C. Wickum (Latvian Carol)

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE "Doxology"

MESSAGE "God in My Heart, God in My Hand"

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

*HYMN, #451 "Here at Thy Table Lord"

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #112 "Blessed Assurance"

*BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Ruth Brown

*Congregation stands

Choir Director, Jim Stephenson

Organist, Ruth J. Brown

Ushers, Mike Grubbs, Steve Palmer, Charles Ekelberry,

Tim Fogle

Candlelighter, Debbie Lovell

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We are happy to welcome visitors to our worship today.
May we have your name and address in our guest book
in the vestibule? And we urge you to worship with us
again soon!

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY	11:45 Quarterly Business Meeting. 5:30 Covered dish dinner and white elephant sale.
MONDAY	7:00 Board of Education at the parsonage.
TUESDAY	7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
WEDNESDAY	7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
FRIDAY	9:30 - 11:30am May Fellowship Day at Zion United Church of Christ.
NEXT SUNDAY	9:15 Church School. 10:45 Morning Worship. Message: "The Un- veiled Glory." Scripture: Matt. 24:1-51; 25:31-46.

Our series of studies on the Apostles Creed resumes
again today. Material is available on the table in
the vestibule.

You never have to change what you see;
only the way you see it!
- Thaddeus Golas

Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:8 (Phillips)



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Carol A. Grubbs, assisting

MOTHERS' DAY May 9, 1982

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MOTHERS . . .

If ever the world be asked to choose
The folk whom it cannot, must not lose,
The indispensable, precious souls,
They won't be found in the famous roles
Of artists or scholars or statesmen. They
Will just be those with a small, sweet way
Of always being on hand when we
Need them most. They will always be
The folk whose burdens are greater far
Than the burdens of those they comfort are.
- Dorothy P. Albaugh

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE Ruth Brown

INTROIT

*HYMN, #598 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*INVOCATION unison

Lord, behold our families. We thank You for this
place of worship; for the love that unites us; for
the peace we feel this day; for the hope with which
we expect tomorrow; for the health, the work, the
food and the bright skies that make our lives
delightful; bless us all in Jesus' Name;

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 19

ANTHEM "God Give Us Christian Homes" (McKinney)

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 19:16-27

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "The Unveiled Glory"

*HYMN, #379 "Love Divine"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Ruth Brown

*Congregation stands

Choir Director, Jim Stephenson

Organist, Ruth Brown

Greeters, Pam & Larry Faulk

Candlelighter, Jeff Faulk

Ushers, Charles Ekelberry, Mike Grubbs,

Tim Fogle, Steve Palmer

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We welcome mothers and families to our worship this
Mothers' Day. May your time here in the Sanctuary
increase the feeling of love and faith within you.

It is good to have visitors with us. We are glad
that you are with us and invite you to share with
us again next Sunday. May we have your name and
address in the guest book in the vestibule?

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OPPORTUNITIES . . .

MONDAY 7:30 Finance Committee Meeting at the
church.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage,
632 Congress Court.

WEDNESDAY 9:30-2:00 Sewing Day the the church.
Bring sack lunch.

7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

THURSDAY 7:30 Women's Society at the church.
Installation of officers.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes....all
ages.

10:45 Morning Worship. Last message
on the Apostles Creed. Message:
Buried Treasure

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The mother in her relationship to the child holds
the key of the soul; and she it is who stamps the
coin of character upon it.

- Anon.

Consider tenacity

*I walked across my fields of green
Through an orchard wide, scarcely seen.
My meadow scarred only by my neglect,
Cool clear running water demanding respect.*

*Recollections of my grandfather's quest
For land to till, to manage, to invest.
Producing food and fiber for his nation.
Committed to stewardship of God's creation.*

*Green temples which rose out of dusty hills
Brought not wealth but burdensome bills.
Erosion solved by technology in use,
Desire to produce, stilled by governmental abuse.*

*Urbanization and its beckoning glitter of gold
Attracted my sisters and brothers, I am told.
Society's priorities of progress and welfare
So easy to follow--so easy to share.*

*Is preserving land critical, I'm tempted to ask,
When storing our harvest has been such a task?
Who will care for our forefathers' soil
To feed future generations we cannot spoil?*

*The silence deafened me as I knelt there and cried
"I am losing the battle . . . my spirit has died.
I have fallen, Father--and have not others?"
Then the answer . . . heard by my ancestors and brothers,*

"It's a time for tenacity; consider it well."



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A Time for Tenacity



Soil Stewardship week May 16-23, 1982

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MAY 16, 1982

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We are all children, large or small,
Some young, some older, that is all.
God, I am sure, does not expect
Children to always be correct.
Yet through our cloud of dark unknowing,
I think God sees that we are growing;
He sees us stumble, sees us err,
But sees we are not what we were.
And when we turn from love and run
Away from truth, He does not shun
Us then, but loves us all the more -
Is this not what a God is for?
Children, you are the offspring of
Our Mother Life, our Father Love.

- James Dillet Freeman

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE Ruth Brown

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN, #157 "All Creatures of Our God"

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 2

ANTHEM "God So Loved the World" (Stainer)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:18-29

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "Buried Treasure"

*HYMN, #281 "Jesus Calls Us"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Ruth Brown

*Congregation stands

Greeters, Carol & Willard Fogle; Candlelighter,
Stefanie Stoner, Choir Dir., Jim Stephenson, Organist
Ruth Brown, Ushers, S. Palmer, T. Fogle, M. Grubbs, C
Ekelberry

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May we have your name and address in the guest book
on the table in the vestibule? May your experience
with us today make the presence of God more real in
your life.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 7:00 Youth Fellowship.

MONDAY 7:00 Parish Council.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at VanBrimmers.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

SATURDAY 7:00 Teachers Banquet in the Fellow-
ship Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes.

10:45 Morning Worship.

We all join in expressing our gratitude for all who
worked to make our annual Ice Creal Social a great
success. Special thanks to Beth Trigg and her com-
mittee.

Our message today is based on the Apostles' Creed.
Copies are available in the vestibule of you did not
get one with your bulletin.

If anyone wishes to join our Christian Fellowship
we invite them to come to the front of the church
during the last hymn, or to speak to the minister
privately.

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I lost a little carefree joy
By holding it too tightly,
For joys ought never to be held
But shared with others lightly.

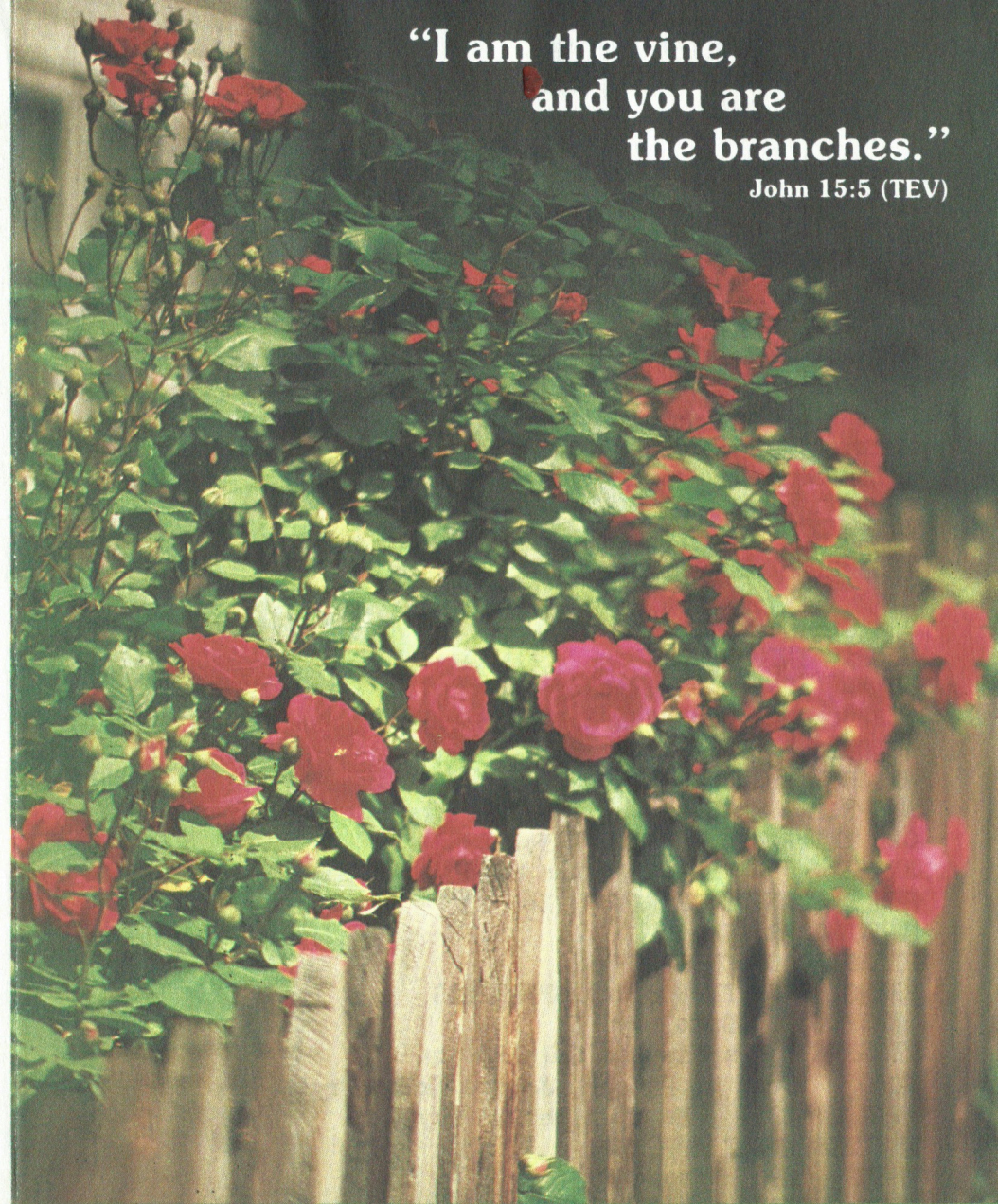
And so the next that came to me
I passed on to another,
And now it clings and clings to me
Full closer than a brother.
- Ernest C. Wilson

Happiness is remembering that God is within me, that
I am His Son (or Daughter), and health is my divine
heritage.

Family -
Teacher -
Enemy -

**"I am the vine,
and you are
the branches."**

John 15:5 (TEV)



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PENTECOST May 30, 1982
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Not long afterward Jesus came from Nazareth in the province of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you." Mark 1:9-11)

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Ruth Brown
CHORAL INTROIT
*HYMN, #272 "Spirit of God"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
A SPECIAL MESSAGE Michael Grubbs
OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 23
ANTHEM "As Breathes the Wind" (Reese)
NEW TESTAMENT READING No. 23
MORNING PRAYERS
BLESSING OF CHILDREN
BRINGING OF TITHES and OFFERINGS
*RESPONSE Doxology
MESSAGE "Baptism as Celebration"
SOLO "Song of Peace" Jeanne Ekelberry (Sibelius)
*HYMN, #324 "Have Thine Own Way"
NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM
*HYMN, #296 "Take My Life"
*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Ruth Brown
*Congregation stands
Choir Director, Jim Stephenson
Organist, Ruth Brown
Greeters, Marjorie Smale, Sophia Stephenson
Ushers, Steven Palmer, Tim Fogle, Mike Grubbs,
Charles Ekelberry

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 7:00 Youth Fellowship
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.
NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.
10:45 Morning Worship and Holy Communion.
New members will be received.
11:45 Coffee hour in honor of new members.

Receiving New Testament Baptism today are: Suzanne Grubbs, Jennifer Palmer, Charles Ekelberry, Michael Grubbs, and Jerry and Lana Palmer.

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Life is a gift to be praised, appreciated, and cherished. Jesus loved life, appreciated life, cherished life. He believed that life could not be limited, that nothing could ever separate us from the life of God. Let us all praise the life that is within us. Let us appreciate the life that is within us. Let us love the life of God within us. Our love will cause the very cells of our body to sing a song of happy, joyous life. Let us accept the gift of life and glorify God in our body.
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A PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

Come, Holy Spirit, come; come as the wind and cleanse; come as the fire and burn; convict, convert, consecrate our lives, to our great good and thy great glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Parents of children in Children's Church may call for them in the Youth Room during the singing of the hymn before baptism.

***"Do this
in memory of me."***

1 Corinthians 11:24 (TEV)



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Frances Belt, assisting

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"Ask . . . "

I asked within myself in a silent,
Almost unknowing way.
I asked that I might
Give more of me, let God's light
Shine bright through me.
I asked that I might
Release more love, the healing kind
That blesses heart and mind.
I asked.

So much came back to me!
I knew immediately,
When the whole world seemed to open before me,
When a whole ocean of blessings came to me
So unexpectedly,
I knew that the words were true,
God keeps His promises to me, to you.

"Ask . . . and you will receive." (Dorothy Pierson)

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Ruth Brown
CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN, #107 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
*INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy; through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

A SCRIPTURE READING Mark 4:26-34

ANTHEM "In the Hollow of Your Hand" (Schmidt)

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

A SPECIAL MESSAGE Elizabeth Brown

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "It's All up to You!"

RECEPTION & BLESSING OF NEW MEMBERS

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*HYMN, #461 "Bread of Life"

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #476 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

*BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE Ruth Brown

*Congregation stands

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Persons baptized last Sunday: Charles Ekelberry, Michael Grubbs, Suzanne Grubbs, Jennifer Palmer, Jerry Palmer, and Lana Palmer.
Received by letter, Belle Crowl.

Graduates honored: Lana Palmer, Marion Technical College (Nursing); Steven Palmer, Hayes High School; Rick VanBrimmer, The Ohio State University.

You are invited to remain after worship for a coffee hour honoring our new members and graduates.

An open house in honor of Lana's and Steve's graduation will be held at the Palmers, 654 Governor, today from 7-9pm and next Saturday from 3-5pm.

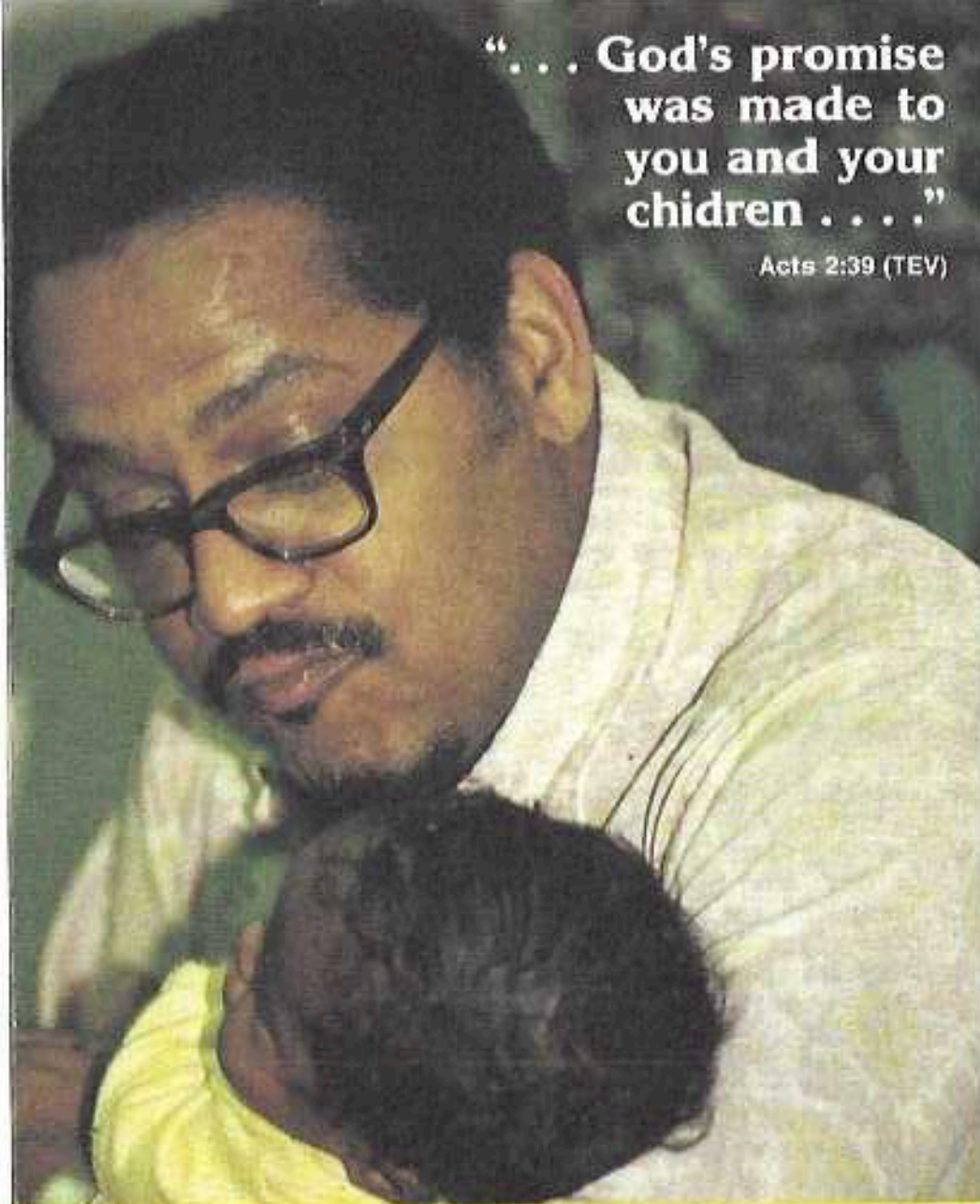
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AN AFFIRMATION -

I see God's spirit of love expressing in all persons and active in every nation to bring about peace and order in the world.
(Please use daily)

**"... God's promise
was made to
you and your
children"**

Acts 2:39 (TEV)



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JUNE 20, 1982

FATHER'S DAY

New times demand new measures and new men;
The world advances, and in time outgrows
The ways that in our fathers' day were best;
And, doubtless, after us, some purer scheme
Will be shaped out by wiser men than we,
Made wiser by the steady growth of truth.

- James Russell Lowell

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE Ruth Brown
*HYMN, #348 "Faith of Our Fathers"
* unison
O God, author of eternal light, lead us in our wor-
shipping this day; that our lips may praise thee,
our lives may bless thee, our meditations may glor-
ify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught
us to pray, saying,
*LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:
"I am loved by God. I experience His life as
strength, healing, and peace in mind and body."
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 7:7-11; Luke 11:9-13
MORNING PRAYERS
OFFERTORY
*HYMN, #171 "My Father's World"
MESSAGE "Father Principle"
*HYMN, #411 "Dear Lord and Father"

*BENEDICTION Angie Elfner
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Ruth Brown
* Congregation stands

Choir Director, Jim Stephenson
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Ushers for Today, Suzi Grubbs, Alison Grubbs,
Chrissy Martin, Elizabeth Brown
Greeters, Evelyn & Richard Lee

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today. May we have your name and address in the
guest book in the vestibule? We cordially invite
you to visit us again.

OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY 7:00 Parish Council.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER will be published
next Sunday. Deadline for your articles, news,
etc., is Thursday, 9:00am.

What you have inherited from your fathers, earn over
again for yourselves or it will not be yours.
(Goethe)

God has no grandchildren.
(David du Plessis)

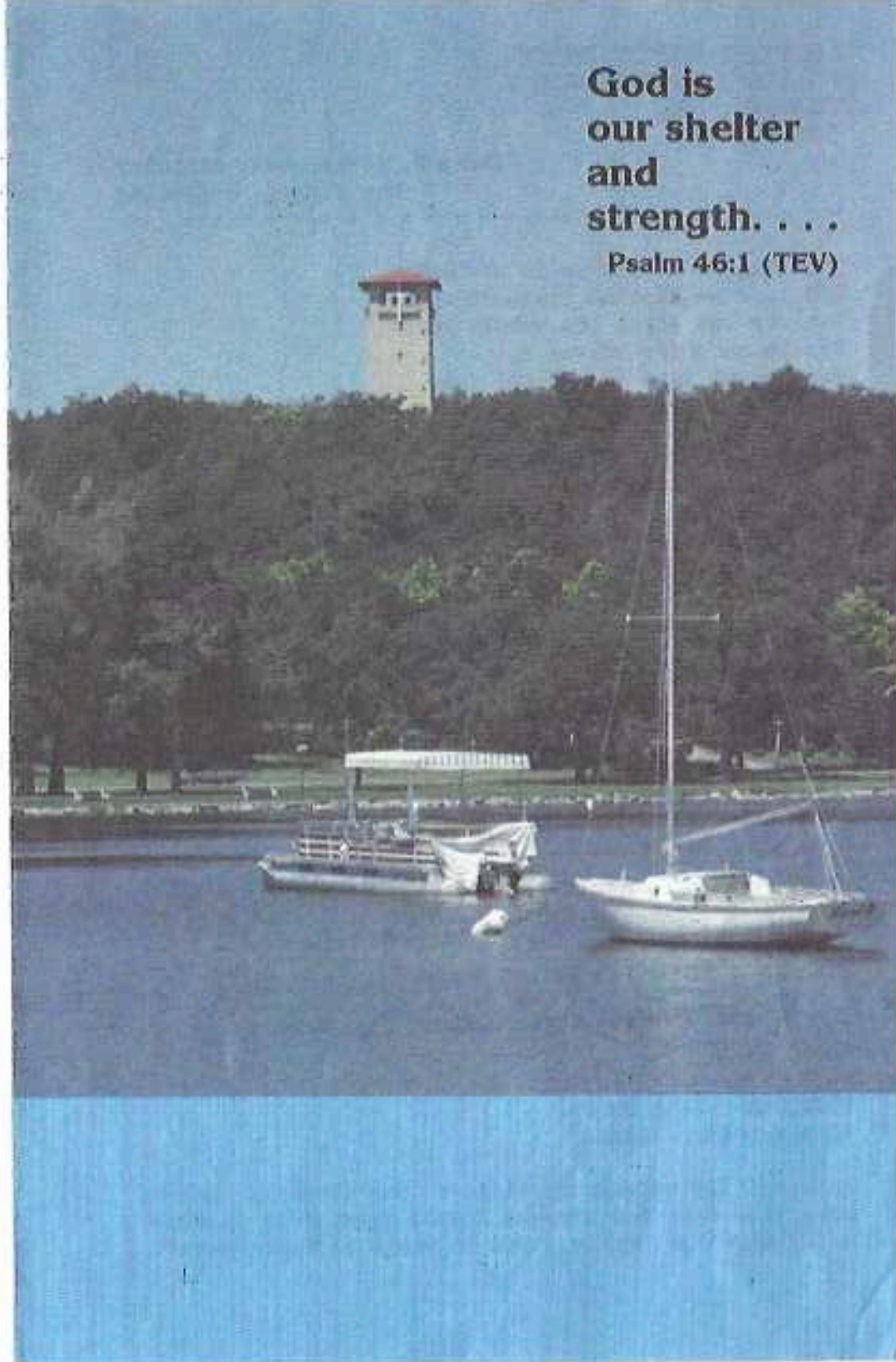
It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the
Kingdom. (Luke 12:32)

Put me to the test . . . I will open the windows
of heaven for you and pour down for you an over-
flowing blessing.

(Mal. 3:10)

**God is
our shelter
and
strength. . . .**

Psalm 46:1 (TEV)



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Sue Elfner, assisting

The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand,
Not in some distant point in space,
Not far out among the unborn years,
Nor in some mysterious spot,
Nor beyond some lock-bound gate
Or forbidding barrier,
Nor in one place or another,
But here, at our fingertips!
- Clarence Edwin Flynn

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE Ruth Brown
*HYMN, #151 "Lord of All Being"
*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
*PRAYER OF FELLOWSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN, #331 "What A Friend"
SCRIPTURE READING Acts 9:1-19
MORNING PRAYERS
OFFERTORY
*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "Powerful Is the Light!"

*HYMN, #304 "Living for Jesus" (1st 3 stanzas)
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Ruth Brown
*Congregation stands

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Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Ushers, Mike Grubbs, Charles Ekelberry, Steve Palmer, Tim Fogle
Greeters, Millie and Krissey Martin
Candlelighter, Jeff Faulk

CHILDREN'S CHURCH is in session in the Youth Room during our Morning Worship. It is for kindergarten through grade 3. Nursery and crib room are also available.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER will be published next Sunday.

HEALING GROUP will meet Tuesday at the parsonage, 632 Congress Ct, at 7:30pm.

WE WILL BE DOING SOME experimentation with our Order of Worship. Summer is a good time to try new things, so why should the church be an exception?

THE NEXT BUSINESS MEETING is set for after worship July 11.

And Him evermore I beheld
Walking in Galilee;
Through the cornfield's waving gold,
By the shores of the Beautiful Sea,
He touches the sightless eyes,
Before Him the demons flee;
To the dead He says, "Arise!"
To the living, "Follow me!"
And that voice shall still sound on
From the centuries that are gone
To the centuries that shall be.
- Henry W. Longfellow

GOD'S LOVE IN MY HEART HELPS ME TO SEE GOOD IN ALL PEOPLE AND TO SHARE PEACE WITH THE WHOLE WORLD!

The Lord says, "I love justice. . . ."

Isaiah 61:8 (TEV)



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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all
men are created equal, that they are endowed by
their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that
among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of
Happiness. . .

from the Declaration of Independence

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00am

PRELUDE "Finlandia" (Sibelius)

*HYMN, #548 "America"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

A READING "America, Why I Love Her"

PRAYERS

A SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-40

SOLO "Father's Eyes" (Chapman) Janet Porter

OFFERTORY "Andante Espressivo" (Peeters)

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "Freedom and Faith"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*HYMN, #461 "Bread of Life"

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #550 "America the Beautiful"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Andante" (Peeters)

*Congregation stands

Choir Director, Jim Stephenson

Organist, Ruth Brown

Organist for Today, Fred Grubbs

Greeters, Helen Aleshire, Frances Belt

Candlelighter, Victor Fogle

Ushers, Charles Ekelberry, Tim Fogle, Michael Grubbs

Steven Palmer

We are happy to welcome Fred Grubbs as our guest
organist. Fred is Minister of Music at the First
Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio.

We are glad to greet visitors to our worship. May
we have your name and address in the guest book in
the vestibule? We invite you to be with us again
soon!

OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage,
632 Congress Ct.

THURSDAY 6:30 Women's Mission Society picnic
with Helen Aleshire.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:00 Morning Worship.
11:00 Quarterly Business Meeting.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER is available today. Take a
copy home to an absent friend.

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Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles...

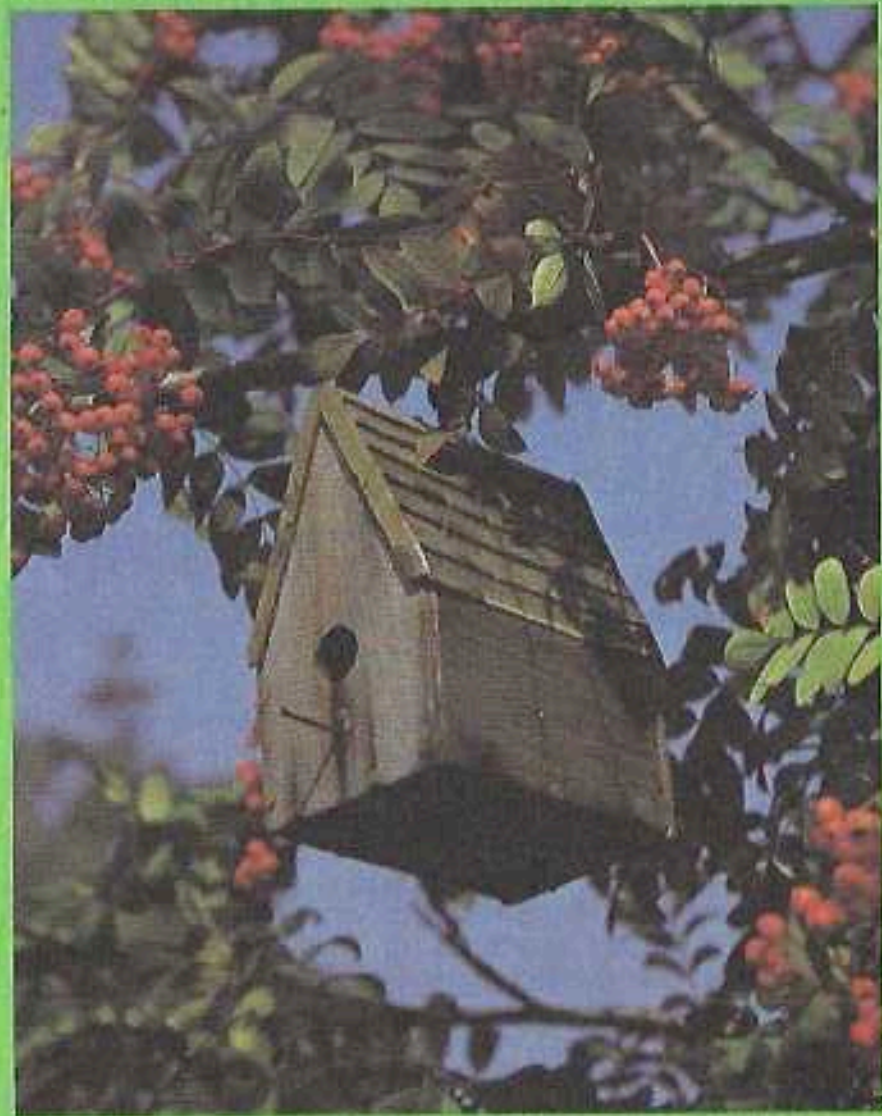
"Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

(Emma Lazarus)

Liberty's symbols are the padlock broken,
The chain cast off, the torch upon the night,
A rock, a sail, a cracked bell that has spoken,
Men signing names to the flaming words they write.
(Helen Harrington)

"...if the Son makes you free, you will be free
indeed." John 8:36

Wonderful are thy works!
Psalm 139:14



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
JULY 11, 1982

James B. Stephenson, minister
Lana Palmer, assisting

Sometimes we struggle to reach God
As if He were something far away, strange,
Hard to find.
And all the time He is right here.
He is in us. He is around us. Looking for
God is like looking for the air
When all the time we are
Breathing it. (James Dillet Freeman)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE Ruth Brown
INVITATION TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #337 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
*INVOCATION (unison)
Lord of Life and Love, and Beauty, help us to worship
Thee in the beauty of holiness, that some beauty
of holiness may appear in us. Quiet our souls before
Thee with the stillness of a wise trust, and a
sense of being not in our hands, but in Thine. Lift
us above dark moods and the shadows of sin, that we
may begin today, from the height of a prayer, to live
as becomes sons and daughters of the Most High. Thru
Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying,
*LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
A SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19:1-10
SOLO Jeanne Ekelberry
MORNING PRAYERS
BRINGING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
*RESPONSE Doxology
MESSAGE "How to Get what we Need"
*HYMN, #346 "Take Time to be Holy"
*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Ruth Brown
*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, Jim Stephenson, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Greeters, Jean & Wilbur Wickum
Candlelighter, Jarrod Trigg
Ushers, Charles Ekelberry, Steven Palmer, Tim
Fogle, Michael Grubbs, Michael Ekelberry

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY 11:00 Quarterly Business Meeting.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group.

A MEDITATION POEM

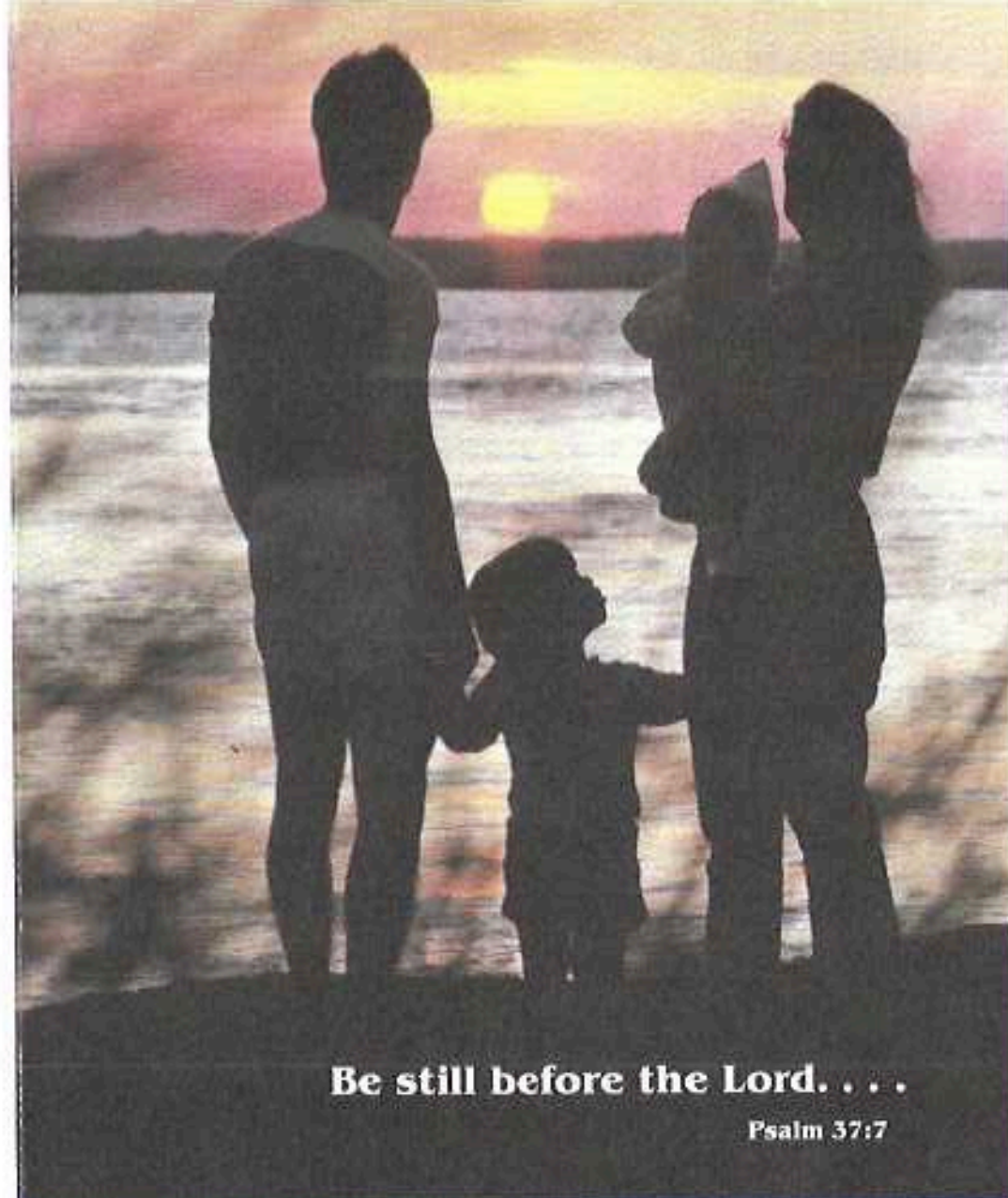
Filled with a strange, new hope they came,
The blind, the leper, the sick, the lame,
Frail of body and spent of soul.
"As many as touched Him were made whole."

On every tongue was the Healer's name.
Through all that country they spread His fame,
But doubt clung tight to his wooden crutch,
Saying, "We must not expect too much."

Down through the ages a promise came:
Healing for sorrow and sin and shame;
Help for the helpless, sight to the blind,
Healing for body and soul and mind.

The Christ we follow is still the same,
With blessings that all who will may claim,
But how often we miss love's healing touch
By thinking, "We must not expect too much!"
(Bonnie Day)

I AFFIRM LIFE, HEALTH, AND WHOLENESS AS MINE TODAY!
I REJOICE IN MY LIFE AND GIVE THANKS!



Be still before the Lord. . . .

Psalm 37:7

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
JULY 25, 1982

James B. Stephenson, minister
Jean M. Wickum, assisting

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The islands of contentment! Where
Are they that I may journey there?
O mariner, where is the chart
That lists the countries of the heart?
Where may I buy a map of mind?
Of these fair islands I can find
No outlines in a travel book
Or on a globe. Where shall I look
To learn joy's sweet geography?
For this I need a map of me.
The islands of contentment lie
Under no far-off foreign sky;
It is myself I must explore
If I would reach their shining shore.
- James Dillet Freeman

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE Ruth Brown
INVITATION TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #341 "I Need Thee every Hour"
*INVOCATION
*LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
FELLOWSHIP TIME
SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:38-42
SOLO "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" (Gabriel)
W. C. Wickum
MORNING PRAYERS
BRINGING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
*RESPONSE Doxology
MESSAGE "Time"
*HYMN, "Amazing Grace"
*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Ruth Brown
*Congregation stands

CHOIR DIRECTORS, Jim M Stephenson, W. C. Wickum
ORGANIST, Ruth J. Brown
GREETERS, Della Dean, Myrtle Smith
USHERS, Charles Skelberry, Tim Fogle, Michael Grubbs,
STEVEN PALMER
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We welcome visitors to our worship today. May we
have your name and address in the guest book in the
vestibule? May your presence with us bring us all
nearer to the Spirit of the Father within.

HEALING GROUP will meet Tuesday at 7:30 in the par-
sonage, 632 Congress Court. Polly Focke will lead
us in a study.

The message this morning is being taped and may be
borrowed.

All shall be well
and all shall be well
and all manner of thing
shall be well.
- Juliana of Norwich (1343-1413)

Amazing Grace

Newton

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a soul like me! I
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re- lieved; How
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
4. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've
once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
grace hath bro't me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
no less days to sing God's praise Than when we've first be - gun. A - MEN.

The Lord is your keeper. . . .
Psalm 121.5



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AUGUST 8, 1982

James B. Stephenson
minister
Jerry L. Palmer
assisting

NOAH'S PRAYER

Lord, what a menagerie!
Between Your downpour and these animal cries
one cannot hear oneself think!
The days are long, Lord.
All this water makes my heart sink.
When will the Ark cease to rock under my feet?
The days are long.
Master Raven has not come back.
Here is Your dove. Will she find us a twig of hope?
The days are long, Lord.
Guide Your Ark to safety, some zenith of rest,
where we can escape at last
from this brute slavery.
The days are long, Lord.
Lead me until I reach the shore of Your
covenant.
(Carmen Bernos de Gasztold)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE Ruth Brown
INVITATION TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #261 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
*INVOCATION
*LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
A SCRIPTURE READING
GENESIS 6:9-22
MORNING PRAYERS
BRINGING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
*RESPONSE Doxology
MESSAGE "Turning Trouble into Joy"
*HYMN, #271 "Send Down Thy Truth"

*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE
*Congregation stands

Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Choir Directors, Jim M. Stephenson, W. C. Wickum
Greeters, Beth & Archie Trigg
Ushers, Charles Ekelberry, Tim Fogle. Michael Grubbs,
Steven Palmer

We are happy to welcome visitors to our worship. May
we have your name and address in the guest book in the
vestibule?

Would you like to be a part of a church that teaches
freedom of belief along with the serious study and
practice of the Way of Jesus Christ? We aspire to be
truly and actually the Church of the Healing Christ.

OPPORTUNITIES

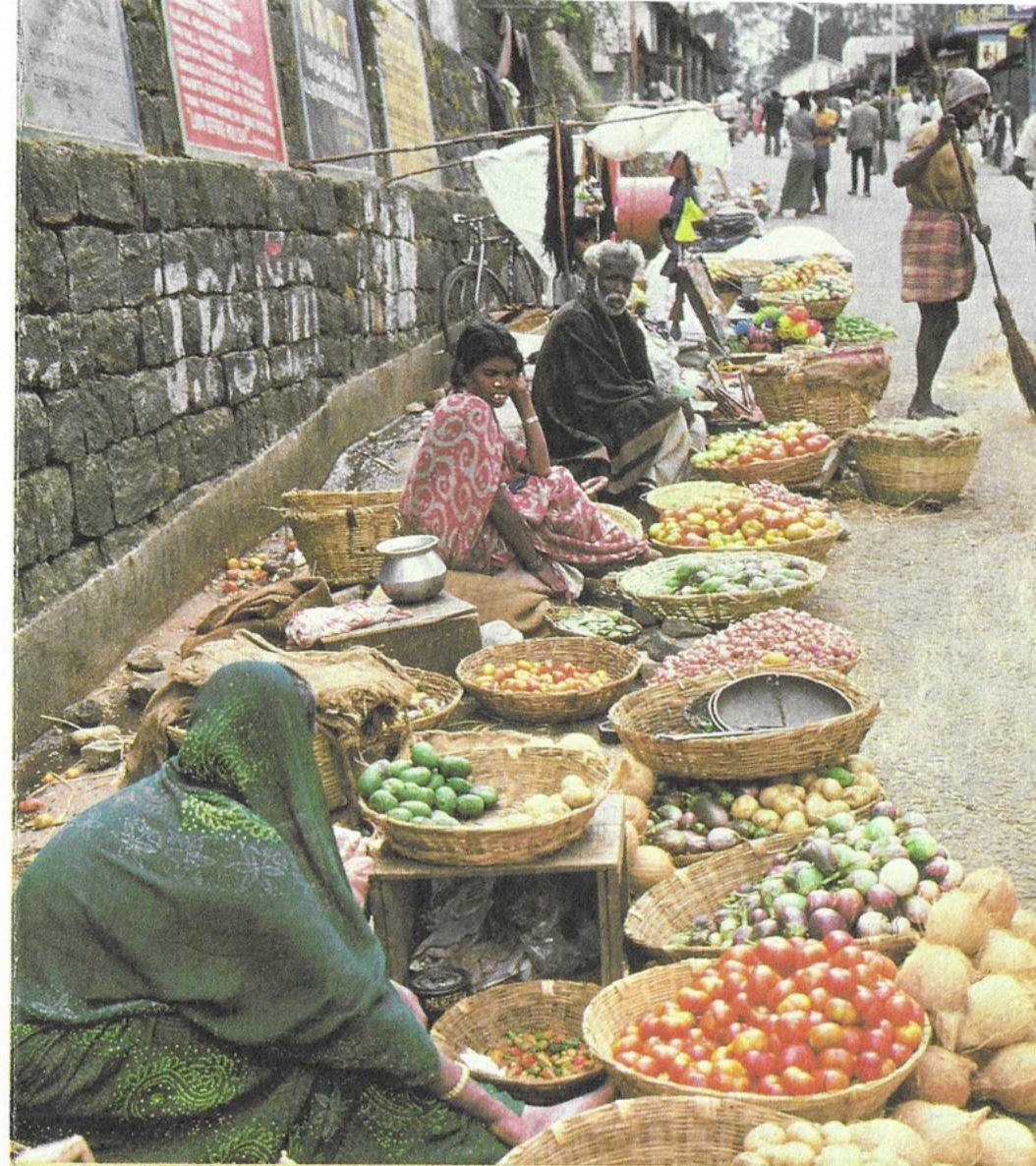
MONDAY 7:30 Finance Committee at church.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

We shall never stop war, whatever machinery we may de-
vise, until we have we have learned to think always of
single human beings. (V.G.)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called
sons of God. (Jesus)





"Come together, people of the nations. . . ." Isaiah 45:20 (TEV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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DELAWARE, OHIO
AUGUST 15, 1982

James B. Stephenson
minister
Bertha McTaggart
assisting

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I choose to live by choice, not chance.
I choose to make changes, not excuses.
I choose to be motivated, not manipulated.
I choose to be useful, not used.
I choose self-esteem, not self-pity.
I choose to excel, not compete.
I choose to listen to the Inner Voice,
not the random opinions of crowds.
The choice is mine, and I choose to
surrender to the will of Divine Mind...
for in surrendering
I am victorious!
(Alexandra Starr)

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE "Andante Cantabile" (Overholt)
*HYMN, #252 "All Hail the Power"
*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 16
SOLO "May the Good Lord Bless". (Willson) Beth Trigg
MORNING PRAYERS
OFFERTORY "Cantilene" (Weatherill)
*RESPONSE Doxology
MESSAGE "Turning Trouble into Joy"
*HYMN, #442 "Words of Life"
*BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "March" (Stickles)
*Congregation stands

Choir directors, Jim M. Stephenson, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Greeters, Jeanne, Charles, & Michael Ekelberry
Ushers, Charles Ekelberry, Tim Fogle, Michael Grubbs,
Steven Palmer

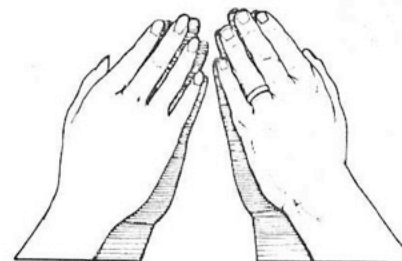
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PARISH COUNCIL will not meet tomorrow.

YARD SALE to raise money for annual retreat, Friday,
Aug. 27, 5-9pm; Saturday, Aug. 28, 9am-5pm at
Lovells. Housegoods, clothing, etc.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER will publish next Sunday. Your
contributions must be in pastor's hands by Wednesday,
9pm. Brief vacation news wanted!

WE WELCOME visitors to our worship. May we have your
name and address in the guest book in the vestibule?
And we cordially invite you to be with us again soon!



"Happy are the pure in heart...."

Matthew 5:8 (TEV)



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AUGUST 22, 1982

James B. Stephenson, minister
Phone 614/363-7021

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE Ruth Brown
INVITATION TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #480 "In Christ no East or West"
*INVOCATION
*LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
NEW TESTAMENT READING No. 22
MORNING PRAYERS
RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
*RESPONSE Doxology
MESSAGE "The Four Stages of Life"
PRAYERS
*HYMN, "Near to the Heart of God"
*BENEDICTION (unison)
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE
*Congregation stands

Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Choir Directors, Jim Stephenson,
W.C. Wickum
Ushers, Charles Ekelberry, Tim Fogle,
Michael Grubbs, Steven Palmer


We welcome visitors to our worship. May we have
your name and address in our guest book in the
vestibule? You are invited to share in all the
activities of our fellowship.

BENEDICTION - The Light of God surrounds us; the
Love of God enfolds us; the Power of God pro-
tects us; the Presence of God watches over us.
Wherever we are, GOD IS!


The Benediction is an ancient affirmation of
faith in God. Keep it handy for brief moments
of meditation and prayer.

Near to the Heart of God

CLELAND B. MCAFEE




1. There is a place of qui-et rest, Near to the heart of God.
2. There is a place of com-fort sweet, Near to the heart of God.
3. There is a place of full re-lease, Near to the heart of God.




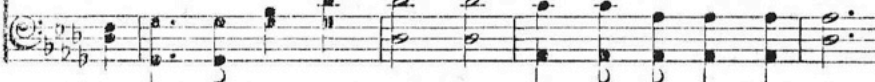
A place where sin can-not mo-lest, Near to the heart of God.
A place where we our Sav-ior meet, Near to the heart of God.
A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God.



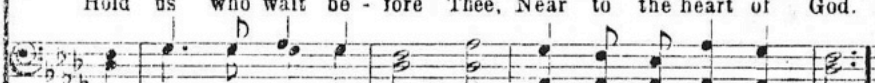
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O Je-sus, blest Re-deem-er, Sent from the heart of God,



Hold us who wait be-fore Thee, Near to the heart of God.

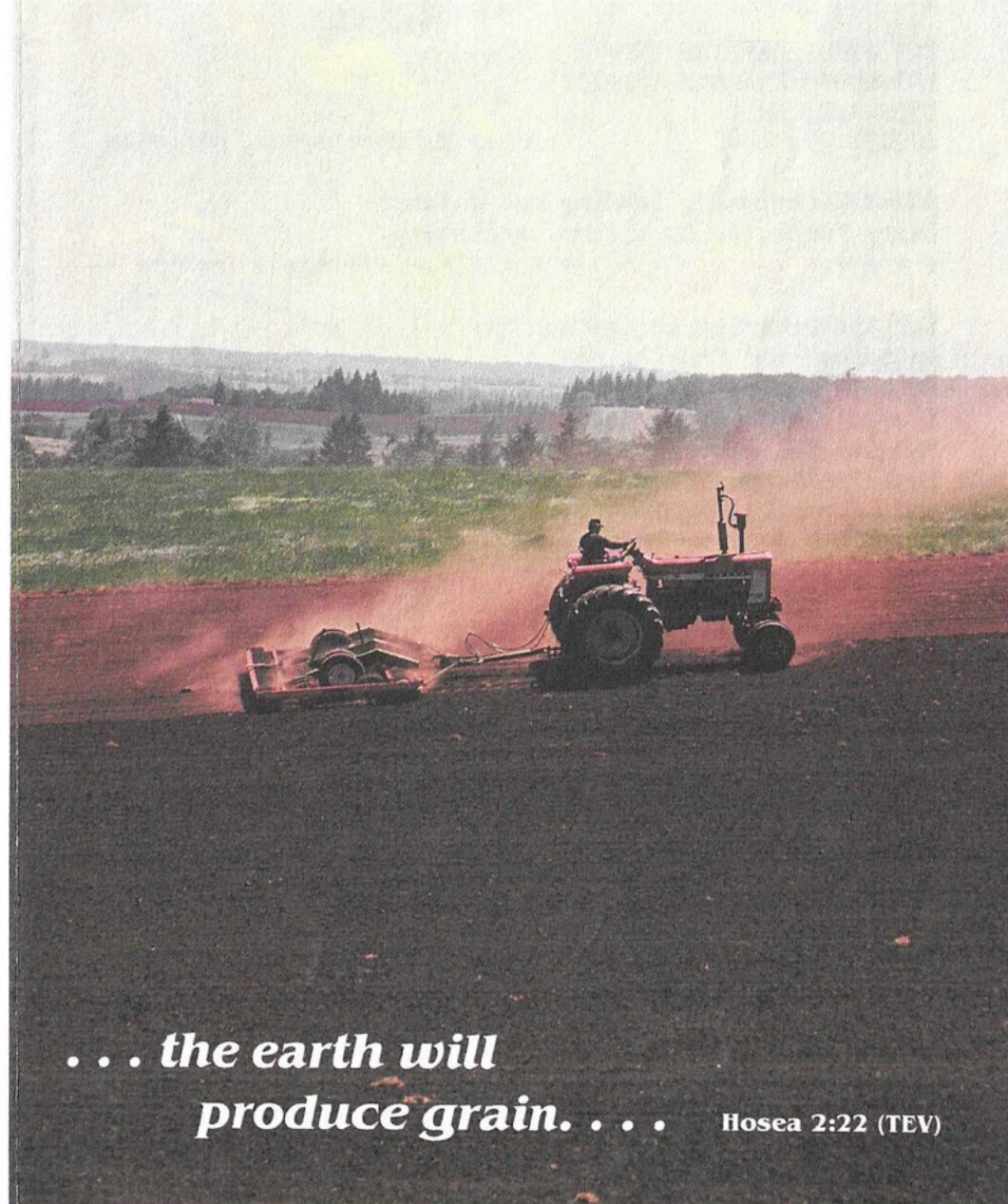


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The Healing Group will meet at the church Tuesday with
members of the Stratford-St. Paul's group.

AN AFFIRMATION OF HEALTH

Divine life in me heals and strengthens me. "The Lord
is my strength."



***. . . the earth will
produce grain. . . .*** Hosea 2:22 (TEV)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
AUGUST 29, 1982

James B. Stephenson, minister

James VanBrimmer, leading our worship
Larry Faulk, W. C. Wickum, assisting

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You are ushering in another day
Untouched and freshly new,
So here I come to ask You, God,
If you'll renew me, too.
Forgive the many errors
That I made yesterday
And let me try again, dear God,
To walk closer in Thy way...
But, Father, I am well aware
I can't make it on my own.
So take my hand and hold it tight
For I can't walk alone.
- Helen Stainer Rice

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE "Prayer" (Ambrasia)

INVITATION TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1-2 TEV

*HYMN, #110 "Praise the Lord"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 133
1 John 4

PRAYERS

DUET "For those Tears I Died" Janet Porter and
Michael Grubbs (Stevens)

OFFERTORY "But the Lord Is Mindful" (Mendelssohn)

*RESPONSE The Doxology

MESSAGE and SONG

DUET "Spirit Song" Janet & Jennifer Porter (Wimber)

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Elevation" (Battmann)

*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Organist for Today, Betty J. Porter
Ushers, Michael Grubbs, Charles Ekelberry, Michael
Ekelberry, Tim Fogle, Steven Palmer

We are happy to welcome visitors to our worship. May we have your name and address in the guest book in vestibule? We invite you to share in all the activities of our fellowship.

We are a free church, dedicated to the study and the living of Jesus' Way of life. You are invited to consider making this church your spiritual home.

The meeting of the Board of Christian Education is canceled today due to a death in Linda's family.

A work day for Church School teachers and alternates will be held next Saturday at 9:30am. Please plan to participate.

Save Thursday, Sept. 16, for a special service in our church featuring Mrs. Diane Bringgold. She will tell of her spiritual healing and subsequent ministry. See the story in the current newsletter. Remember: 7:30, Thursday night, Sept. 16.

It is not too late to plan to attend our all-church retreat at Judson Hills, Sept. 10-12. \$24 per person. Call Carol Grubbs, Beth Trigg, or the minister for details.

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Day by day,
O Lord,
three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly,
day by day.
-St. Richard of Chichester

**Each one has a special gift
from God.**

1 Corinthians 7:7 (TEV)





THE FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO
SEPT. 5, 1982

James B. Stephenson, minister
Beth Trigg, assisting

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Why hurry, why sigh;
Why worry, why cry?
Why fret, why stew;
Why make yourself blue?
Why not believe
What you know to be true;
All things worth having
Belong to you!
-Valerie Hawkins

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am
PRELUDE "Pastorale" (L. Emig)

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #451 "Here at Thy Table, Lord"
*INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspir-
ation of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy name;
through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray saying

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

A SCRIPTURE READING John 6:1-14

MORNING PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL MESSAGE Jerry Palmer

OFFERTORY "Meditation of My Heart" (Clakre)

*RESPONSE Doxology

DUET "The Love of Jesus" (Hughes) Karen Stoner, Donna Brown

MESSAGE "Getting Your Share"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "Be Still My Soul" (Joseph)

*COMMUNION HYMN, #295 "Just as I Am"

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #476 "Blest Be the Tie"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Postlude in B Flat" (West)

*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W. C. Wickum

Organist, Ruth J. Brown

Organist for Today, Mary Lou Lovell

Greeters, Lana & Jerry Palmer

Ushers, Tim Fogle, Michael Grubbs, Charles Ekelberry,

Michael Ekelberry

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May we have your name and address in our guest book in
the vestibule? We are a free church, dedicated to the
Way of Jesus Christ, which is a life changing Way that
can transform your every need into an answer. We in-
vite you to consider becoming a part of our fellowship.

Current Fiscal Picture, as of Sept. 1, 1982

Church operations

Bills past due \$ 1211.

Essential expenses for remainder of year 8820.

Total needed for balance of year 10031.

Average per week needed for balance of year 590.

Offering last Sunday 560.

Mission

Average per week at beginning of year 95.

Actual average per week week received 67.

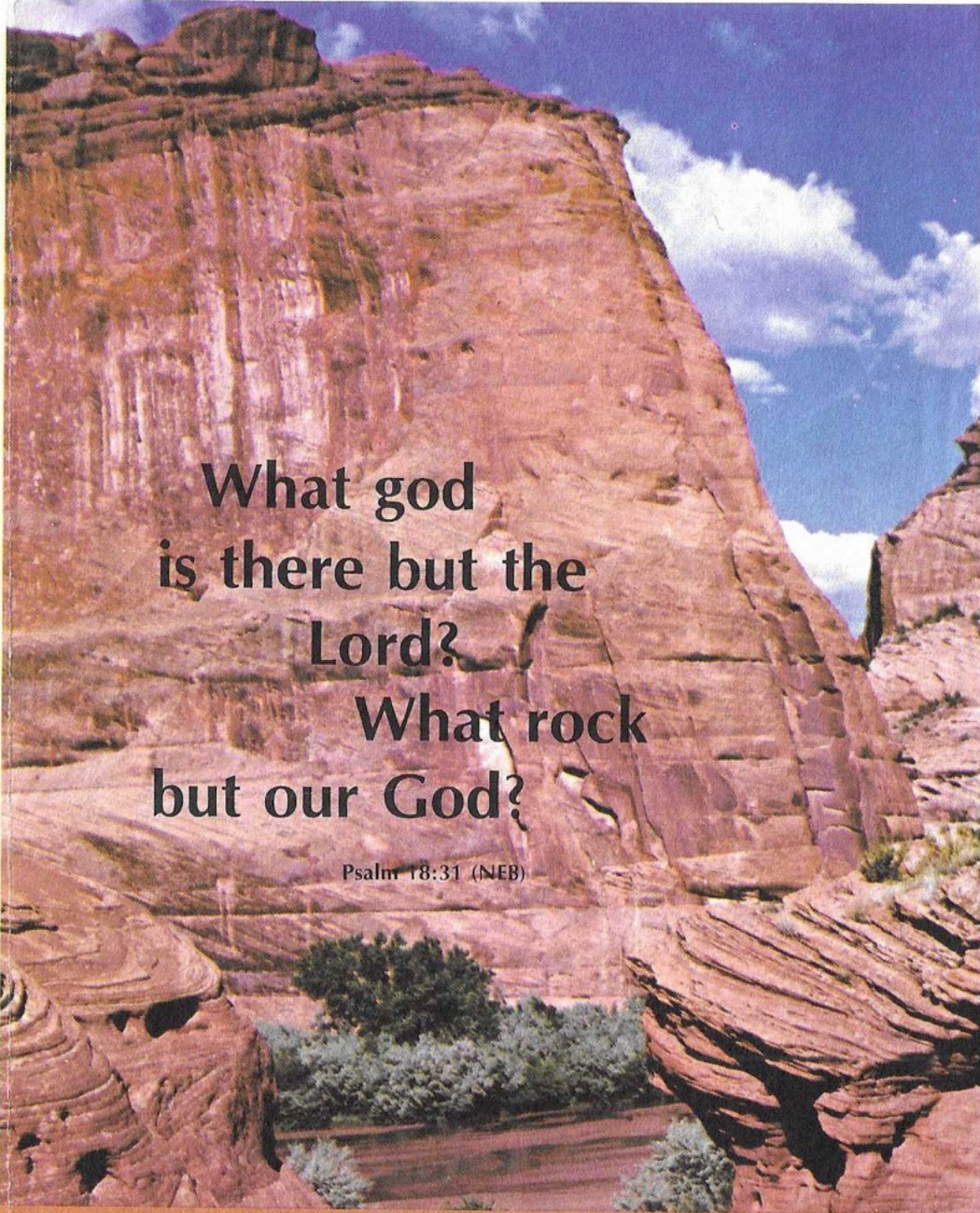
Average per week needed for balance of year 139.

Average per week received in August 51.

The Healing Group will meet Tuesday at 7:30pm at the
parsonage.

Women's Mission Society will meet Thursday, Sept. 9,
7:30pm, with Mary Lou Lovell, 238 Westwood. Bertha
McTaggart will speak on Church World Service.

FRIDAY thru SUNDAY NOON - Our annual retreat at Jud-
son Hills. Still time to plan to attend!



**What god
is there but the
Lord?
What rock
but our God?**

Psalm 18:31 (NEB)



Welcome to

A SERVICE OF HEALING AND INSPIRATION

Sponsored by the Healing Groups of the
Stratford-St. Paul's United Methodist
Church and the First Baptist Church

September 16, 1982, 7:30pm

Let us then labor for an inward stillness,
An inward stillness and an inward healing;
That perfect silence where the lips and heart
Are still, and we no longer entertain
Our own imperfect thoughts and vain opinions,
But God alone speaks in us, and we wait
In singleness of heart, that we may know
His will, and in the silence of our spirit,
That we may do His will and do that only.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #95 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*INVOCATION

RESPONSIVE OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 103

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

DUET "For those Tears I Died" (Stevens)

"Spirit Song" (Wimbe)

Janet Porter and Michael Grubbs

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Gospel Mark 2:1-12

Epistle Romans 8:26-39

OFFERING

*RESPONSE The Doxology

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

MESSAGE Diane Bringgold

*HYMN, #296 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING

Introduction

Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

(*indicates congregation stands)

We are honored to have Mrs. Diane Bringgold as our
speaker tonight. Her home is in Ventura, Calif.,
and she conducts a nationwide ministry. Copies of
her book, LIFE INSTEAD, are available at the book
table in the vestibule.

We are delighted to welcome everyone to our service
tonight. May it bring you to the wholeness that only
Jesus can give!

A nursery is available during the service.

Steadfastly facing You, O Lord,
I am set free from doubt and fear.
I know that You will comfort me;
Your mighty love is ever near.

Steadfastly facing You, my Lord,
I find all anxious thoughts are stilled,
My body blessed with life and strength,
And all my outer needs fulfilled.

Steadfastly facing You, O Lord,
I see no darkness on my way.
I rest secure in Your great power,
Which keeps me safe by night and day.
- Bernice Minter

All things are possible to him who believes.
- Mark 9:23

Your faith has made you well! Mark 6:34



Getting wisdom is the
most important thing you can do.

Proverbs 4:7 (TEV)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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DELAWARE, OHIO
SEPTEMBER 19, 1982

James B. Stephenson
minister
Linda White
assisting

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Anyone who wishes to be a follower of mine must leave self behind; he must take up his cross, and come with me. Whoever cares for his own safety is lost; but if a man will let himself be lost for my sake and the gospel, that man is safe. What does a man gain by winning the whole world at the cost of his true self?
- Mark 8:34-36

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #122 "Come Thou Almighty"

*INVOCATION (unison)

O God, renew our spirits by your Holy Spirit, and draw us near to you this day. May our service in the Kingdom be not a burden but a joy. Let us serve you not as slaves, but as sons and daughters of life, delighting ourselves in you and rejoicing in your wishes for the sake of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray,

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

AN OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 91 (read responsively)

PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE

INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE The Doxology

SOLO "They that Wait upon the Lord" (Humphreys)

W. C. Wickum

MESSAGE "Playing with Fire"

PRAYERS

*HYMN, #324 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W. C. Wickum

Organist, Ruth J. Brown

Greeters, John & Anne Linn

Ushers, Charles & Michael Ekelberry, Michael Grubbs,

Tim Fogle

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We welcome visitors to our worship this morning. Your presence will deepen our experience of the Spirit of God. May we have your name and address in the guest book in the vestibule? We invite you to consider becoming a part of our Christian fellowship.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 6:00 Youth Fellowship. Election of officers.

MONDAY 7:00 Parish Council.
7:30 Finance Committee.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER will be published next Sunday. Please keep articles & news items brief. Deadline for submissions is Thursday noon.

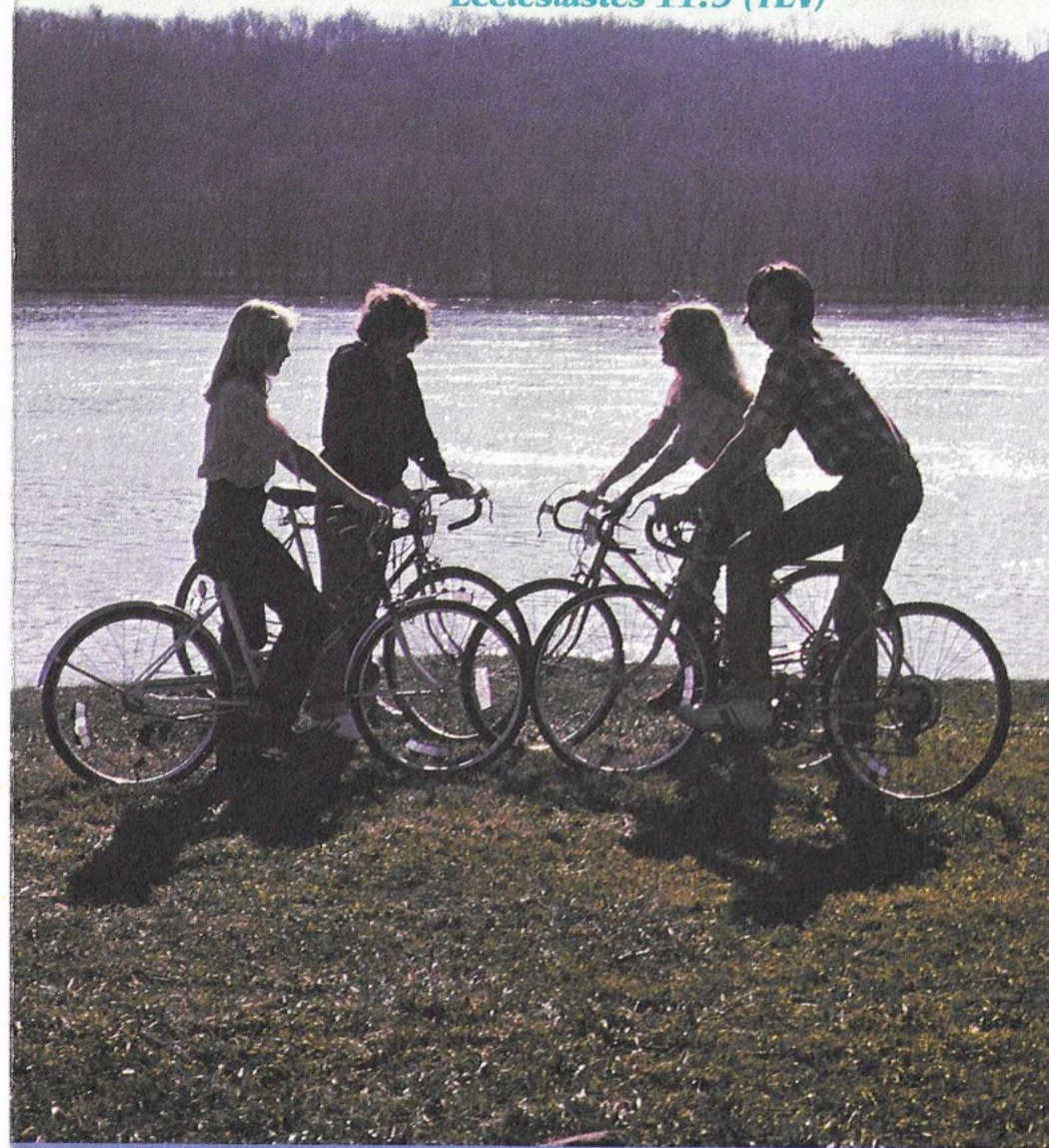
If anyone would like to order THE CHRISTIAN HOME MAGAZINE, see Pam Faulk. Cost is \$1.20 per quarter and comes once a quarter.

JEFFREY FAULK receives his Bible today from the Church School. We all congratulate Jeff for his progress!

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live! I will sing praises to my God! Psalm 104

Young people, enjoy your youth.

Ecclesiastes 11:9 (TEV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
SEPTEMBER 26, 1982

James B. Stephenson
minister
Youth Fellowship
assisting

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE Prieste (Stickles)
CALL TO WORSHIP Suzi Grubbs
*HYMN, #167 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
*INVOCATION Jennifer Palmer
Lord of Life and Love and Beauty, help us to worship
you in the Beauty of Holiness. Quiet our souls be-
fore you with the stillness of a wise trust, and a
sense of not being in our hands, but in yours. In
the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying,
*THE LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 8 Alison Grubbs
NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:32-39 Elizabeth Brown
SONGS FROM CAMP Youth
BLESSING OF CHILDREN
OFFERTORY Intermezzo (Bizet)
*RESPONSE Doxology
I REMEMBER SUMMER
"New Adventures" Jeff Faulk
"Junior Camp" Jennifer Porter
"Junior High Camp" Krissie Martin
"Senior High Camp" Charles Ekelberry
"Leadership Training Conference" Michale Grubbs
"Counseling" Janet Porter
*HYMN, #300 "Now in the Days of Youth"
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Chorale (Boellman)
* Congregation stands

We are happy to have our Youth Fellowship lead us
in our worship today.

Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W. C. Wickum
Ushers, Charles & Michale Ekelberry, Michael Grubbs,
Tim Fogle
Greeters, Ben & Bernice Turney

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY 2:30 Marion Assoc. at Radnor. Dinner at
5 (\$2.00) Installation of officers
in evening.
MONDAY 7:00 Women's Mission Society Executive
Committee at the church.
WEDNESDAY Choir Rehearsal.
NXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School. Leadership study.
10:45 World-wide Communion Sunday.
World Fellowship Offering.

Please note that the Healing Group will not meet this
week.

The Community Peace Symposium will be held this week.
See the poster and flyers in the vestibule. Speaker
Monday, 8:15, at the Memorial Union, will be Dr. Alan
Geyer, head of the Center for Theology & Public Policy,
Washington, D.C.. Alan was Steve's student assistant
in 1951-52.

We are happy to welcome visitors to our worship. May
we have your name and address in the guest book in the
vestibule?

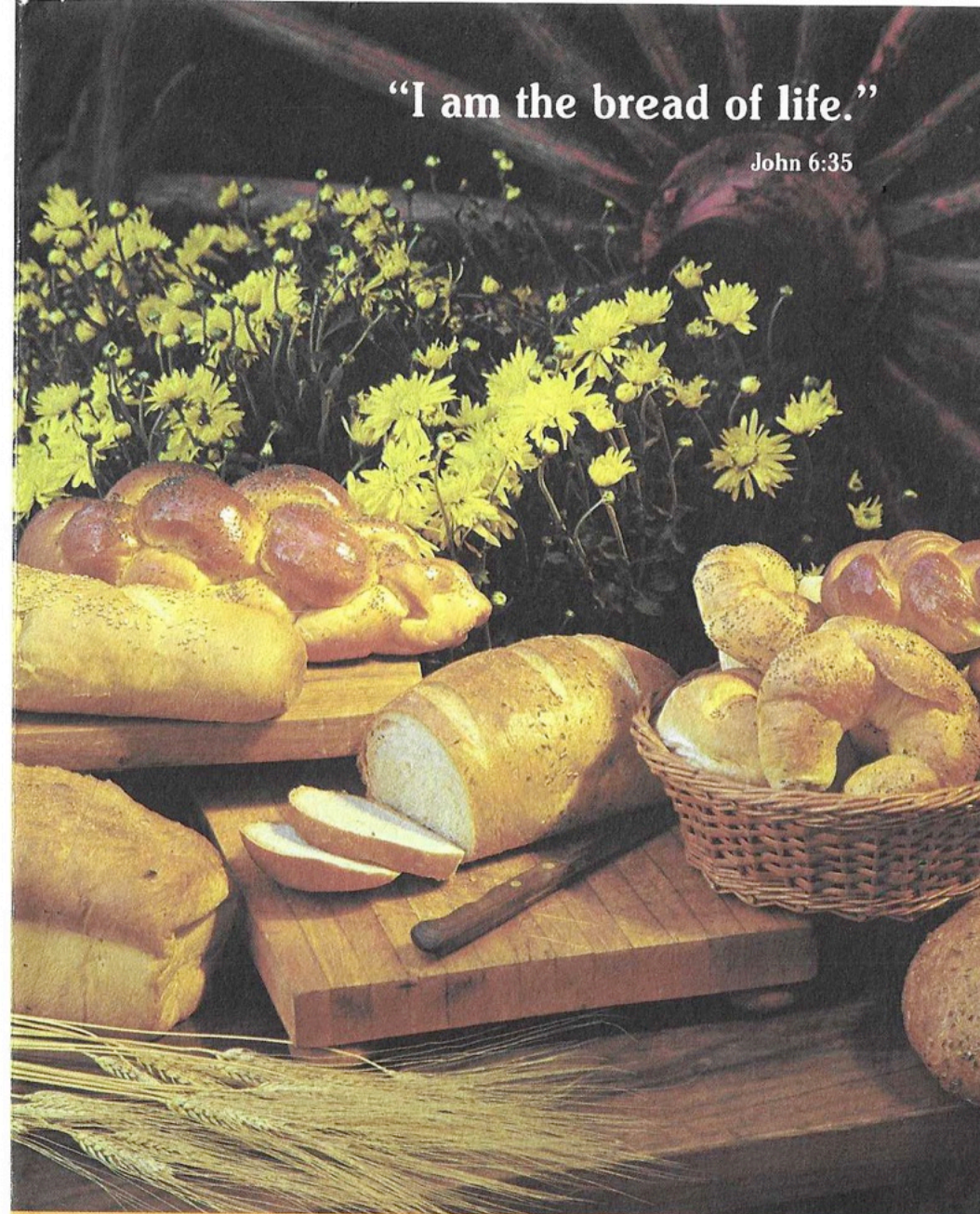
Jeff Faulk receives his Bible today from the Church
School. Congratulations, Jeff!

Next week we receive our World Fellowship Offering.
This is a beautiful opportunity to share your good
things with our brothers and sisters around the planet.

HAVE A HAPPY WEEK!

"I am the bread of life."

John 6:35



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
OCTOBER 3, 1982

James B. Stephenson, minister
Larry D. Faulk, assisting

A PRAYER

Christ, Master, King,
Grant to us quiet minds;
Drive far away these fears, these cares,
This trustlessness, the nervous, hurrying haste:
Teach us to trust Thy love,
To dwell in confidence that
No harm can touch those loved by Thee,
Those held in safety by Thy hand.
- J. S. Hoyland

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION 10:45am

PRELUDE "Andante Religioso" (Deshayes)
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #107 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspir-
ation of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy Name;
through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, say-
ing,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 12

MORNING PRAYERS and LITANY

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 16:9-20

MORNING OFFERING "Where Cross the Crowded Ways"

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "I Remember Summer"

WORLD FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*HYMN, #161 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

SOLO "Fill My Cup Lord" (Blanchard) W. C. Wickum

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #296 "Take My Life"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "March" (Handel)

*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, Jim M. Stephenson, W. C. Wickum

Organist, Ruth J. Brown

Ushers, Charles Ekelberry, Michael Ekelberry, Michael

Grubbs, Tim Fogle

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY 7:00 Baptist Youth Fellowship.

7:00 Deacons in office.

MONDAY 7:00 Bd. of Education with Polly
Focke.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School classes for all
ages.

10:45 Morning Worship.

We are happy to welcome visitors to our worship. May
we have your name and address in the guest book in the
vestibule? We hope you will be with us again soon.

Our newsletter is available today.

We are receiving food for People in Need for this
month. A box is in the vestibule and a list of needs
is on the bulletin board as well as in the newsletter.

Christ walks vacation roads. He knows

Each reaching thoroughfare,

To what inviting spot it goes,

And all who journey there,

Vacation highways may become,

Like those of Galilee,

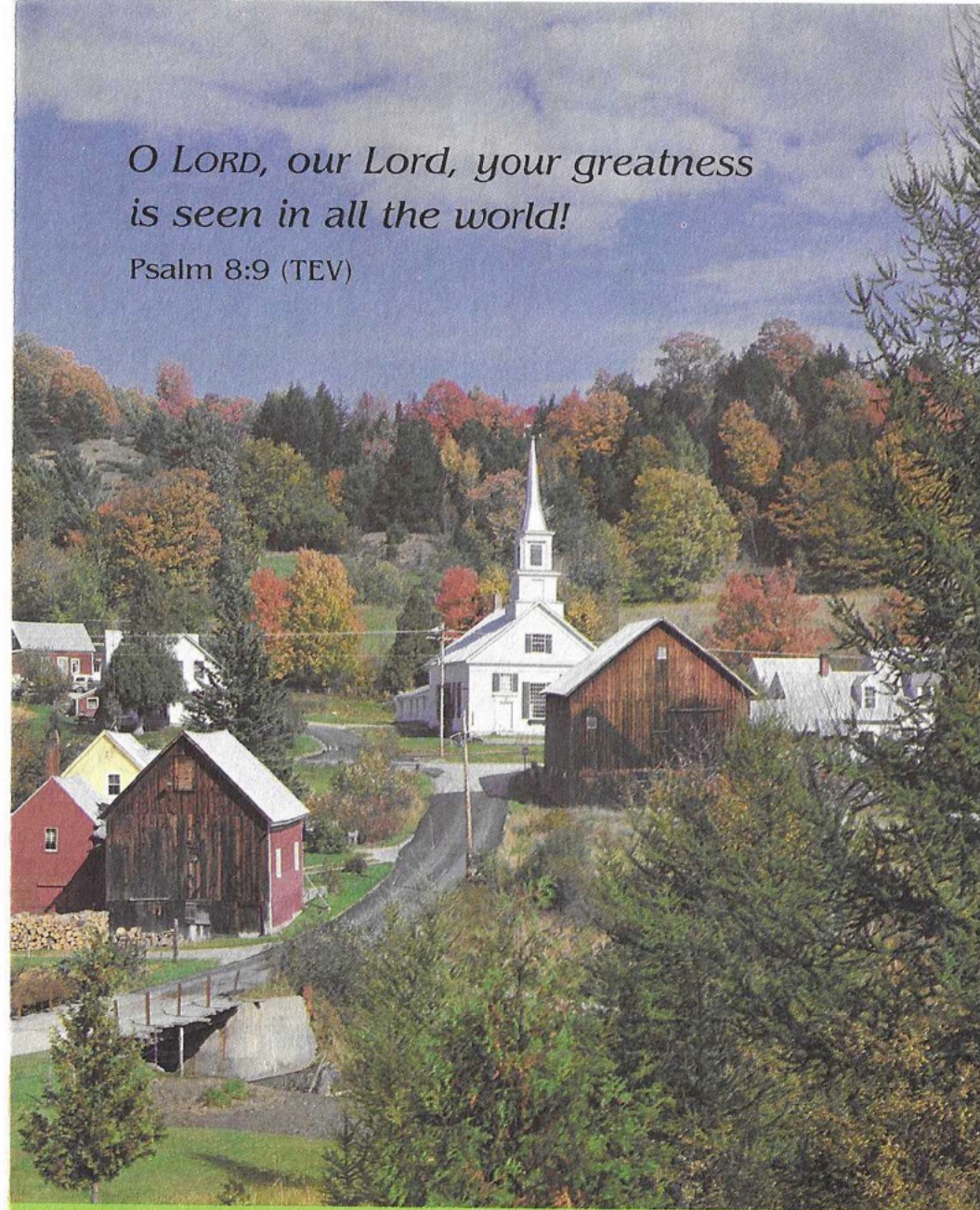
The way to an Emmaus home

Or one at Bethany.

- Clarence Edwin Flynn

*O LORD, our Lord, your greatness
is seen in all the world!*

Psalm 8:9 (TEV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
OCTOBER 17, 1982

James B. Stephenson
minister
Evelyn Lee
assisting

Let the mind be calm
as water deep and still
and it will reflect
the image held before it;
joy reflecting joy,
love reflecting love,
beauty reflecting beauty,
peace reflecting peace.
(F. E. Rowley)

. . . so may our church hold up joy, love, beauty,
and peace to all who enter . . .

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45

PRELUDE "Meditation on 'Green Hill'" (Foster)
INVITATION TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #117 "We Gather Together"
*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 10
ANTHEM "Holy Art Thou" (Handel)
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 19:16-26
MORNING PRAYERS
BLESSING OF CHILDREN
OFFERTORY "Aubade" (Kohlman)
*RESPONSE Doxology
MESSAGE "Elected Silence"
*HYMN, #346 "Take Time to be Holy"
*BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "I Will Praise Thee" (Price)
*Congregation stands

We welcome visitors to our worship. May we have your
name and address in the guest book in the vestibule?
We invite you to share in all the activities of our
Christian fellowship.

Organist, Ruth J. Brown +
Choir Directors, W. C. Wickum, James M. Stephen- +
son +
Ushers, Michael Grubbs, Charles Ekelberry, Michael +
Ekelberry, Tim Fogle +
Candlelighter, Deborah Lovell +

OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY 7:00 Parish Council.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
FRIDAY 7:00 Board of Christian Education.
NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes.
10:45 Worship. Message, "St. Francis
and Ollie."

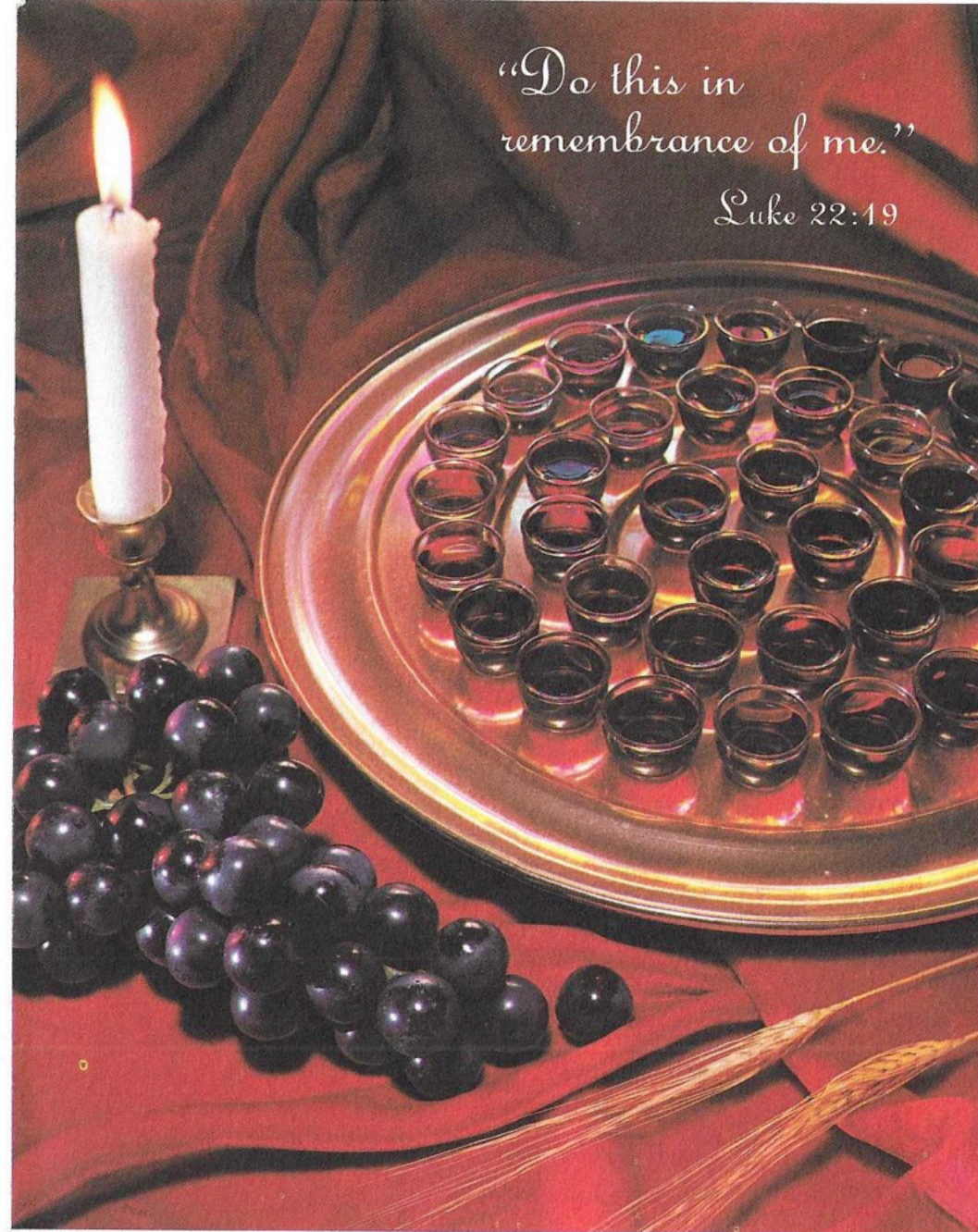
A thank you to the women of the Mission Society for
the fine dinner last night!

While mighty earthquakes rock the world's foundation,
And chaos threatens empires and their kings,
While men of strength lie stricken in their weak-
and, wreckage,
And men of wisdom cease their utterings,
While darkness menaces man's puny striving,
And newborn terror haunts the land and sea,
Still walks a lonely Teacher by a lakeside
And calls to His disciples, "Follow me."
(Thomas Curtis Clark)

HAVE A JOYOUS WEEK!

*"Do this in
remembrance of me."*

Luke 22:19



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
NOVEMBER 7, 1982

James B. Stephenson, minister
Frances W. Belt, assisting

I tramped the sidewalks, cursing God,
When there beside me Jesus trod!
Now we shall walk, my Friend and I,
Across the earth, the sea, the sky.
I may not know what He may be;
I only know He walks with me.
Oh, lonely feet! Oh, bleeding feet!
In step with mine on the city street.
(Ralph Cheney)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #451 "Here at Thy Table, Lord"

*INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspir-
ation of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love Thee, and magnify Thy holy Name; through
Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

RESPONSIVE READING No. 12 (N.T.)

ANTHEM "I Will Sing" (Wilson)

MORNING PRAYER

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

A SPECIAL MESSAGE Larry Faulk

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE (Doxology)

MESSAGE "Pilgrim Soul"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*HYMN, #295 "Just as I Am"

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #476 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

*BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

*Congregation stands

Organist, Ruth J. Brown

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W. C. Wickum

Greeters, Pam & Larry Faulk

Ushers, Michael Grubbs, Charles Ekelberry, Michael

Ekelberry, Tim Fogle

Candlelighter, Charity Piatt

IT IS A PLEASURE to welcome visitors to our worship. It
is our hope that you will experience the Presence and
Power of God as you share this hour with us. May we
have your name and address in our guest book in the ves-
tibule? And we invite you to share in all the activ-
ities of our Christian fellowship.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	7:00 Board of Deacons at church.
TUESDAY	7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
WEDNESDAY	7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
THURSDAY	7:00 Women's Society at the church.
FRIDAY	6:00 Hayride. Meet at Millers.
SATURDAY	9:00 - 10:00 Children's Choir. Open to Kindergarten thru grade 6.
NEXT SUNDAY	9:15 Church School Classes for all ages. 10:45 Morning Worship. 7:00 Youth Fellowship.

If we behold Jesus Christ going on before step by step,
if we only look to Him and follow Him, step by step, we
shall not go astray. But if we worry about the dangers
that beset the way, if we gaze at the road instead of at Him
who goes before, we are already straying from the path.
For He is the way, the narrow way. He, and He
alone, is our journey's end.
(Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

He himself will show you how to follow him.
(Philippe Vernier)

Sp.
Betty St. 1
Shirley XII
Kam 1
Gloria 1
Barbara 1
Linda
Step 11
MS 1



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NOVEMBER 14, 1982

James B. Stephenson, minister
Martha Kirtland, assisting

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Ruth J. Brown
CHORAL INTROIT
INVITATION TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #312 "I Am Thine, O Lord"
*INVOCATION (unison)
O God, author of eternal light, lead us in our
worshiping this day; that our lips may praise
Thee, our lives may bless Thee, our meditations
glorify Thee; thru Christ our Lord, who taught
us to pray, saying,
*LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
OLD TESTAMENT READING (No. 41)
ANTHEM "O Give Thanks unto the Lord" (Denton)
MORNING PRAYERS
BLESSING OF CHILDREN
A SPECIAL MESSAGE Lana Palmer
OFFERTORY
*RESPONSE The Doxology
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 6:5-15; 7:7-12;
Mark 11:24-25; Luke 6:38; 21:1-4
MESSAGE "Law of Abundance"
*HYMN, #402 "Give to the Winds Thy Fears"
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Ruth J. Brown
*Congregation stands

Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W. C. Wickum
Candlelighter, Deborah Lovell
Ushers, Michael Grubbs, Charles Ekelberry, Michael
Ekelberry, Tim Fogle

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We welcome visitors to our worship today. May we
have your name and address in the guest book in the
vestibule? You are invited to share in all the
activities of the church.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	6:30 Leadership Training Class at the church led by Polly Focke.
	7:00 BYF at the church.
MONDAY	7:00 Parish Council.
TUESDAY	7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
WEDNESDAY	7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
SATURDAY	9 - 10am, Jr. & Sr. High Rehearsal; 10 - 11, Children Kindergarten thru Grade 6 Rehearsal.
NEXT SUNDAY	9:15 Church School.
	10:45 Morning Worship. Presentation & Dedication of pledges.
	7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service at our church.


Please note the change in time for the Children's
Choir Rehearsal. Along with the youth of the Junior
and Senior High, they are preparing for a Children's
Christmas Cantata.

There will be sewing at the church Wednesday from 10am
until 2pm. Bring a sack lunch.

Be sure and bring food for People-in-Need. A box is
in the vestibule.

Our Women's Society is sponsoring a rummage sale Dec.
4 from 10am until 4pm. Proceeds to be divided between
the Society and the general fund.

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The Kingdom of Heaven is a possibility,
Ready to be made into an actuality.
We shall have it
When we reach out and take it.
When enough of us do so,
The world will have it, too. (Clarence E. Flynn)
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A still life photograph featuring pumpkins, fruit, and lit candles on a wooden surface with an open book. The scene is warmly lit by two candles in ornate brass holders. One candle is in the foreground on the left, and the other is on the right. Between them is a large orange pumpkin, a smaller speckled pumpkin, a bunch of green grapes, and several pears. An open book with text is spread out on the surface. The overall mood is peaceful and autumnal.

BLESS
HIS NAME

GIVE
THANKS TO
THE LORD

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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NOVEMBER 21, 1982

Whatever I may have written, I think it can all be reduced in the end to this one root truth: that God calls human persons to union with Himself and with one another in Christ, in the Church, which is His Mystical Body. It is also a witness to the fact that there is, and must be, in the Church, a contemplative life which has no other function than to realize these mysterious things, and return to God all the thanks and praise that human hearts can give Him.

- Thomas Merton

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 7:30pm

PRELUDE "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (Haydn)
CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Let the people praise Thee, O God.

People: Let all the people praise Thee.

Minister: Sing unto the Lord, bless His name.

People: Show forth His salvation from day to day.

Minister: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving.

People: Come into His courts with praise.

*HYMN, #593 "Come Ye Thankful People"

*INVOCATION (unison)

We give You thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of plains, mountains, and rivers; for the song of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise You for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of Your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of Your Name.

*LORD'S PRAYER

*DOXOLOGY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON No. 43

ANTHEM "I Will Give Thanks" (Marks) Psalm 138:1

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 17:11-19

SOLO "Bless this House" (Brahe) W. C. Wickum
EVENING PRAYERS

OFFERTORY "Contemplation" (L. Smith)

*HYMN, #594 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

MESSAGE

*HYMN, #598 "Now Thank We all Our God"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Legions for Christ" (Wilson)

*congregation stands

Assisting you in your worship:

Rev. David L. Boumgarden; pastor, Old Stone Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jill Snively-Thomas; pastor, Ashley United Methodist Church

Rev. James B. Stephenson; pastor, First Baptist Church

Rev. Michael E. Swanton; pastor, Stratford St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Ruth J. Brown, Organist

W. C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson, choir directors

Deborah Lovell, Candlelighter

Joel & Marcella Garverick, Michael & Beth Linn, Greeters

Baptist Youth Fellowship, Ushers

We extend a cordial welcome to all attending our annual Thanksgiving Service.

A nursery is available during worship.

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6,7

The Lord will be your everlasting light.

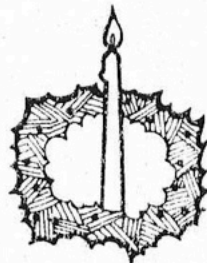
Isaiah 60:20



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James B. Stephenson, minister
Jerry L. Palmer, assisting

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 1982



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #182 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty God, who in Thy providence have made all
ages a preparation for Thy Son; help us to make
ready our hearts for the brightness of His glory,
and the fullness of Thy blessing. Through Jesus
Christ who taught us to pray, saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 49

SPECIAL MUSIC

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:5-25

CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister: Praise ye the Lord!

People: The Lord's Name be praised!

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "Words for Christmas"

*HYMN, #183 "Watchman Tell Us of the Night"

*BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, W. C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson
Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Candlelighter, Victor Fogle
Ushers, Charles Ekelberry, Michael Grubbs, Michael
Ekelberry, Jennifer Palmer, Krissie Martin, Tim
Fogle

Greeters, Ernestine Frost, Frances Johnson

We are happy to welcome visitors to our worship. May
we have you name and address in the guest book in the
vestibule?

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 5:00 Community Advent Worship at Gray Chapel

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 7:45 Advent breakfast at Holiday Inn.
Kinwanis sponsors. \$1.50.

10:00 Sewing at church until 2. Sack lunch.
7:00 Choir rehearsal.

THURSDAY 7:30 Advent Study Group at Paynes, 25
Darlington. Theme: MARY. Bring
Bibles.

FRIDAY ~~10:00~~^{12:00} Advent service sponsored by Church
Women United at William St. Church.
Sack lunch, drink provided.
7:00 Women meet in Youth Room to mark
clothes for sale.

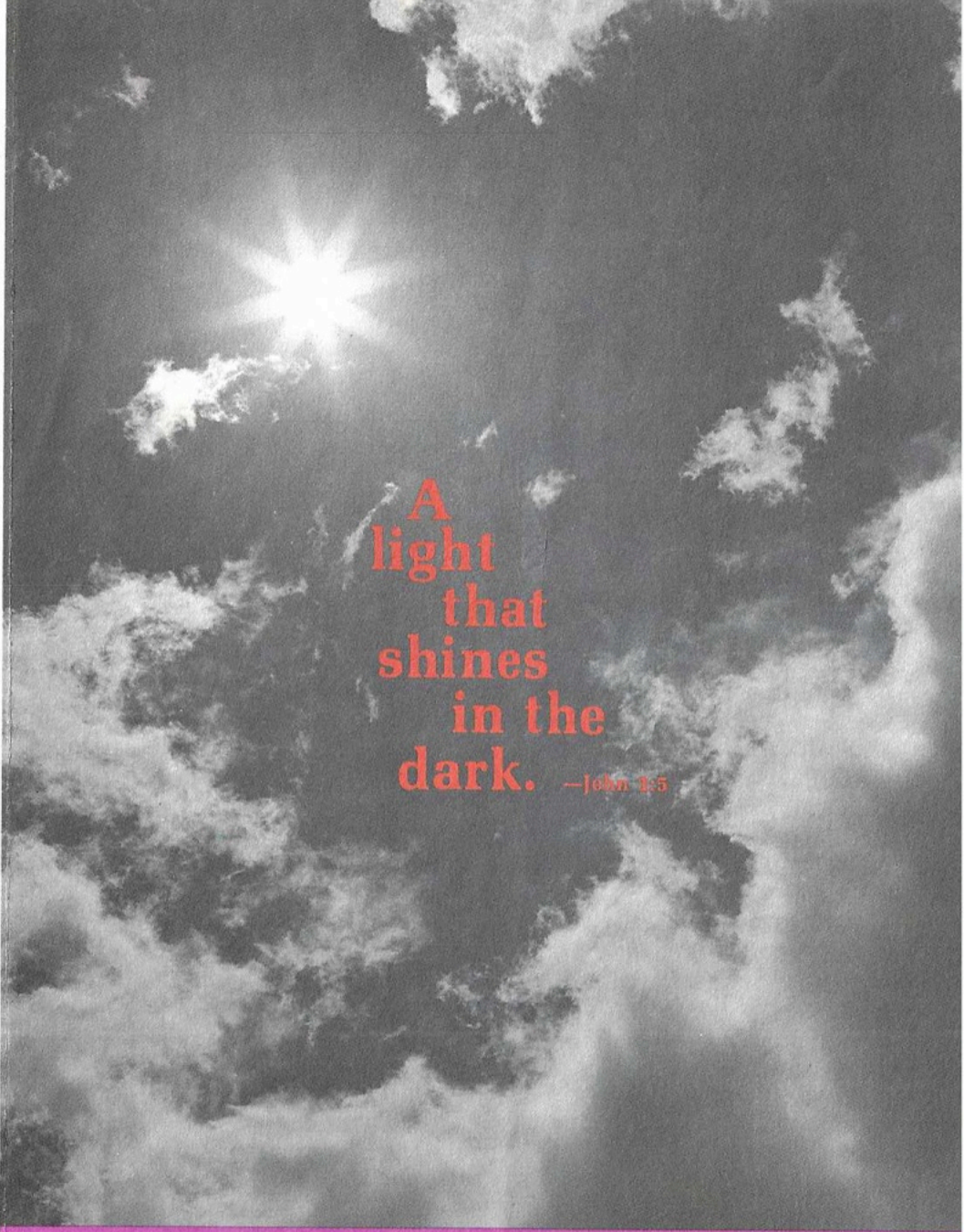
SATURDAY 10-~~2~~⁴ Rummage sale in youth room.

NXT SUNDAY 9:45 Church School.
10:45 Holy Communion.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER publishes next Sunday. Tuesday
night deadline for submissions.

Please get items for rummage sale to the church by
Friday.

Children's Choir rehearsal Sat. 9:30-12. Jr. & Sr.
High practice 11:00-12:00.



A
light
that
shines
in the
dark. —John 1:5

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James B. Stephenson, minister
Beth L. Trigg, assisting
Second Sunday in Advent
December 5, 1982



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE Mrs. Brown

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN, #196 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

*INVOCATION (unison)

O God, who by the light of a star led men of old
to the Christ, let us follow His light, so that we
may not walk in darkness but have the light of life.

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 50

ANTHEM "And the Glory of the Lord" (Handel)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:26-38

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE Doxology

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

MESSAGE "Characters of Christmas"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING FOR M&M BOARD

*HYMN, #461 "Bread of Life"

PRAYERS

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #184 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown

*Congregation stands

Organist, Ruth Brown

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum

Greeter, Archie Trigg

Candlelighter, Jarrod Trigg

Ushers, members of the Youth Fellowship

We welcome visitors to our worship service. You are
invited to share in the other activities of our church.
May we have your name and address in our guest book in
the vestibule? We cordially invite you to be with us
again!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY 7:00 Youth Fellowship.

7:00 Board of Deacons.

MONDAY 7:00 Board of Education. Place to be
announced.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 7:45 (AM) Advent Breakfast at the
Holiday Inn. (\$1.50)

7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

THURSDAY 7:00 Women's Society at the parsonage.
"Christmas Customs of Our Mission
Fields," by Anne Linn. All women
invited.

(PLEASE NOTE: No baby-sitting for
this meeting)

FRIDAY 12:00 Advent worship at William Street
Methodist Church. Sponsored by the
Church Women United.

7:30 Advent Bible study with the Palmers,
654 Governors. Subject: MARY.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:00 Church School Advent Gathering and
Workshops,

10:45 Morning Worship. Message: "The
Greater Christmas."

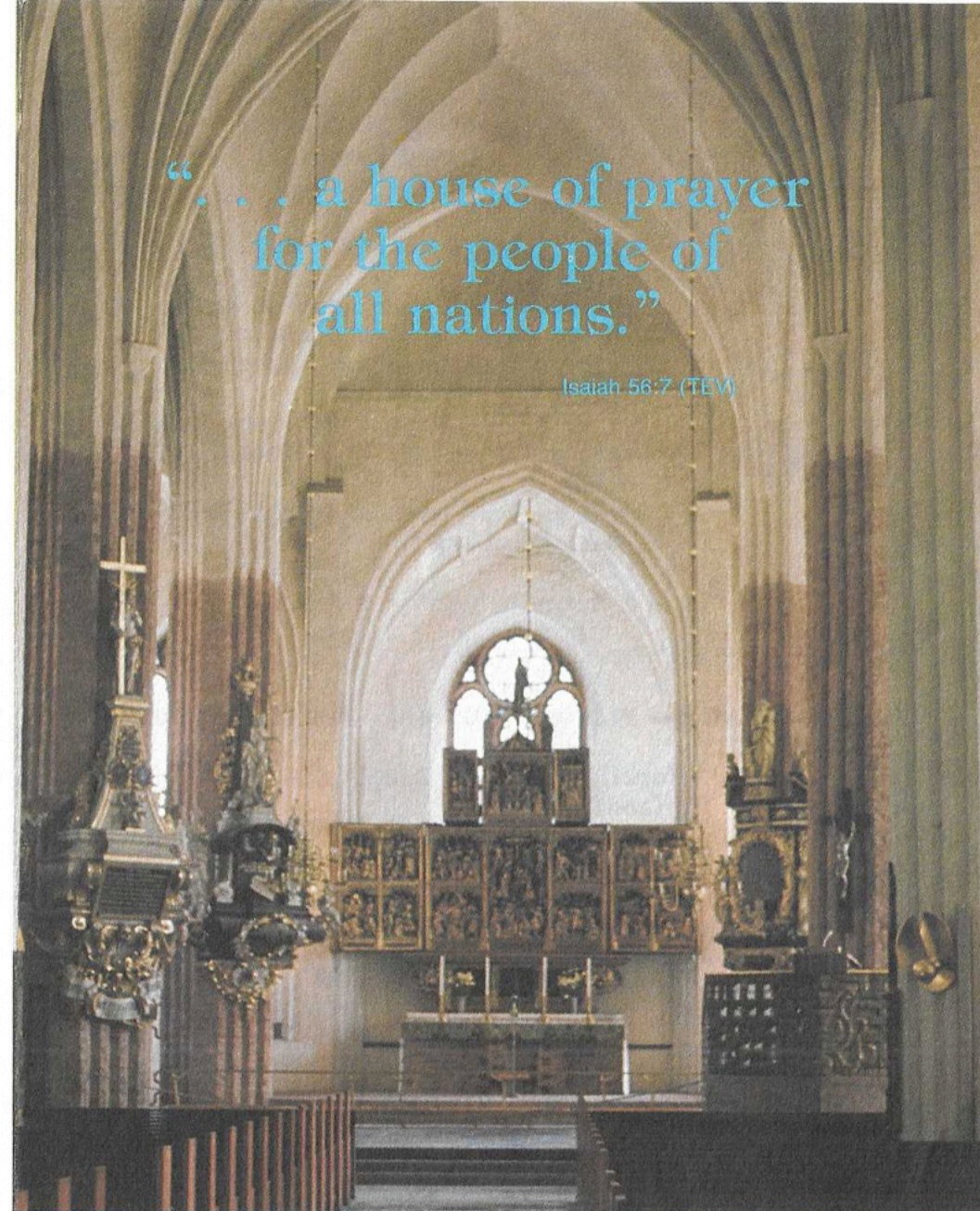
3:00 Children's Cantata and program.

The children and youth will practice next Saturday at
9:30

Do you have your Advent Partner? This is a time for you
to become better acquainted with a fellow church member.
This is a time to do something thoughtful for another -
to give a simple gift, perhaps something you have made
yourself. Let this be an adventure in new friendship!
Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born,
If He's not born in thee, Thy soul is still forlorn!
- Angelus Silesius

“... a house of prayer
for the people of
all nations.”

Isaiah 56:7 (TEV)



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James B. Stephenson, minister
David R. Lovell, assisting



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT, Dec. 12, 1982

The Creator of night and of birth
was the Maker of the stars.
Shall we look up now at stars in
winter
And call them always sweeter friends
Because this story of a Mother and a
Child
Never is told with the stars left out?
- Carl Sandburg

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Adeste Fideles" (Oliver) Jennifer Palmer
CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN, #189 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

*INVOCATION (unison)

We ask You, O Lord, to pour out your grace into
our hearts. As we have known the birth by the message
of an Angel, so by His cross and resurrection may we
know His glory. We pray as He taught us, saying,

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 51

ANTHEMS "Come, O Come" (Hughes)

"Mary Had a Baby" (Landon)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 21:5-28

MORNING PRAYERS

SOLO "Mary's Little Boy Child" (Hairston)

Jeanne Ekelberry

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

BRINGING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*HYMN, 200 "What Child Is This?"

MESSAGE "The Greater Christmas

*HYMN, #198 "There's a Song in the Air"

*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE Mrs. Brown

*Congregation stands

Organist, Ruth J. Brown
Pianist, Jennifer Palmer
Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum
Greeters, Evelyn & Dick Lee
Candlelighter, Deborah Lovell
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

We welcome visitors to our worship service. You are
invited to share in the other activities of our church.
May we have your name and address in our guest book in
the vestibule? We cordially invite you to be with us
again!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

MONDAY 7:00 Board of Christian Education.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 7:45 Advent Breakfast at Holiday Inn.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

THURSDAY 7:30 Advent Bible Study with Millie
Martin, 157 Griswold. Subject: MARY.

FRIDAY 12:00 Advent Worship at William St. Church.
Sponsored by Church Women United.

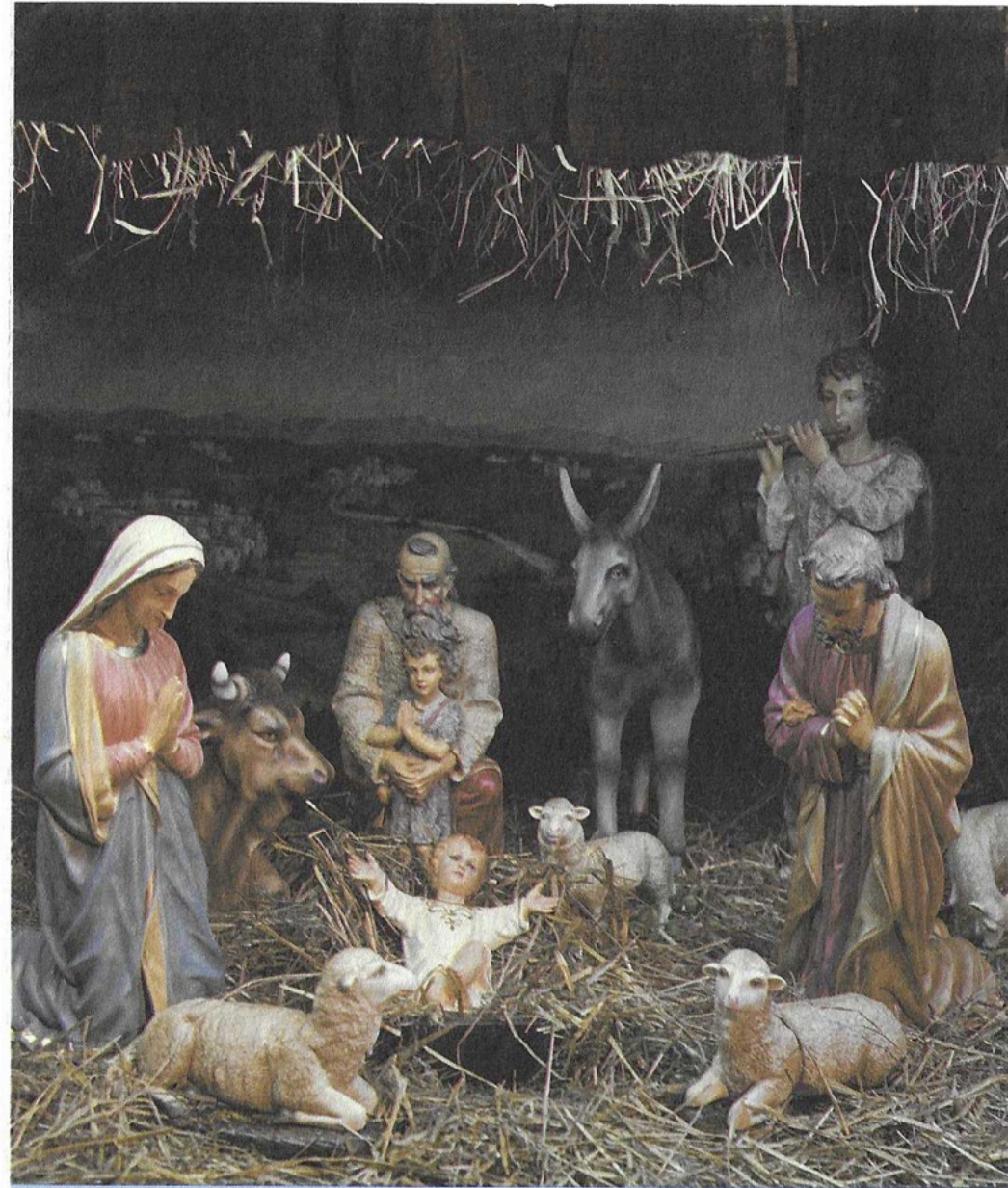
SATURDAY 6:00 BYF Progressive Dinner & party.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:00 Church School Breakfast.
10:45 Worship. Message: THE SECRET OF
CHRISTMAS.

EVERYONE is invited to our special program this after-
noon at 3:00pm. The children and youth will present a
Cantata - "The Characters of Christmas." It will be
followed by a program and a birthday party for the
Baby Jesus. Director is Mary Lou Lovell.

Should Christ be born a thousand times anew,
Despair, O man, unless He's born in you!

Could but thy soul, O man, become a silent night,
God would be born in thee and set things all aright!
- Angelus Silesius



*They went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph,
and the babe lying in a manger. Luke 2:16*



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
DECEMBER 24, 1982

James B. Stephenson, minister
Larry Faulk, assisting

From hill to hill the bells shall ring
to a sad world glad tidings bring;
It's Christmas!

Now take your candle, guard its light,
walk into darkness, dare the night;
It's Christmas!

Of joy and peace now let us sing,
from shore to hill the bells shall ring;
It's Christmas!

- Herta Rosenblatt

A SERVICE OF CANDLES AND COMMUNION

7:30pm

PRELUDE "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Redner)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN, #188 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 50

ANTHEM "Lullaby, Thou Little Tiny Child" Old English

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2:1-20

CAROL "Come on, Ring those Bells" (Culverwell)

Children's Choir

EVENING PRAYERS

ANTHEM "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (Lani Smith)

OFFERTORY "Quietude" (Mendelssohn)

*HYMN, #184 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

MESSAGE "Invisible Fire"

SOLO "O Holy Night" (Adam) W. C. Wickum

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #199 "Away in a Manger"

(Parents may call for their children during the hymn)

SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHT

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Jubilant" (Sheppard)

* Congregation stands

Organist, Ruth J. Brown

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum

Children's Choir Director, Mary Lou Lovell

Candlelighter, Jennifer Porter

Greeters, Sophia Stephenson, Peter White

Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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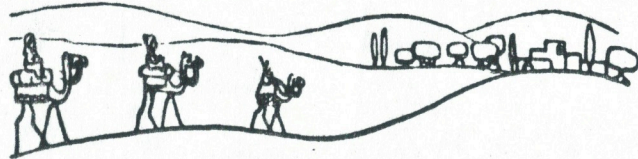
Here is the Truth in a little creed,
Enough for all the roads we go;
In Love is all the law we need,
In Christ is all the God we know.

- Edwin Markham

MAY CHRIST GO WITH YOU TONIGHT AND ALWAYS!



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and the babe lying in a manger. Luke 2:16*



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Steven Palmer, assisting
James B. Stephenson, minister

What can I give Him
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would give Him a lamb,
If I were a Wise Man,
I would do my part, -
But what can I give Him,
Give my heart.

- Christina G. Rossetti

PLEASE BE QUIET IN THE SANCTUARY. SOMEONE SITTING NEAR
YOU CAME TO PRAY.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN, #191 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

*INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of
your incarnate Word; grant that this light, enkindled

in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives, through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING No. 49

SPECIAL MUSIC

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY

*HYMN, #198 "There's a Song in the Air"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 1:18-24

MESSAGE "Best Presents"

*HYMN, #205 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

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Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W. C. Wickum

Candlelighter, Charity Piatt

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School. Regular schedule
resumes.

10:45 Morning Worship and Holy Communion.

We thank all the persons who have shared in making our
Advent and Christmas a time to be remembered.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude
of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory
to God in the highest! And on earth peace among men
with whom he is pleased! Luke 2:13,14