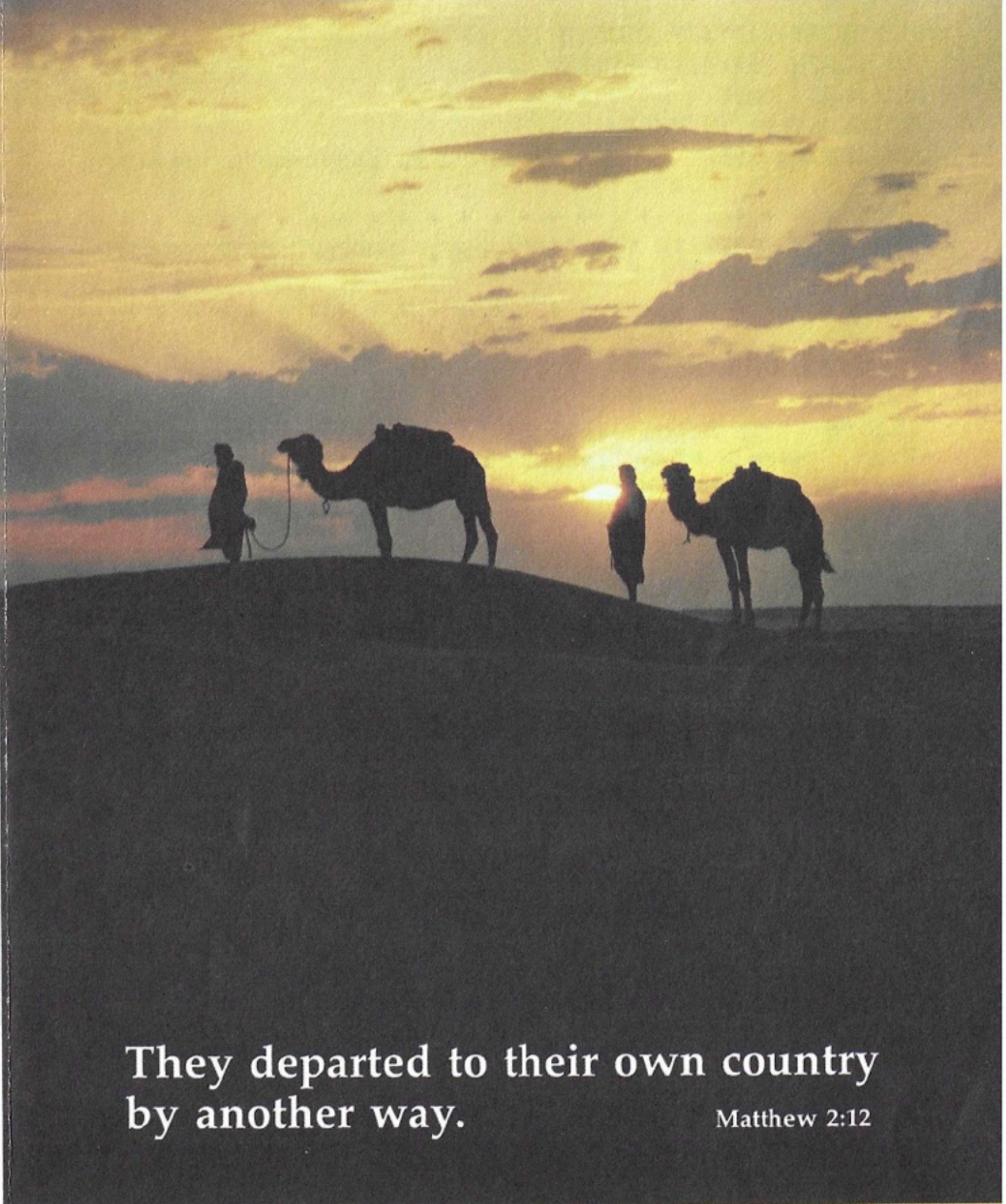




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A photograph of a desert landscape at sunset. Two camels and two people are silhouetted against a bright, orange and yellow sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong backlight effect. The camels are standing on a dark, rounded dune. The people are standing near the camels, one on each side. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds.

They departed to their own country
by another way.

Matthew 2:12

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
SUNDAY after EPIPHANY
JANUARY 8, 1984

James B. Stephenson, pastor

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "In Dulci Jubilo" (J. Pethel)

*HYMN, page 3 of bulletin "We Three Kings"

*INVOCATION unison

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your
Son to the peoples of the earth; lead us, who know
You now by faith, to Your presence; we ask in Jesus'
Name, and praying as He taught us,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING 614

A NEW HYMN, #191 "Spirit of God" (Choir & Cong.)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-12

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Adoration" (Mueller)

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "Gifts Forever"

*HYMN, #114 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "March of the Wise Men" (Hosmer)

*CONGREGATION STANDS

Organist for Today, Mary Lou Lovell

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

Candlelighter, Jarrod Triss

Greeters, Will & Carol Fogle

Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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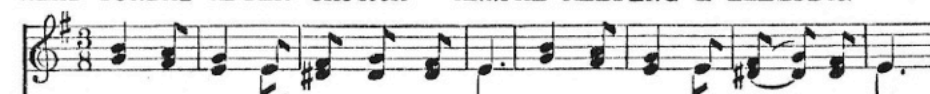
EVENTS . . .

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY 12:00 till 2:00. Church Women United An-
nual Meeting at Grace Methodist
Church. Covered dish dinner. Bring
own table service. Child care avail-
able. Bring sack lunch for child.
Call Evelyn Lee for information.

NEXT SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH - ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear-ing gifts we trav-erse a - far
2. Born a King on Beth - le-hem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
3. Frank-in-cense to of - fer have I; In-cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
4. Myrrhis mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom:
5. Glo-rious now be-hold Him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



Field and foun-tain, moor and moun-tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
King for ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.
Prayer and prais - ing all men rais - ing, Wor - ship Him, God on high.
Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia, A! - le - lu - ia! Sounds thro' the earth and skies.



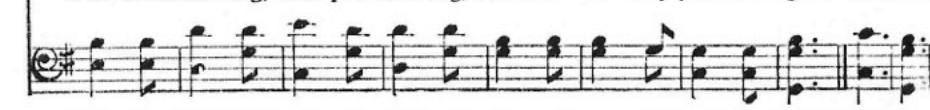
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O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



West-ward lead - ing, still pro-ceed - ing, Guide us to Thy per - fect light. A - MEN.





The LORD is the stronghold of my life.

Psalm 27:1



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 15, 1984

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

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I hope the New Year finds you
With at least one dream come true,
And a better, clearer vision
Of that good you hold in view.
May your purpose never falter,
May your ardor never wane,
May you be and do what's best for you
Till the New Year come again.
-Russell A. Kemp

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Prelude on 'The Turtle Dove'" (Livingstone)
CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN, #28 "Come Thou Fount"

*INVOCATION unison

Almighty God, whose Son is the light of the world;
grant that your people, illumined by your Word and
Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's
glory, that he may be known, worshipped and obeyed,
to the ends of the earth. Through Jesus Christ
who taught us to pray, saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING #606

SOLO "Would You?" (Red) Janet Porter

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "The Bible Stands like a Rock" (Line)

*HYMN, #187 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:13-23

MESSAGE "Secret Journey"

*HYMN, #323 "My Father Is Rich"

*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Postlude" Mendelssohn

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson W.C. Wickum
Organist for Today, Mary Lou Lovell
Accompanist for solo, Betty J. Porter
Greeter, Sophia Stephenson
Candlelighter, Jeff Faulk
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

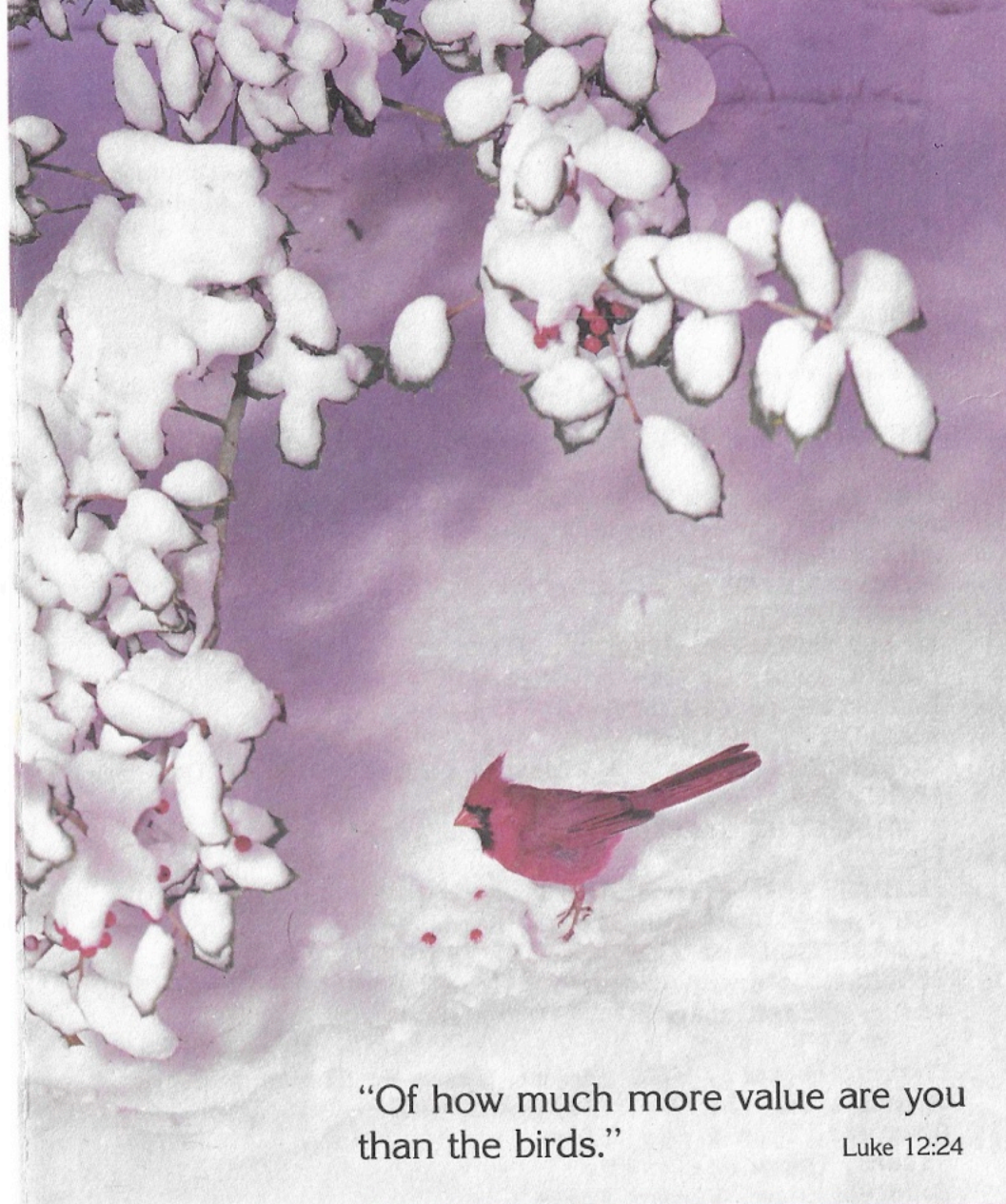
TODAY	11:45 Annual business meeting and election of officers.
TUESDAY	7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
WEDNESDAY	9:30 Sewing Day at the church. Bring sack lunch. We will roll ban- dages. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
NEXT SUNDAY	9:15 Church School Classes for all ages. 10:45 Morning Worship. "Power thru Forgiving and Being Forgiven." 2:00 Women's Mission Society at the church. Will fill boxes for shut-ins. Bring cookies & fruit. 7:30 A Celebration of the Renovation of the Church at St. Mary Cath- olic Church. Speaker, Rector Clark Hyde. Reception follows.

Please note that the Mission Society Meeting will be
held next week rather than today.

All are invited to remain for the Business Meeting.

Officers will be installed and dedicated next Sunday.

YOU WILL HAVE A GOOD WEEK!!! RELAX AND BE HAPPY!!!



"Of how much more value are you
than the birds."

Luke 12:24

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 22, 1984

James B. Stephenson
minister

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "He Shall Sustain Thee" (Simone)
*HYMN, #32 "How Great Thou Art"
*INVOCATION
*LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
AN OLD TESTAMENT READING #605
ANTHEM "Day by Day" (Hughes)
DEDICATION OF OFFICERS
BLESSING OF CHILDREN
OFFERTORY "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (Medlock)
*HYMN, #191 "Spirit of God"
A NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 18:21
PRAYERS
MESSAGE "Forgiveness as Power"
*HYMN, #398 "I Come to the Garden"
*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "Grand Choeur" (Gigault)
*Congregation stands

Choir Directors, W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson
Organist for the Day, Mary Lou Lovell
Greeters, Lynn & Sue Elfner
Ushers, Youth Fellowship
Candlelighter, Victor Fogle

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book in the vestibule? If you do not have a
church home in Delaware, we invite you to con-
sider becoming a part of our fellowship.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY 7:30 Celebration of the Renovation of
St. Mary Catholic Church. Recep-
tion follows.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
NXT SUNDAY 3:00 Retirement Reception for Dr. and
Mrs. Paul Warford at the Fite Mem-
orial Baptist Church, Marion.

The Women's Society Meeting scheduled for this after-
noon has been cancelled.

REMINDER: Valentine Day will be coming up soon.
Why not let your secret advent friend know that you
love them with a special valentine remembrance?

Copies of annual reports and lists of new officers
are available in the vestibule.

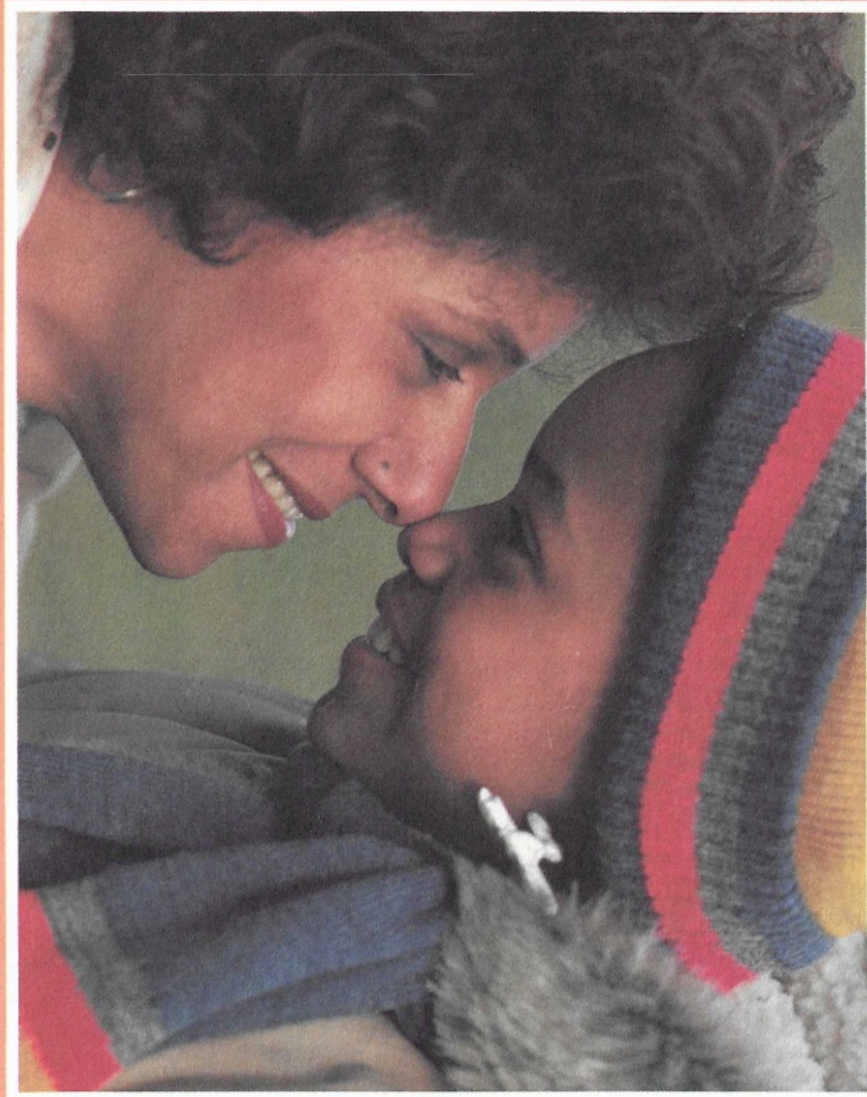
Father, do this day free me from

FEAR of the future;
ANXIETY for tomorrow;
BITTERNESS toward anyone;
COWARDICE in danger;
LAZINESS in work;
FAILURE before opportunity;
WEAKNESS when Thy power is at hand.

Fill me with

LOVE that knows no barriers;
COURAGE that cannot be shaken;
FAITH strong enough for the
darkness;
STRENGTH sufficient for my tasks;
LOYALTY to Thy Kingdom's goal;
WISDOM to meet life's complexities;
GRACE to meet life's perplexities;
POWER to lift persons unto Thee.

Seek first the Kingdom of God and all else will be
yours. (Jesus)



Never forget what your mother taught you.
Proverbs 6:20 (TEV)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
JANUARY 29, 1981

James B. Stephenson, minister
Robin Campbell, assisting

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

In the midst of winter, I finally learned that there
was in me an invincible summer.

Albert Camus

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Sarabande" (Handel)

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #200 "The Church's One Foundation"

*INVOCATION unison

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins,
and give us the liberty of that abundant life,
which you have made known to us in your Son, our
Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, say-
ing,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING #606

ANTHEM "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" (Denton)

DEDICATION OF A BABY

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 23:26-31

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Adagio Cantabile" (Tortini)

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "Forgiveness as Power"

*HYMN, #321 "Savior Like a Shepherd"

*BENEDICTION & Alleluia

POSTLUDE "Postlude in A minor" (Blake)

*CONGREGATION STANDS

TODAY we dedicate Andrew William Linn to God.
Andrew was born October 31, 1983, and is the son
of Beth and Michael Linn. We offer our congrat-
ulations to the happy family!

WE welcome visitors to our worship today. May we
have your name and address in our 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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

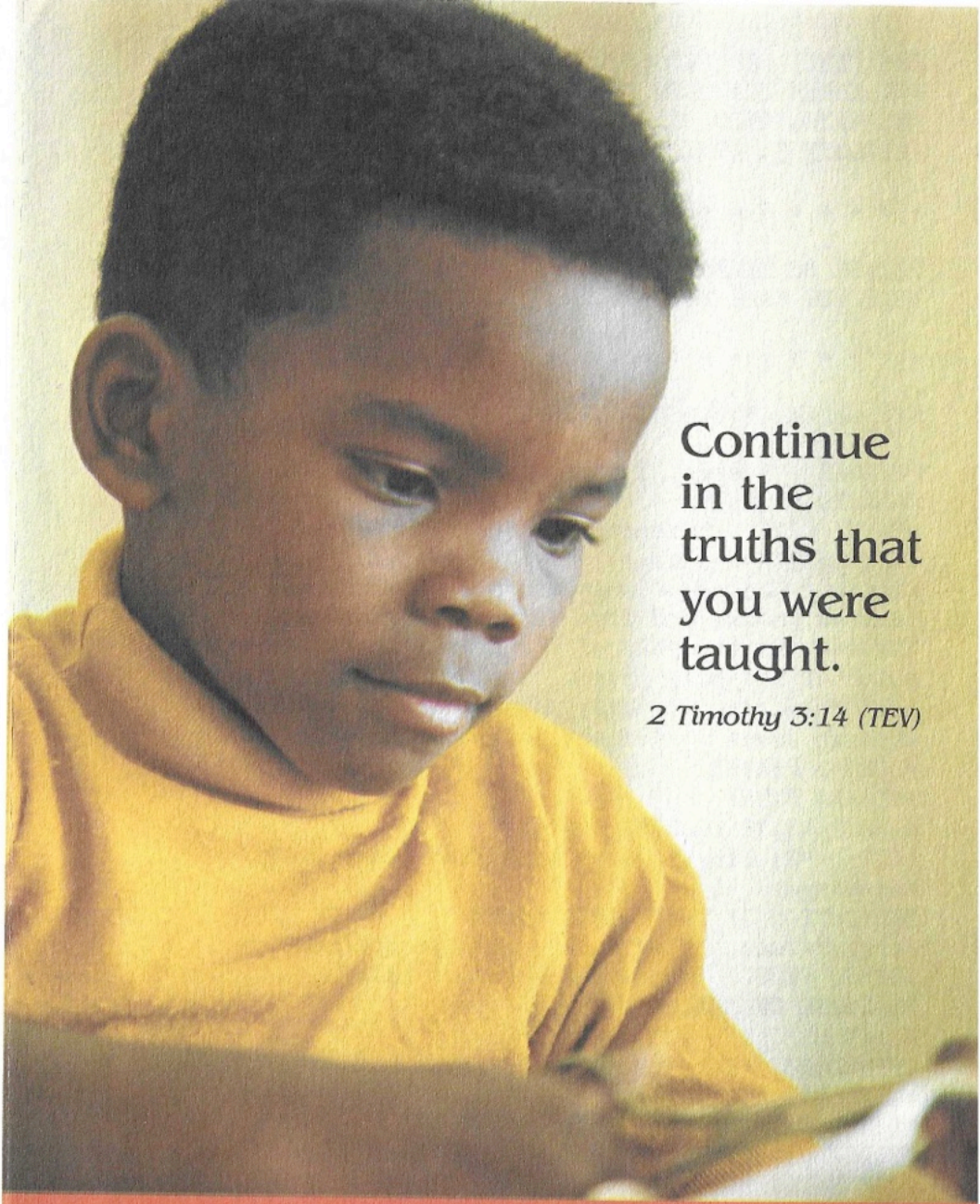
TODAY 3:00 Retirement reception for area
minister Dr. Paul Warford and
Mrs. Warford at the Fite Memor-
ial Church in Marion.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 until 2:00 Sewing at the church.
We need old, worn out sheets, old
towels, and old mattress pads.
6:30 Choir rehearsal.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes for all ages.
10:45 Morning Worship and Holy Communion.
Rededication of pulpit Bible.

Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing
for itself.
They come through you but not from you.
You may give them your love but not your thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls.
You may strive to be like them, but seek not to
make them like you.
You are the bows from which your children as
living arrows are sent forth.
Let your bending in the Archer's hand be for glad-
ness.
from Gibran's PROPHECY



Continue
in the
truths that
you were
taught.

2 Timothy 3:14 (TEV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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DELAWARE, OHIO
FEBRUARY 5, 1984

James B. Stephenson, pastor
Beth Trigg, assisting

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Jesus, I Come" (Smith)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #225 "Standing on the Promises"

*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,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

A RESPONSIVE READING #651

SOLO "Falling in Love with Him" Mary Ruth
Mossbarger

DEDICATION OF THE PULPIT BIBLE

Jerry Palmer, Peter White, Carolyn Schneeberger

*HYMN, #222 "Wonderful Words of Life"

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

PRAYERS

OFFERTORY "Take the Name of Jesus with You" (Landon)

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "How the Bible Helps"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "Trusting Thee" (Broughton)

*COMMUNION HYMN, #220 "Bread of Life"

ANTHEM "According to Thy Word" (Mansfield)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #339 "More about Jesus"

*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Lord Jesus" (Bohm)

*CONGREGATION STANDS

Organist for Today, Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum
Greeter, Sophia Stephenson
Candlelighter, Charity Piatt
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

MONDAY 7:00 Board of Christian Education with
Lana Palmer.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 - 2:00 Sewing Day at the church.
We need old, worn out sheets,
old towels, and old mattress
pads.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

THURSDAY 7:00 Women's Mission Society at the
church. Program on Love Gift.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes.
10:45 Morning Worship.
12:15 Father-son banquet for all men
and boys of the church. Adopt
a father or son for the day!
No charge. Please sign up in
the vestibule. Sponsored by
Women's Society.

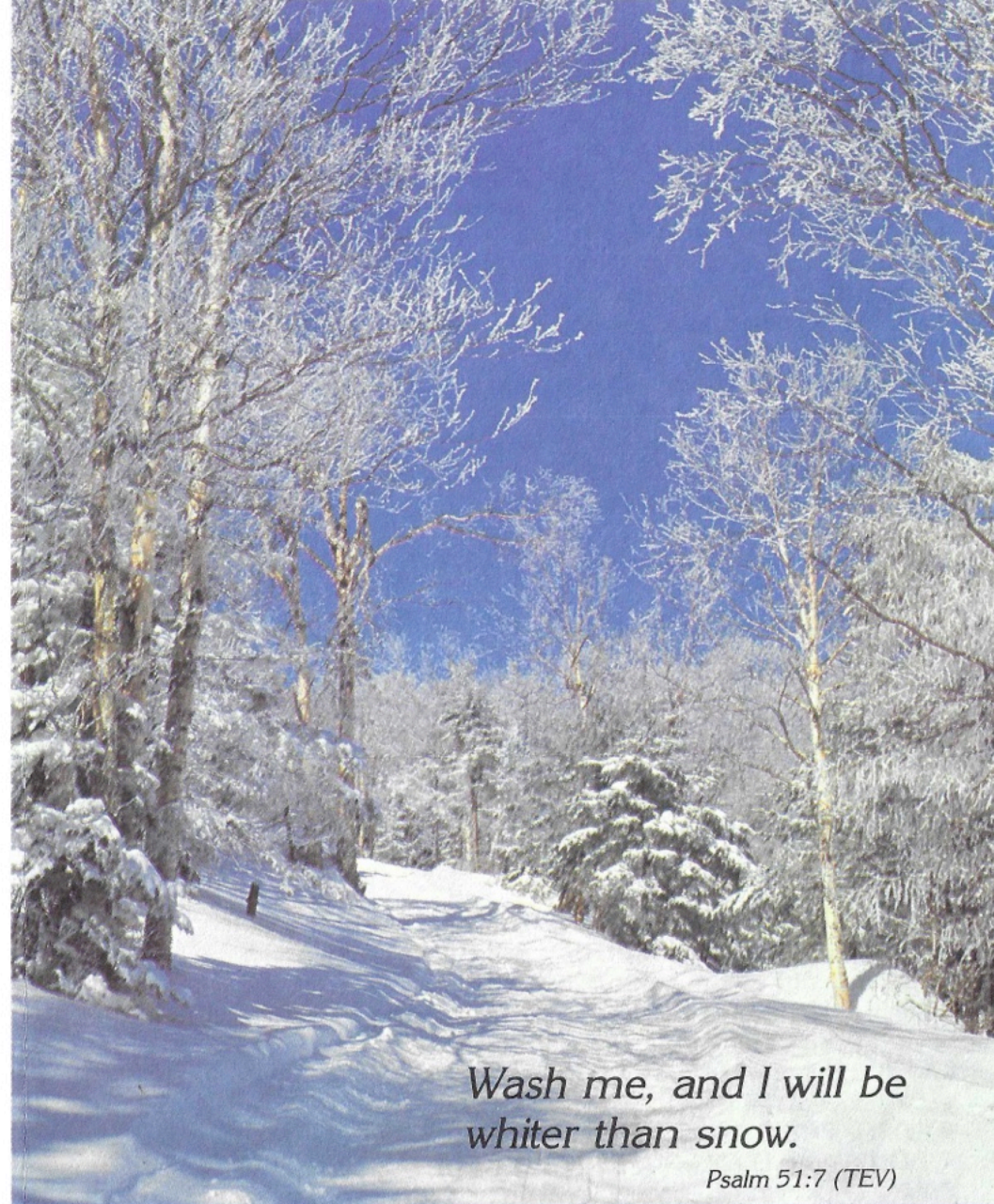
The Board of Deacons will meet briefly after wor-
ship today.

Parish Council meets at 7:00pm, Monday, Feb. 20.

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

We are happy to rededicate our Pulpit Bible this
morning. Thanks to all who had a share in getting
it and caring for it; those in 1953 and 1984!

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS TODAY. PLEASE SIGN THE
GUEST BOOK IN THE VESTIBULE.



*Wash me, and I will be
whiter than snow.*

Psalm 51:7 (TEV)

James B. Stephenson, pastor
James VanBrimmer, assisting

We beg God, "Show us a sign
That we may believe in you,"
Then we carelessly brush off
The six point stars of the snow.
We trample under foot
The miracle of the seed.
We poison the streams and birds.
What if God would demand of us,
"Show me a sign
That I may believe in men?"

POSTLUDE "Toccata in C Major" (Howell)

Give me wisdom, Lord, that I may see the hidden path
Thou hast set for me!



**Because of what you have done,
I sing for joy.**

Psalms 92:4 (TEV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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FEBRUARY 19, 1984

James B. Stephenson, pastor
Marjorie Smale, assisting

And if we answer the call to discipleship, where will it lead us? What decisions will it demand? To answer this question we shall have to go to Him, for only He knows the answer. Only Jesus Christ, who bids us follow Him, knows the journey's end. But we do know that it will be a road of boundless mercy. Discipleship means joy. (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "We shall behold Him" (Rambo)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Let all persons know the wonder of our God!
Sing from the highest mountain the praises of the Lord.

People: Let us praise His name with music. Let us praise His name with dancing.

Minister: For all the good things the Lord has done for us,

People: We rejoice in Him!

Minister: For all the birds in the trees and the sky,

People: We rejoice in Him!

Minister: For all nature. For all children. For all who follow in His Way,

People: We rejoice in Him!

Minister: Praise the name of the Lord!

People: Let all persons know the wonder of our God!

*HYMN, #43 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*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. Through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING #608

TRIO "Gloria" (Schubert) W.C. Wickum, David Lovell, James M. Stephenson

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Beside Still Waters" (Blake)

*HYMN, #117 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 3:1-6; Matthew 4:23-25

MESSAGE "Olympics of the Spirit"

*HYMN, #362 "More Like the Master"

*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Sonatina Selections" (Clement)

*CONGREGATION STANDS

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

Organist for Today, Mary Lou Lovell

Pianist for Today, Allison Grubbs

Greeters, Cap & Myrtle Gabriel

Candlelighter, Cameron Piatt

Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

MONDAY 7:00 Parish Council.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 Sewing day with Evelyn Lee.

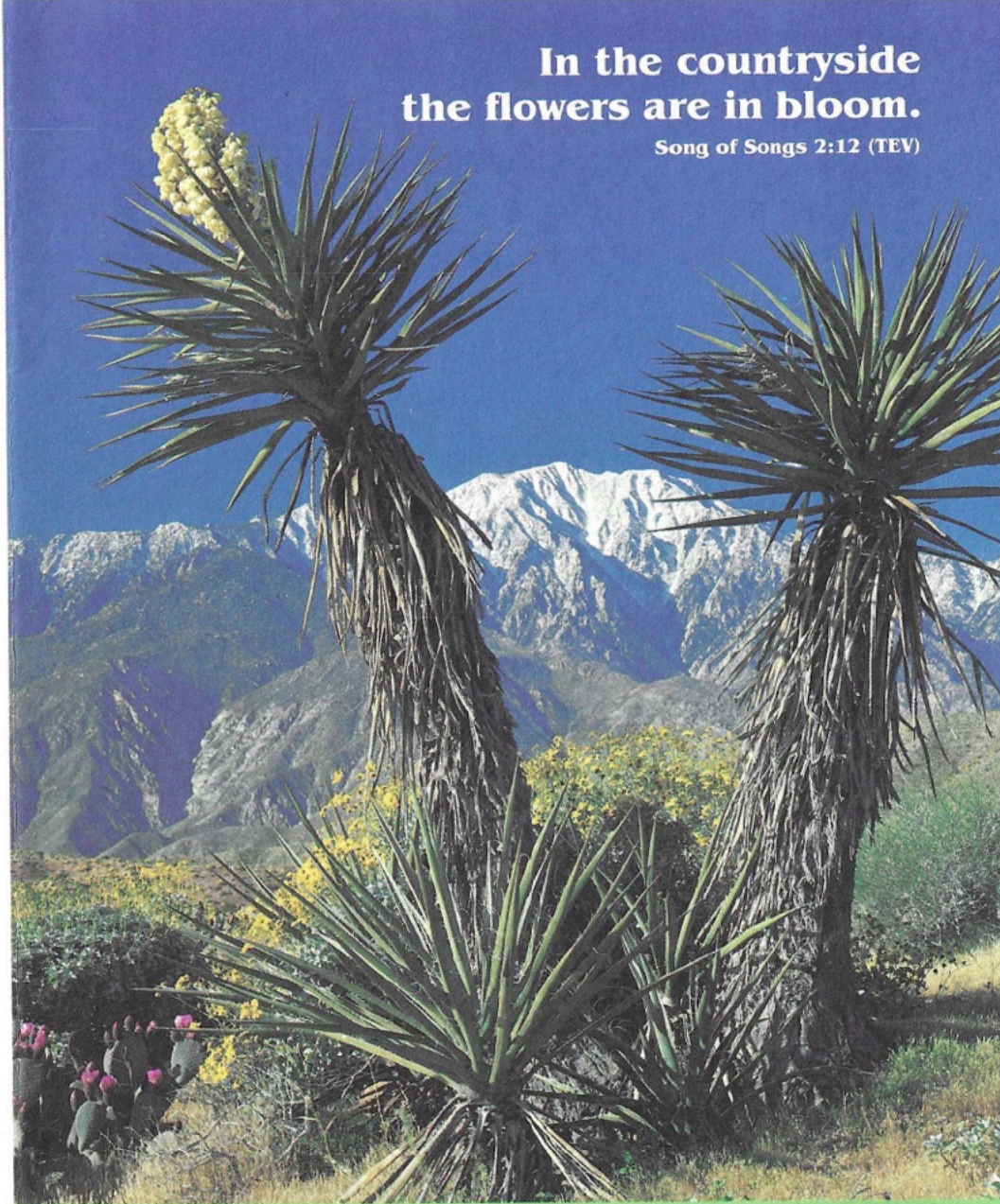
He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose. (Jim Elliot)

GOD LOVES YOU . . .

. . . GOD LOVES OUR WORLD

**In the countryside
the flowers are in bloom.**

Song of Songs 2:12 (TEV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
FEBRUARY 26, 1984

James B. Stephenson, pastor
Donald Brown, assisting

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

Some of your hurts you have cured,
And the sharpest you still have survived,
But what torments of grief you endured
From evils which never arrived!
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "In Humble Adoration" (G. Blake)

CALL TO WORDSHIP

*HYMN, #96 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

*INVOCATION

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our
being. You have made us for yourself, so that our
hearts are restless till they rest in you. Grant us
purity of heart, and strength of purpose, that no
selfish desire may hinder us from knowing your will,
and no weakness prevent us from doing it; through
Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, saying

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

AN OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 103 (read responsively)

SOLO "My Prayer" W. C. Wickum (Humphreys)

MORNING PRAYERS

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

FAMILY CONCERNS

OFFERTORY "Offertory" (R. Schumann)

*HYMN, #187 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 11:12-14; 20-25

MESSAGE "Seeing - Believing"

*HYMN, #40 "To God Be the Glory"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Praises!" (D. Eliot)

*CONGREGATION STANDS

Choir Directors, W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Assistant Organist, Betty J. Porter
Greeters, Alison and Michael Grubbs
Candlelighter, Stefanie Stoner
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

The rose on the altar is in honor of Emily Anne
Trigg, daughter of Beth and Archie Trigg. Emily
was born Friday, February 24, at 7:30pm. She
weighed six pounds, eleven ounces. Congratula-
tions to the happy family!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 Sewing day at the church. Bring
sack lunch. Concludes at 2:00.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.
10:45 Morning Worship and Holy Commu-
nion.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will sponsor World Day of
Prayer, March 2, 9:30-11:30am, at the Asbury
United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to
share in the service.

COMING EVENTS . . .

SHROVE TUESDAY, March 6, Pancake Supper and enter-
tainment, 6:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, March 7, at 7:00pm, in the
church.

***"I am
the living bread
which came down
from heaven."***

John 6:51



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
MARCH 4, 1984

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

From sense to Soul my pathway lies before me,
From mist and shadow into Truth's clear day;
The dawn of all things real is breaking o'er me,
My heart is singing: I have found the way. (V.H.)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "My Redeemer" (McGranahan)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #75 "Love Divine"

*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 name; through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

OLD TESTAMENT READING #603

*HYMN, #323 "My Father Is Rich"

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Incline Thy Ear" (Moore)

*RESPONSE Doxology

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 9:1-19

SOLO "The Lord Is My Shepherd" (Humphreys)

W. C. Wickum

MESSAGE A NEW NAME

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING "A Quiet Blessing" (Weston)

*HYMN, #213 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #403 "Walking in Sunlight"

*BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Father" Southbridge)

*CONGREGATION STANDS

ORGANIST, Mary Lou Lovell
ASSISTANT ORGANIST, Betty J. Porter
CHOIR DIRECTORS, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum
GREETERS, Pam & Larry Faulk
CANDLELIGHTER, Jarrod Trigg
USHERS, Youth Fellowship

We welcome visitors to our worship today. May we have your name and address in our guest book in the vestibule? You are cordially invited to visit us again.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY 11:45 Reception in the Assembly Room.
Hostess: Carol Grubbs and daughters.

MONDAY 7:30 Board of Christian Education.

TUESDAY 6:30 Shrove Tuesday. Pancake supper in the Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Ash Wednesday. Service in the Sanctuary.
7:45 Choir Rehearsal.

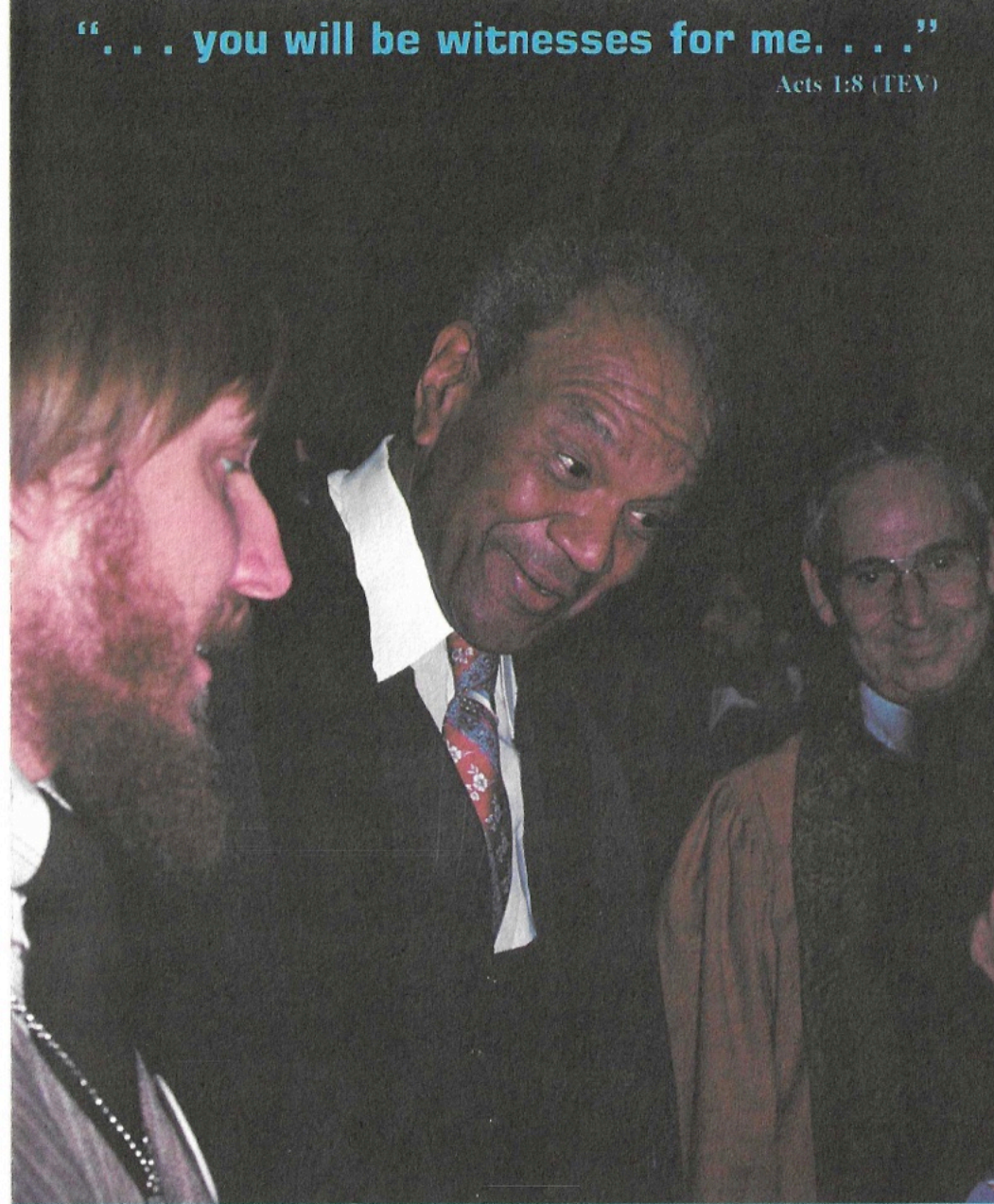
NXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.
10:45 Worship. First Sunday in Lent.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER is available today. Take a copy home for an absent neighbor or friend.

From Bethlehem to Calvary the Savior's journey lay;
Doubt, unbelief, scorn, fear and hate beset Him day by day,
But in His heart He bore God's love that brightened all the way.
O'er the Judean hills He walked, serene and brave of soul,
Seeking the beaten paths of men, touching and making whole,
Dying at last for love of man, on Calvary's darkened knoll.
- Meredith Nicholson

“ . . . you will be witnesses for me. . . . ”

Acts 1:8 (TEV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
MARCH 11, 1984
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

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The word Lent is derived from an old Anglo-Saxon term
for spring.

A heart can have as deep a need
To split the husks as any seed.
Before a spiritual thing,
Before a miracle like spring
The mind can only halt and grope,
Only the heart can grow, can hope,
Can burst its chrysalis of doubt
And let the inward beauty out -
The hidden crocus in the clod
And in the heart the growing god!
- James Dillet Freeman

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Andante Religioso" (Hailing)
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #151 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*INVOCATION unison

Almighty God, whose glory it is to always have
mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray
in their lives, and bring them to embrace and hold
fast the Truth, the Word, that is Jesus Christ our
Lord and Savior; we pray as He taught us, saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING #656

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

SOLO Mary Ruth Mossbarger

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Where Cross the Crowded Ways" (Wilson)

*HYMN, #350 "Open My Eyes"

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 19:16-20

MESSAGE "Other Mother; Other Brother"

PRAYERS

*HYMN, #318 "Trust and Obey"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Credo" (Haydn)

*CONGREGATION STANDS

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Asst. Organist, Betty J. Porter
Candlelighter, Jarrod Trigg
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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We welcome visitors to our worship. 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 church family.

LENTEN THEME AND MESSAGES;

"MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY"

March 11 - "Other Mother; Other Brother" John 19:16-30

" 18 - "Brother Mouth" Luke 5:1-11:22:24-34

" 25 - "Outcast!" Matthew 8:1-4

April 1 - "Silent Sister" Luke 10:38-42

" 8 - "Screamer in the Tombs" Mark 5:1-20

" 15 - "Naked Brother" Mark 14:32-52

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group.

7:30 Association Trustees here.

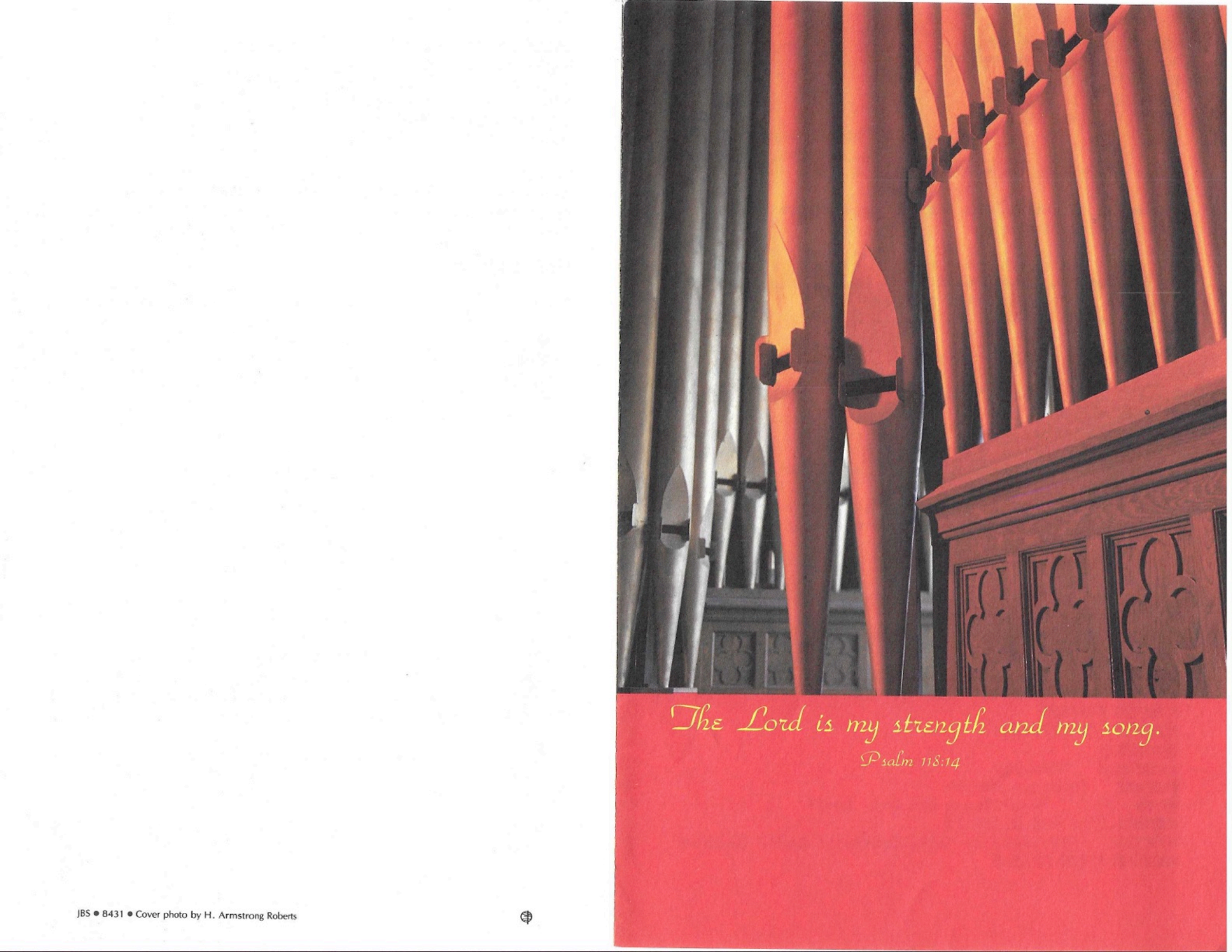
WEDNESDAY 9:30 - 2:00 Sewing. Bring sack lunch.

7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

THURSDAY 7:00 Women's Society at church. "Care
and Share." Program - Karen Stoner.

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Why not remember your Secret Advent Friend with a
St. Patrick's Day card this month? (Saturday, March
17) They may not be Irish, but they will enjoy the
thoughtfulness anyway!
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Commit your way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and
He will bring it to pass. Psalm 37:5



The Lord is my strength and my song.
Psalm 118:14

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
2nd SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 18, 1984

James B. Stephenson, minister
Robert E. Houston, assisting

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

Give me wisdom, Lord, that I may see the hidden path
You have set for me. (E. Jacques)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "A Lenten Supplication" (Dittrich)
CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
*INVOCATION unison
Almighty God, you love all you have created; you
forgive the sins of the penitent. Create in us new
and contrite hearts, and lead us to be disciples of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who taught us to
pray saying,
*LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
OLD TESTAMENT READING #597
PRAYERS OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON
ANTHEM "God's Love Is Deep within Me" (Broughton)
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 5:1-11
MORNING PRAYERS
BLESSING OF CHILDREN
OFFERTORY
*RESPONSE Doxology
MESSAGE "Brother Mouth"
*HYMN, #372 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"
*BENEDICTION and ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE Fantasia on "Sing Praise to God" (Hughes)
*CONGREGATION STANDS

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Assistant Organist, Betty J. Porter
Greeters, Lana & Jerry Palmer
Candlelighter, Victor Fogle
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

We welcome visitors to our worship. Your presence
helps us experience the reality of God. May we have
your name and address in the guest book in the vesti-
bule? We cordially invite you to be with us again!

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY	7:30 Special business meeting and program on FUNDING OUR FUTURE.
MONDAY	7:00 Parish Council.
TUESDAY	7:30 Healing Group.
WEDNESDAY	7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
NEXT SUNDAY	9:15 Church School. 10:45 Worship. Message: "Outcast!" Read Matthew 8:1-4.

LENTEN THEME & MESSAGES: MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

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" 22	- "First Witness" John 20:1-18

MARION ASSOCIATION'S FOURTH ANNUAL "CELEBRATION BANQUET"
Saturday, March 24, 6:00pm. at Marion JVS, route 95.
\$5.50 per ticket. Make reservation with Steve no later
than tomorrow morning.

A PROGRESSIVE DINNER is planned for Saturday, April 7,
at 6:00pm, sponsored by the Women's Mission Society.
Proceeds for hunger.

I AM THE LORD, the God of all flesh; is there anything
too hard for me? (Jer. 32:27)



“With God all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:26



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
3rd SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 25, 1984

James B. Stephenson, minister

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45 am

PRELUDE "Panis Angelicus" (Franck)
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #32 "How Great Thou Art"

*INVOCATION (unison)

O God, author of eternal light, lead us in our
worshiping this day; that our lives may bless Thee,
that our lips may praise Thee, and our meditations
may glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
taught us to pray, saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING #602

CONFESSION OF SINS

WORDS OF PARDON and BLESSING

SOLO "Sincerely Yours" (Chapman) Janet Porter

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY "Presence Divine" (Smith)

*HYMN #407 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 8:1-4

MESSAGE "Outcast!"

*HYMN, #465 "Give of Your Best to the Master"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Tune for the Trumpet" (Bach)

*CONGREGATION STANDS

Organist, Mary Lou Lovell

Assistant Organist, Betty J. Porter

Greeters, Ernestine Frost, Mary Seeley

Candlelighter, Amy Elfner

Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 - 2:00 Sewing at the church. Bring
a sack lunch.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.
10:45 Morning Worship. Message: "Silent
Sister." Read Luke 10:38-42.
Holy Communion.

MESSAGES ON THEME MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

April 8 "Screamer in the Tombs." Mark 5:1-20.

April 15 "Naked Brother." Mark 14:32-52.

April 22 "First Witness." John 20:1-18.

NEST SUNDAY night will mark the beginning of our
Lenten Sunday Services which will continue through
Palm Sunday. Time will be 7:00 - 7:45 pm.

General Subject for the message will be, "The Keys
of the Kingdom." Individual themes will be:

April 1 "The Key to Successful Prayer."

April 8 "The Key to Spiritual Healing."

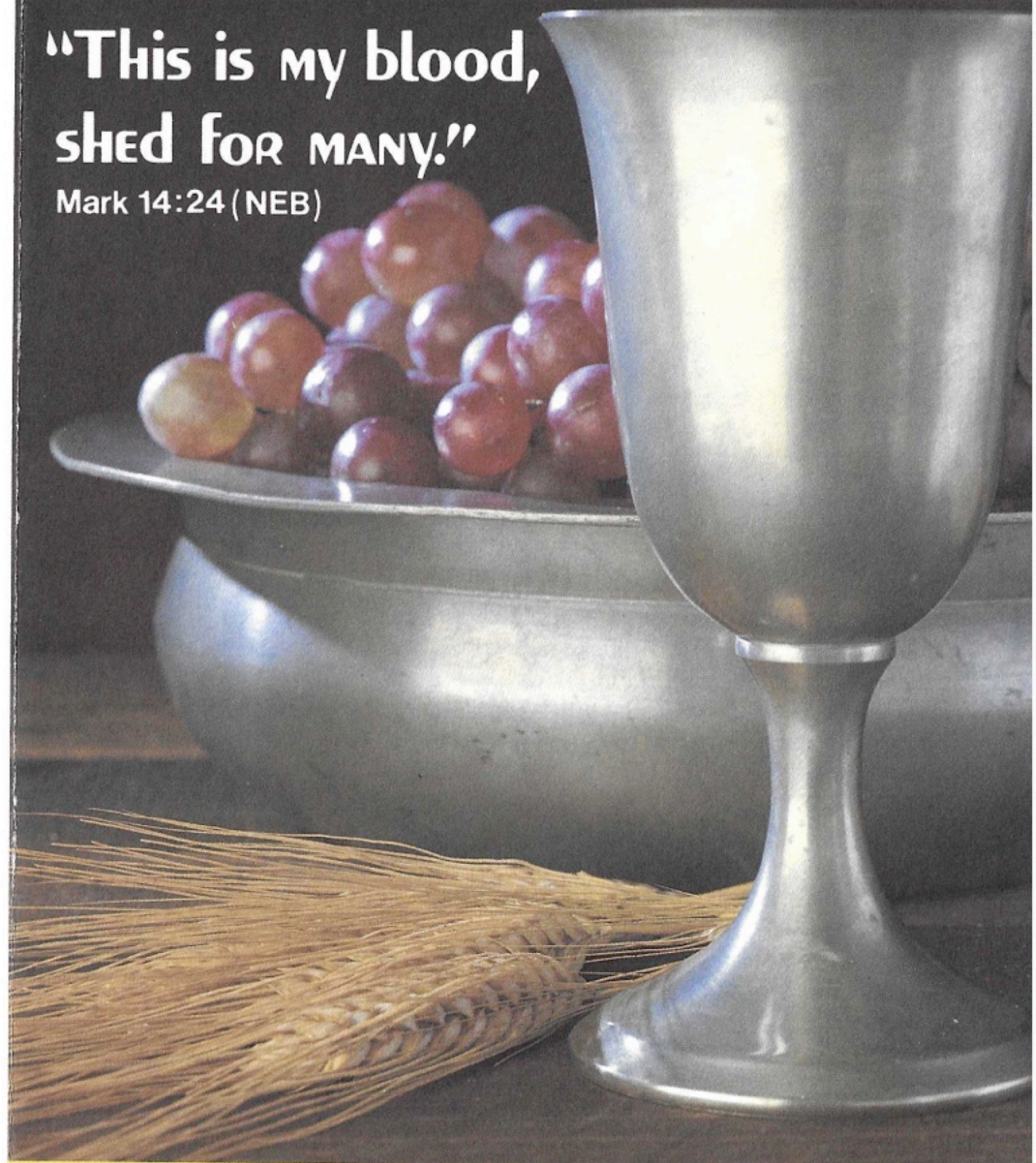
April 15 "The Key to Eternal Life."

All things work together for good to them that love
God. Romans 8:28

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens
me. Phil. 4:13

**"This is my blood,
shed for many."**

Mark 14:24 (NEB)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO

4th SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 1, 1984

James B. Stephenson
minister

Larry Faulk
assisting

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Lenten Prelude" (Battishill)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #1 "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 saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father; we confess to you
and to one another, and to the whole communion of
saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned
by our own fault, in thought, word, and deed; by
what we have done, and by what we have left undone;
Restore Thou those who are penitent, according to
Thy promises in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O
most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may
hereafter live a godly, righteous, and loving life,
to the glory of Thy holy Name.

WORDS OF PARDON

OLD TESTAMENT READING #607

SPECIAL MUSIC

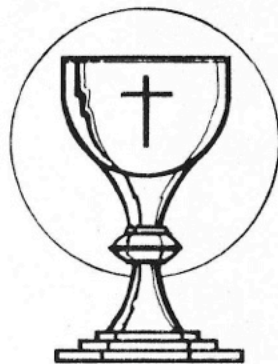
MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

FAMILY CONCERNS

OFFERTORY "A Faithful Shepherd" (Macklin)

*RESPONSE Doxology



NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 10:38-42

MESSAGE "Silent Sister"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "Peace Within" (Paxton)

*HYMN, #213 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #435 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Postlude in D" (Rinck)

*CONGREGATION STANDS

PLEASE REMAIN AFTER WORSHIP FOR THE COFFEE HOUR IN THE
ASSEMBLY ROOM.

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Candlelighter, Charity Platt
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TONIGHT 7:00 Lenten Service. Theme: The Keys of
the Kingdom. Tonight's subject: "The
Key to Successful Prayer."

MONDAY 7:00 Board of Christian Education.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group. Place to be announced.

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:00 Church School. "A Walk through Holy
Week. An Intergenerational Expe-
rience.

10:45 Morning Worship. Message: "Screamer
in the Tombs." Read Mark 5:1-20.

7:00 Evening Service. Theme: The Keys of
the Kingdom. Tonight's subject:
"The Key to Spiritual Healing."

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Come to me, all you who are weary and find life bur-
densome and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
5th SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 8, 1984

James B. Stephenson
minister
James VanBrimmer
assisting

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

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PRELUDE "Meditation on Songs of the Cross"
(Hughes)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #43 "Praise to the Lord"

*INVOCATION unison

Almighty God, Father and Lord of all, be with us
this day in which we seek to follow your Son, even
to the Cross. We praise You that the Cross has
been transformed by Him, so that it is no longer a
symbol of darkness, but the door to Peace and
Light. We pray as He instructed us, saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father; we confess to you
and to one another, and to the whole communion of
saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned
by our own fault, in thought, word, and deed; by
what we have done, and by what we have left undone;
Restore Thou those who are penitent, according to
Thy promises in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O
most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may
hereafter live a godly, righteous, and loving life,
to the glory of Thy holy Name.

WORDS OF PARDON

A RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING #646

ANTHEM "At Calvary" (DeCou)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 5:1-13

MORNING PRAYERS

DEDICATION OF OUTDOOR SIGN

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Come, Ye Souls" (Harris)

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "Screamer in the Tombs"

*HYMN, #267 "Out of My Bondage"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "God of the Strong" (Sewell)

*CONGREGATION STANDS

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Candlelighter, Stefanie Stoner
Greeters, Mary Seeley, Della Dove
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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we have your name and address in the guest book in
the vestibule? We urge you to visit us again!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TODAY 7:00 Lenten Service. Bible study sub-
ject: "The Key to Spiritual Heal-
ing."

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 Sewing Day at church until 2:00.

NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School.
10:45 Palm Sunday Worship. Distribution
of palms. Message: "Naked
Brother." Mark 14:32-52.
7:00 Evening Service. Message: "Key
to Eternal Life."

The rose on the altar is in honor of Allison Marie
Richards, daughter of Jon and Kathy Richards, of
Grand Junction, Colorado. She was born April 2, at
7:00 a.m., and she weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces. We
extend our congratulations to her parents, and to
grandparents John and Mary Helen Richards! We are
proud to share in their joy.



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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 15, 1981

James B. Stephenson, pastor
Pam Faulk, assisting

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

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Proclamation for Palm Sunday" (Branscombe)
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #148 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*INVOCATION unison

Our Father, as on this day we celebrate Jesus' entry
into Jerusalem, so grant that He may ever triumph in
our hearts. Let the King of Grace and Glory enter
in, that we may praise and follow Him. We pray as He
taught us, saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

A RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING #625

CONFESSION OF SINS

Most Holy and Merciful Father; we confess to You and
to one another, and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our
own fault, in thought, word and deed; by what we have
done, and by what we have left undone; forgive us
through the Cross of Jesus Christ, and restore us to
a right fellowship with one another, and with Thee.

WORDS OF PARDON

MEN'S TRIO

MORNING PRAYERS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Hosanna, Hallelujah!" (Avery)

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 14:32-52

ANTHEM "Ride on, O King, Ride on" (L. Smith)

FAMILY CONCERNS

OFFERTORY "Walking with the Master" (Landon)

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "Naked Brother"

*HYMN, #354 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

*BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

*CONGREGATION STANDS

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Children's Choir Director, Mary Lou Lovell
Greeters, Lana and Jerry Palmer
Candlelighter, Cameron Piatt
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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Night falls, but daybreak
Always follows after.
Long winter storms at last
Give way to spring.
Sunshine and rain combine
Like tears and laughter
To make the rainbow
Of God's promising.
-Marion Holden

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MONDAY - 7:00 Parish Council

TUESDAY - Healing Group with VanBrimmers.

WEDNESDAY - 7:45 Lenten Breakfast at Holiday Inn.

- 9:30 - 2:00 Sewing Day at church.

- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

THURSDAY - 7:30 Maundy Thursday Communion in
Fellowship Hall.

FRIDAY - 1:00 Community Service at St. Marys.

EASTER DAY

8:00 am Early Service in Sanctuary, followed by
breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

9:30 Church School Classes.

10:45 Easter Worship. Special music. Message:
"First Witness." Read John 1-18.

(Remember your secret advent friend!)

“Not my will, but thine, be done.”

Luke 22:42



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
MAY 6, 1984

James B. Stephenson
minister
Beth Trigg
assisting

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am
PRELUDE "Spring Song" (York)
THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #331 "He's Got the Whole World"
*INVOCATION unison
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open and all
desires known, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may per-
fectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name;
through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying,
*LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
AN OLD TESTAMENT READING #608
ANTHEM "As Breathes the Wind" (Reese)
MORNING PRAYERS
BLESSING OF CHILDREN
OFFERTORY "The King of Love" (Wilson)
*RESPONSE Doxology
MESSAGE "Beginning Again"
FUNDING OUR FUTURE & FELLOWSHIP OFFERING
"The Lord Is Gracious" (Bell)
*COMMUNION HYMN, #213 "Let Us Break Bread Together"
HOLY COMMUNION
*HYMN, #385 "Take My Life"
*BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "Toccata" (Dubois)
*CONGREGATION STANDS

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Greeters, Bob & Virginia Houston
Candlelighter, Victor Fogle
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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On Sunday, May 6, at 2:00p.m. a walking tour of organs
will be given. It will include organists and intru-
mentalists from six local churches. A fifteen minute
recital will be played by the organist of their own
church. The tour will be at First Presbyterian Church
at 2p.m., followed by St. Peter's Episcopal Church,
William Street United Methodist Church, Zion United
Church of Christ, First Baptist Church, and Asbury
United Methodist Church. We are pleased that our church
will be a part of the tour this year and hope that upi
will attend. The section of the recital at First Baptist
is scheduled for 3:45p.m.

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bule? And we cordially invite you to be with us again!

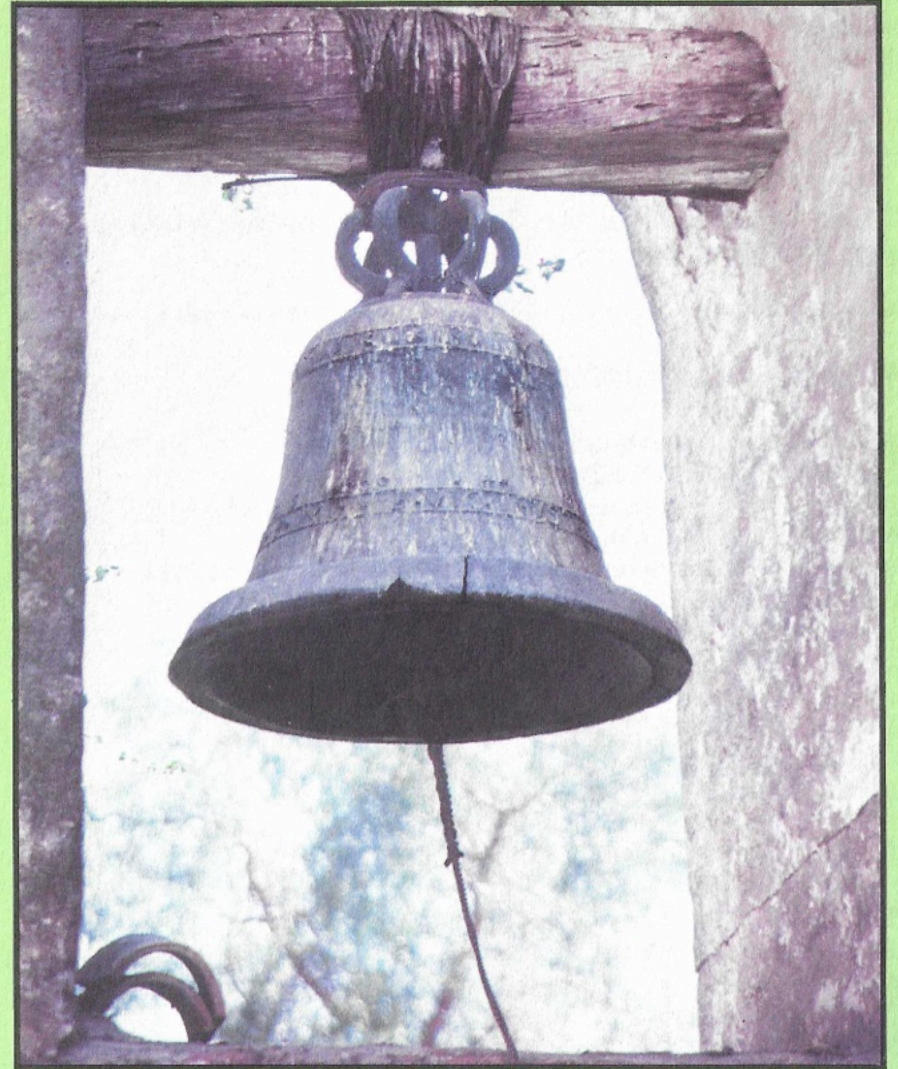
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group.
WEDNESDAY 9:30 Sewing Day at Church. Bring sack
lunch. Finish at 2:00.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
NEXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes.
10:45 American Baptist Women's Sunday.
Message by Carrie Bell Brown,
Director of Dayton Christian
Center.
11:45 Covered dish dinner for all in
Fellowship Hall.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER will publish next Sunday. All
material must be at the church office no later than
Wednesday night.

DO NOT FEAR, ONLY BELIEVE. (Luke 8:50)

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM WHO BELIEVES. (Mark 9:23)



***This word is the Good News
that was proclaimed to you.***

1 Peter 1:25 (TEV)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
JUNE 3, 1984

James B. Stephenson, minister
Larry Faulk, assisting

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Adoration" (Simone)

A MOMENT OF MEDITATION

*HYMN, #350 "Open My Eyes that I May See"

*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.

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING #656

ANTHEM "O Could I Speak" (Perkins)

MORNING PRAYERS & BLESSING OF CHILDREN

A PRESENTATION

OFFERTORY "Litany" (Schubert)

*RESPONSE Doxology

SOLO "Sincerely Yours" (Chapman) Janet Porter

MESSAGE "A New You"

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING "Like the Master" (Gabriel)

*HYMN, #220 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #321 "Savior like a Shepherd"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Voluntary in A" (Purcell)

*CONGREGATION STANDS

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

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Accompanist for solo, Betty Porter
Candlelighter, Cameron Piatt
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

The rose in the chancel is in honor of Emily Ann
Chaney, new daughter of Carey Beth and Donald Chaney.
Emily was born May 26, 9:02pm, at Riverside Hospital.
She weighed seven pounds, fourteen ounces. Will and
Carol Fogle are grandparents. Congratulations to the
happy family!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

TODAY	4:00 Installation Service for Rev. Robert Rutbell as pastor of the Radnor Baptist Church.
	7:00 Bible Study and worship looking forward to Pentecost.
	7:45 Board of Christian Education.
TUESDAY	7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
WEDNESDAY	9:30 - 2:00 Sewing Day at church. Sack lunch.
	6:30 Choir Rehearsal.
NXT SUNDAY	10:00 Summer Worship. No Church School.

Congratulations to Michael Grubbs upon his graduation
from Hayes High School.

Cap and Myrtle Gabriel are celebrating their 60th
wedding anniversary tomorrow. Our blessings and
best wishes go out to them! God bless you both!

This is Janet Porter's last Sunday with us before
going to Judson Hills for a summer of service with
youth. Best wishes for a happy experience!



We love because God first loved us.

1 John 4:19 (TEV)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
CHILDREN'S DAY, June 10, '84
PENTECOST

James B. Stephenson, minister
Children of the Church, assisting

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00a.m.

PRELUDE "I've Found a Friend" (Graham)
CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #337 "I Would Be True"
*INVOCATION Deborah Lovell
*GLORIA PATRI
*LORD'S PRAYER
OLD TESTAMENT READING #598 Stefanie Stoner
ANTHEM "Where the Holy Spirit Dwells" (Hughes)
PRESENTATION OF BIBLES
PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES Linda White
CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Come as a Child," (Yanti)
CHILDREN'S SERMON Jean Wickum
LITANY Cicily Judd
PRAYER Sue Elfner
OFFERTORY "Holy Spirit" (Hegarty)
Charity Piatt
*DOXOLOGY
NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 10:13-16
Jennifer Porter
MESSAGE "The Child Self"
*HYMN, #391 "We Are Climbing"
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "Austrian Hymn" (Haydn)
*CONGREGATION STANDS

Choir Directors, W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Greeters, David & Matthew Lovell
Archie & Jarrod Trigg
Ushers, Will & Victor Fogle
Lynn & Nathan Elfner

WELCOME to the First Baptist Church. We are strengthened by your presence and we trust that you feel the strengthening presence of God in our midst. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to prayerfully consider making our church your home.

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY 7:00 Evening Worship and Bible Study.
Subject is the Holy Spirit.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 Sewing at the church. Close at
2:00. Bring sack lunch.

NEST SUNDAY 10:00 Father's Day. New Testament
Baptism.

We are happy to have our worship led by the children of our congregation. We appreciate the efforts of our fine teachers.

I am not sure what thoughts trees think,
Since they don't put them down in ink,
But clearly they are not the kind
That jog and jostle in my mind;
Trees live with such a gentle ease.
I wish that I could think like trees;
I wish that like a tree I might
Grow always only toward the light,
And had no need to run about
The world to seek my meaning out -
But if I could think like a tree,
I wonder if I would not see
My meaning comes from being me!
James Dillet Freeman

Receiving Bibles today are Nathan Elfner, Cameron
Piatt, Jarrod Trigg, and Victor Fogle.

A LITANY FOR CHILDREN'S DAY

LEADER: O Lord of Light and the Source of all creation,
we praise and glorify you for the children
you have given us;

ALL: Accept our thanksgiving, O Lord.

LEADER: For their beauty and innocence, their laughter
and tears, their joyous ways that fill us with
wonder and delight;

ALL: We praise you, O God.

LEADER: For their youthful vision by which you lead
them trustingly into the future;

ALL: We praise you, O God.

LEADER: Loving God, our Father and our Mother, we pray
for our families and the families of our nation;

ALL: Open our hearts, O Lord.

LEADER: For children and parents enduring the grief
of death or divorce, and those facing loss of
jobs and an uncertain future;

ALL: Send your comfort and hope, Spirit of God.

LEADER: For the sake of all children, bring an end to our
misuse and pollution of the land, air, and water
of the earth. Teach us to be stewards and
guardians of your creation;

ALL: We cry to you, Maker of all.

LEADER: O God most high, Maker and Saviour of the world,
we ask these things on behalf of our children
and children who will come after us who will live
to praise your Holy Name, world without end.

All: Amen.

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

Dear heavenly Father, make me a good parent. Teach
me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what
they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly.
Keep me from interrupting them, talking back to them, and
contradicting them. Give me the courage to confess my sins
against my children and to ask them forgiveness when I know
that I have done them wrong. May I not vainly hurt the
feelings of my children. Forbid that I should laugh at
their mistakes or resort to shame and ridicule as punish-
ment. Let me not tempt my child to lie and steal. So
guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I
say and do that honesty produces happiness. Reduce,

I pray, the meanness in me. May I cease to nag; and when
I am out of sorts, help me, O Lord, to hold my tongue.
Blind me to the little errors of my children, and
help me to see the good things that they do. Give
me a ready word of honest praise. Help me to grow up with
my children, to treat them as those of their own age, but
let me not expect of them the judgements and convictions
of adults. Allow me not to rob them of the opportunity
to wait upon themselves, to think, to choose, and to
make decisions. Forbid that I should ever punish them
for my selfish satisfaction. May I grant them all their
wishes that are reasonable and have the courage always to
withhold a privilege which I know will do them harm. Make
me so fair and just, so considerate and companionable
to my children that they will have a genuine esteem for
me. Fit me to be loved and imitated by my children.
Amen...

(Author Unknown)

PLEDGE FOR THE SAKE OF CHILDREN

On behalf of children and to begin to meet some of their
needs this year, I pledge: (check as many as apply to you.)

__1. To learn about the needs of children and the
community services currently provided to meet them.

__2. To help our church decide what new ways we can
reach out to families, children, and teenagers in our
community - especially the poor, hungry, jobless, homeless
or those in crisis.

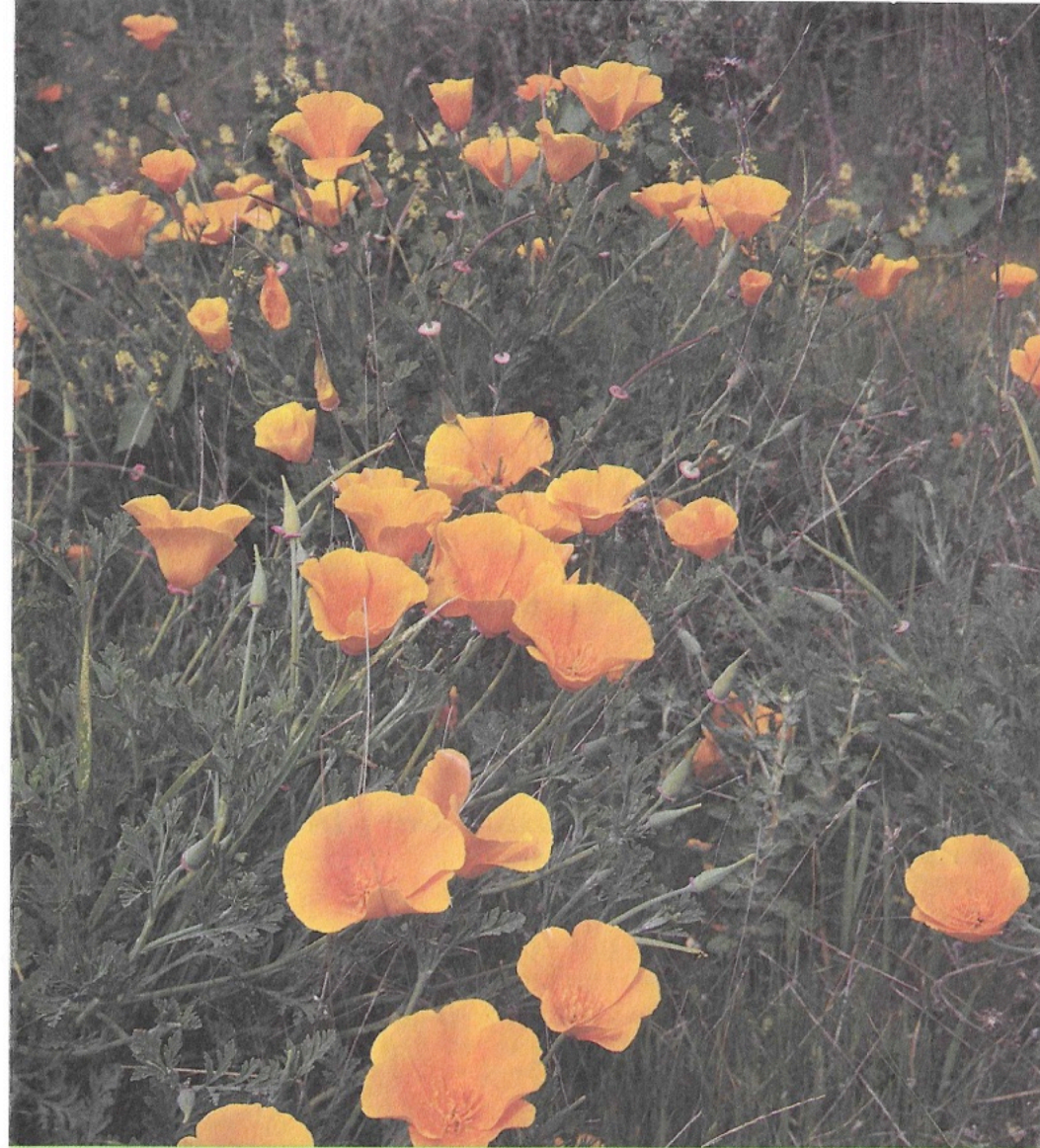
__3. To join with children and youth in needed programs
such as tutoring, after school programs, child care,
collecting food and clothing for needy families.

__4. To encourage and support at least one family in
our congregation to adopt a child who needs a permanent
home.

__5. To write to the President and to Congress in support
of children.

__6. To pray regularly for children - the children of
our congregation, community, state, nation, and the
world - that their needs may be met.

Signed _____



Think about what God has done.

Ecclesiastes 7:13 (TEV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
FATHERS' DAY, JUNE 17, 1984

James B. Stephenson
minister
James VanBrimmer
assisting

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00a.m.

PRELUDE "Sonatina" (Clementi) Michael Ekelberry
CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #58 "This Is My Father's World"
*INVOCATION
*LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
A FATHERS' DAY READING #630
PIANO SOLO "Andante from Sonata One" (Mozart)
Alison Grubbs
MORNING PRAYERS
BLESSING OF CHILDREN
SOLO "Father Lift Me Up" (Honeytree) Karen Stoner
MESSAGE "Children of the Universe"
OFFERTORY "More Love to Thee" (Hegarty)
*HYMN, #165 "Give of Your Best to the Master"
SERVICE OF NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM
*HYMN, #323 "My Father Is Rich"
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "Festival" (Price)
*CONGREGATION STANDS

WE INVITE EVERYONE to join in the fellowship hour
in the Assembly Room immediately after the worship.

We welcome visitors to our worship this morning.
May we have your name and address in the guest book
in the vestibule? We invite you to consider making
this your church home.

Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Directors, W. C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson
Candlelighter, Victor Fogle
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

Receiving New Testament Baptism: Michael Ekelberry,
Alison Grubbs, and Stefanie Stoner. You are invited
to greet them in the Assembly Room during the fellow-
ship hour.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	11:00 Fellowship in the Assembly Room.
TUESDAY	7:30 Healing Group. Place to be announced.
WEDNESDAY	9:30 a.m. Sewing at the church until 2:00. Bring sack lunch.
THURSDAY	6:30 Women's Society picnic with the VanBrimmers. Covered dish. Bring lawn chair.

I have a rendezvous with youth.
My soul is ever young;
I hear no evil with my ears,
Or voice it with my tongue.
I see no evil with my eyes;
No evil thoughts assail.
I have a rendezvous with youth,
And love and joy prevail.
And so with all the changing years
My own shall come to me.
I have a rendezvous with youth;
"The best is yet to be."
- Wilmet L. Cummings

BEST WISHES TO THE FATHERS WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!!!



*We all are
the work of
thy hand.*

Isaiah 64:8 (KJV)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 N. Franklin St.
Delaware, Ohio

June 24, 1984

James B. Stephenson - minister
Ted D. Stephenson - guest speaker

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10am

PRELUDE "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide" Hughes
CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN #67 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
*INVOCATION
*LORD'S PRAYER
OLD TESTAMENT READING #603
MORNING PRAYERS
BLESSING OF CHILDREN
SOLO "In the Hollow of Your Hand" Schmidt
Jeanne Ekelberry
OFFERTORY "A Prayer for the Home" Braughton
*RESPONSE Doxology
NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 4:11-13
MESSAGE "Learn From Your Weaknesses"
*HYMN #191 "Spirit of God"
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "March Romaine" Gounod

(*congregation stands)

Organist for Today - Betty Porter
Organist - Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Directors - W.C. Wickum and Jim Stephenson
Candlelighter - Deborah Lovell
Ushers- Youth Fellowship

We welcome visitors to our worship this morning.
May we have your name and address in the guest book
in the vestibule? We invite you to consider making
this your church home.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7:30pm Healing Group. Place to be
announced.

Wednesday 9:30am Sewing at the church until 2:00.
Bring a sack lunch.

7:00pm Choir rehearsal

We welcome Rev. Ted Stephenson to our worship service
this morning. He is the minister of the Church of
the Master in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Lord may I live
on tiptoe
expecting blessings
in childlike wonder,
Seeing You everywhere
in the commonplace.
So I laugh
for pure joy,
approaching each day
like a picnic
so I feel good
being near You,
Seeking Your presence
like a flower
opening up
to the sun.

Luther Cross

Notes:



"Peace I leave with you." John 14:25

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*by Stefania
Kaye Stamer*

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
JULY 8, 1984

James B. Stephenson
minister
Marjorie Smale
assisting

Use all your hidden forces. Do not miss
The purpose of this life, and do not wait
For circumstance to mould or change your fate.
In your own self is destiny. Let this
Vast truth cast out all fear, all prejudice,
All hesitation. Know that you are great,
Great with divinity. So dominate environment.
Once let the spiritual laws be understood,
Material things must answer and obey.

- Ella Wheeler Wilcox

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00a.m.

PRELUDE "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (Blake)
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #48 "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

*INVOCATION unison

Almighty God, our Father and Mother, we come to
you in joy and thanksgiving. We praise you for
your beautiful earth, for your children, for all
the living creatures. Increase our love for you
and for one another. Fill us with your Holy
Spirit. We pray as your Son Jesus taught us,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

A SCRIPTURE READING #607

SOLO "What a Wonderful World" (Weese-Douglas)

W. C. Wickum

MORNING PRAYERS

Invitation to Prayer

Prayer Hymn, #312 (seated)

Prayers

Blessing of Children

OFFERTORY "With Peace in My Soul" (Paxyon)

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "The WAY to Prayer"

*HYMN, #339 "More about Jesus"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "A Tune for the Trumpets" (Bach)

*CONGREGATION STANDS

Choir Directors, W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Organist for Today, Betty J. Porter
Ushers, Youth Fellowship
Greeters, Lynn & Sue Elfner

We are happy to have visitors with us in our worship.
May we have your name and address in our 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. Here you will find the
freedom to become the person you were meant to be.

OPPORTUNITIES

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

WEDNESDAY 9:30 Sewing Day at the Church until
2:00p.m. Bring sack lunch.

And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if
you have faith. (Matthew 21:22)

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

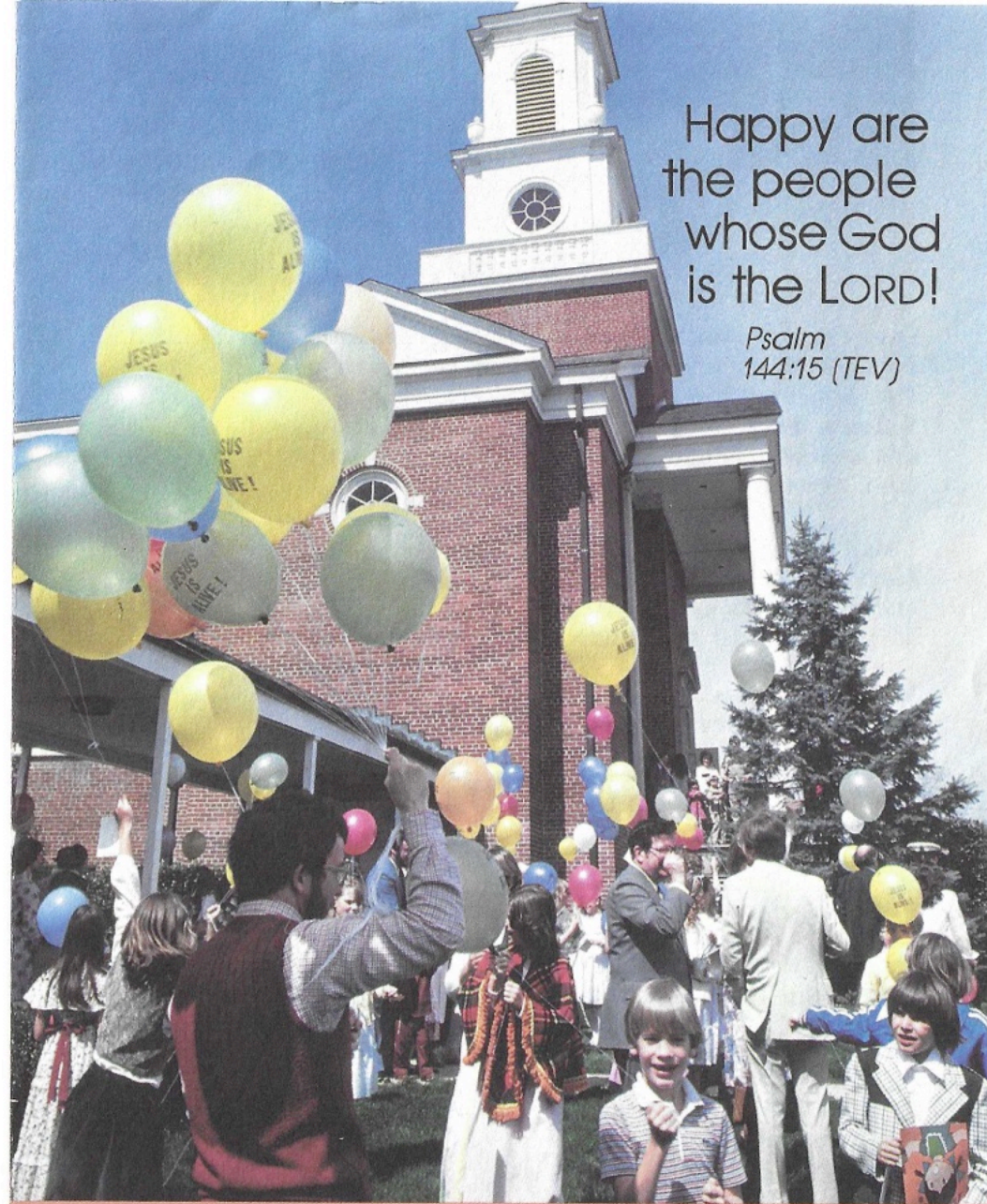
Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you have received it, and you will.

(Mark 11:14)

Do not fear, only believe. (Luke 8:58)

Happy are
the people
whose God
is the LORD!

Psalm
144:15 (TEV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 N. FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
JULY 15, 1984

James M. Stephenson
assisting
James B. Stephenson
minister

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Every day I can make the choice
To take the happy outlook, the positive view,
The judgment that is spiritually true.
I don't have to look with worry-eyes,
And voice concern and fear
Over events as they appear.

I can consciously choose to see the good,
To look for God in all I do,
And know that God's at work in me,
In you, and in and through every activity.

I can make the choice!
The God of love designed it so,
And in that freedom I can grow
To trust Him, to choose His way,
To work with Him throughout the day
And joyously share
In God's love and care for all creation.

Thank You, God, for Your trust in me
That lets this miracle be -
I can make the choice!

- Dorothy Pierson

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00

PRELUDE "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning (Livingston)
CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #43 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
A SCRIPTURE READING #660
SOLO "Depend on Me" Suzanne Grubbs (Michaels)

MORNING PRAYERS
BLESSING OF CHILDREN
OFFERTORY "Gentle, Holy Savior" (Gounod)
*RESPONSE "Praise the Lord! Hymn #17
SERMON "Model A Instruction Book"
*HYMN, #267 "Out of My Bondage"
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "The Power and the Glory"

* Congregation stands

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Choir Directors, W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Organist for Today, Betty J. Porter
Accompanist for Solo, Alison Grubbs
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY 7:00 Parish Council.
8:00 Finance Committee.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 (a.m.) Sewing day at the church.
Conclude at 2:00.

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IDEAS TO TAKE HOME AND USE . . .



In everything you do, put God first.

Proverbs 3:6 (The Living Bible)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
JULY 22, 1984

Suzanne Grubbs, assisting
James B. Stephenson, pastor

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am.

PRELUDE "Morning Supplication" (Connie Dexter)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #187 "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

*INVOCATION unison

*Almighty God, we thank You for this day; we thank
you for each other as we worship you. Fill us with
your Spirit, fill us with Your love. Guide us all
week and teach us to follow Your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord. We pray as He taught us, saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

OLD TESTAMENT READING #592

*HYMN, #288 "Amazing Grace"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:32-39

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN Carol Fogle

OFFERTORY "Pastorale" (Cecile Chaminade)

*HYMN, #417 "What a Fellowship"

SERMON "Sky-People"

*HYMN, #318 "Trust and Obey"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Psalm of Glory" (Lani Smith)

* CONGREGATION STANDS

We welcome visitors to our worship today. Do you
have a spiritual home in Delaware? If not, you may
find our fellowship a place where you can grow in
the life of the Spirit.

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Candlelighter, Charity Piatt
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.

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

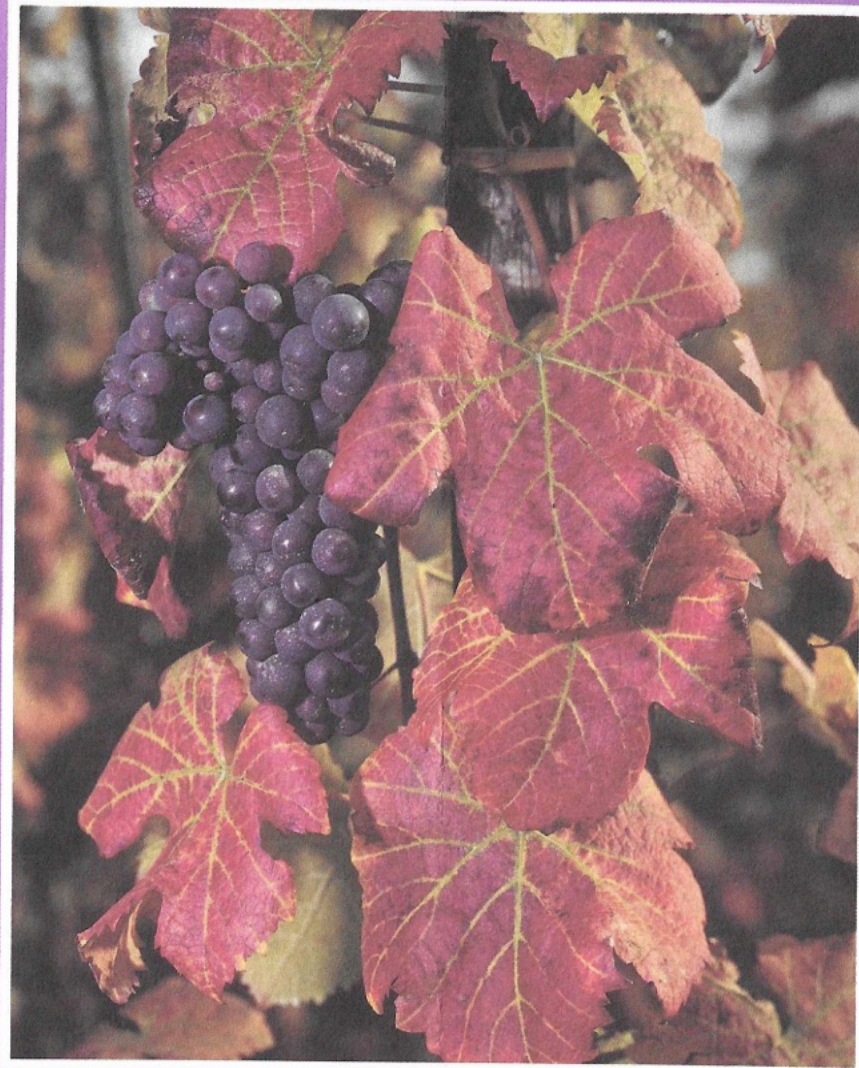
God, as a stream must seek the sea
I have to seek you constantly.
I seem to take an aimless course,
But I am driven by a force
That will not let me rest or stray;
I have to be upon your way,
And am not halted by the shocks
Of time or life's ten thousand rocks.
Yet like a stream meandering
I run, and while I run I sing,
And pray that one or two along
The way I take may like my song
And one or two athirst may slake
Their thirst in me; and so I make
My way across eternity
To you, O God, as to the sea

- James Dillet Freeman

The midsummer business meeting will be held after
worship next Sunday (11am.) Plan to remain for it!

Have you signed up in the vestibule to help with the
coffee hour two weeks from today?

Have a happy, glorious, light-hearted, singing,
praising week!



"Drink of it, all of you."

Matthew 26:27

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
AUGUST 5, 1984

James B. Stephenson
minister
Beth Trigg
assisting

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

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM WHO BELIEVES!
Mark 9:23

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE "Prelude in C" (Haydn)
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #1 "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 saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

A SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 7:24-27

ANTHEM "If I Have Wounded any Soul" (Roberts)

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Air and Variation" (Beethoven)

*HYMN, #398 "I Come to the Garden"

SERMON "Permanent Principles that
Always Work!"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "Peace" (Roberts)

*COMMUNION HYMN, #213 "Let Us Break Bread"

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #32 "How Great Thou Art"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Voluntary in A minor" (Purcell)

*Congregation stands

ORGANIST, Mary Lou Lovell

CHOIR DIRECTORS, W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson

GREETERS, Virginia & Robert Houston

CANDLELIGHTER, Deborah Lovell

USHERS, Youth Fellowship

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name and address in the guest book in the vestibule?
If you do not have a church home in Delaware, we in-
vite you to consider becoming part of our Fellowship.

We invite everyone to remain after worship for a social
hour in the Assembly Room.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at Parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 - 2:00 Sewing at the church.

You are invited to attend a baby shower for Mary
Sealey next Sunday, 2-4pm, at the Elfners, 29
Darlington.

The midsummer newsletter will be published next Sun-
day. Deadline for submission of materials is Wed-
nesday.

BIRTHDAYS - ANNIVERSARIES

August 7	Jennifer Porter
" 8	James VanBrimmer
" 9	Steve Stoner
11	Frances Belt
" 14	Rick & Barbara VanBrimmer

A complete list will be in the newsletter.



“Go therefore and make disciples
of all nations.” Matthew 28:19

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
AUGUST 19, 1984

James B. Stephenson
minister

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

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Faith, which may begin
as tenuous filaments of hope
connecting us to God,
becomes a braided rope
strengthened by each test
until we know the bond cannot be broken;
and each answered prayer
is token

of the union we all seek-
the substance of our hope
made manifest.

- Jean M. Langerman

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00am

PRELUDE "Sonatina" (Bach) from 'God's Time is the
Best'

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #200 "Church's One Foundation"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

A SCRIPTURE READING #620

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY "Offertory in E" (Dubois)

*HYMN, #209 "Glorious Things"

SERMON "How to Go to Church"

*HYMN, #203 "I Love Thy Kingdom"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "With Trumpets and Horns" (Handel)

* CONGREGATION STANDS

Organist, Mary Lou Lovell

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

Greeters, Lynn & Sue Elfner

Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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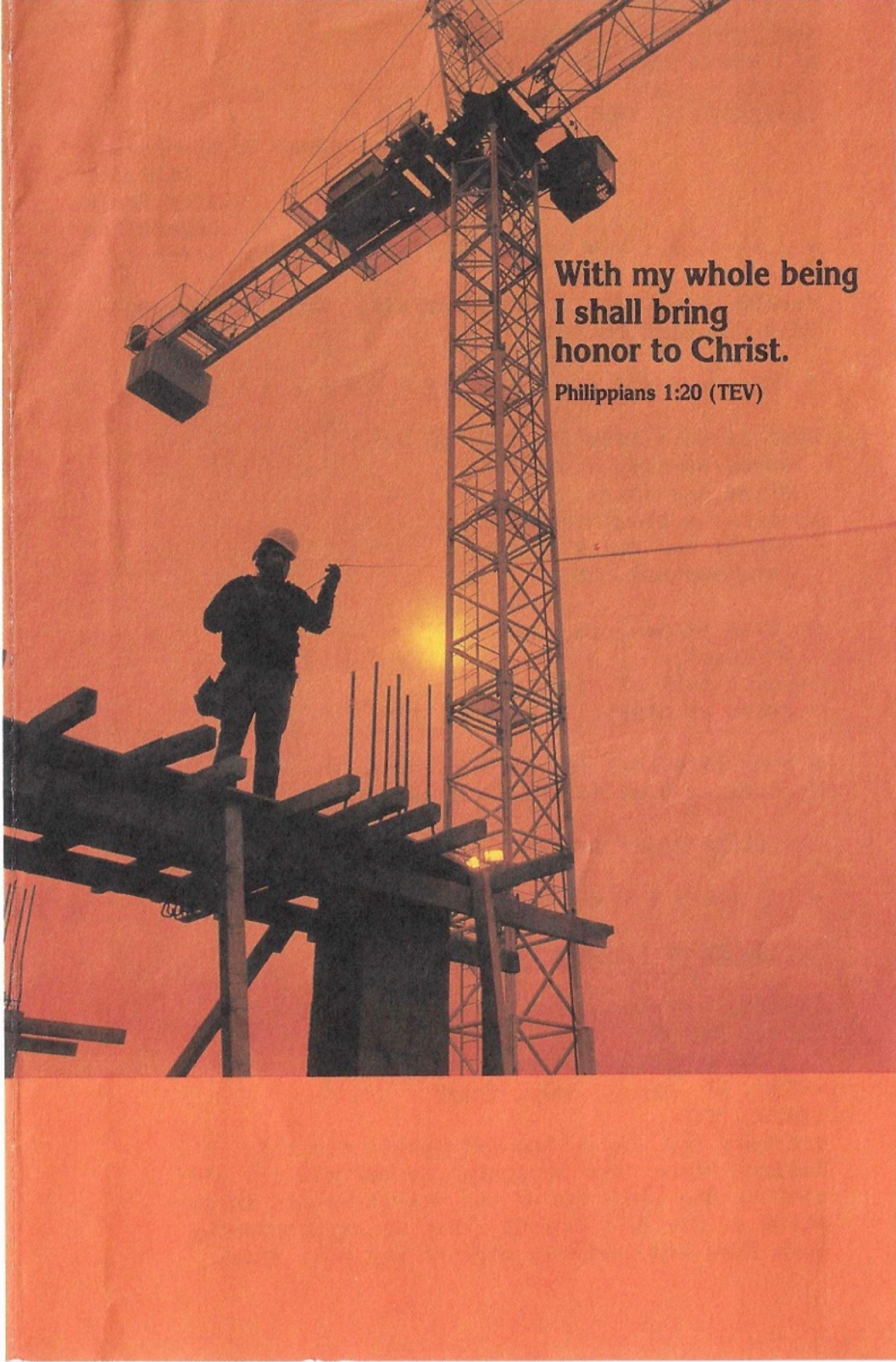
MONDAY 7:00 Finance Committee at the church.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 Sewing at the church until 2:00.
Bring sack lunch.

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NOTES TO TAKE HOME-



**With my whole being
I shall bring
honor to Christ.**

Philippians 1:20 (TEV)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
SEPTEMBER 2, 1984

James B. Stephenson
minister
Larry Faulk
assisting

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

What is this life if, full of
care, we have no time to
stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the
boughs and stare as long
as sheep and cows.

No time to see, in broad
daylight,
Streams full of stars like
skies at night.

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

- William Henry Davies

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00a.m.

PRELUDE "Intermezzo" (P. Mascagni)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*INVOCATION

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

A SCRIPTURE READING #663

ANTHEM "Good Is So Good" (R. Hughes)

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

A SPECIAL MESSAGE

OFFERTORY "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (Rasley)

*RESPONSE Doxology

SOLO "God Lives in My Heart" W.C. Wickum (O'Hara)

MESSAGE "Words with/without Meaning"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "At Rest with Thee" (Hesse)

*HYMN, #213 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #91 "Jesus Thou Joy"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "God Is Our Refuge" (B. Price)

* Congregation stands

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name and address in the guest book in the vestibule?
If you do not have a church home in Delaware, we ask
you to consider becoming a part of our free fellowship.

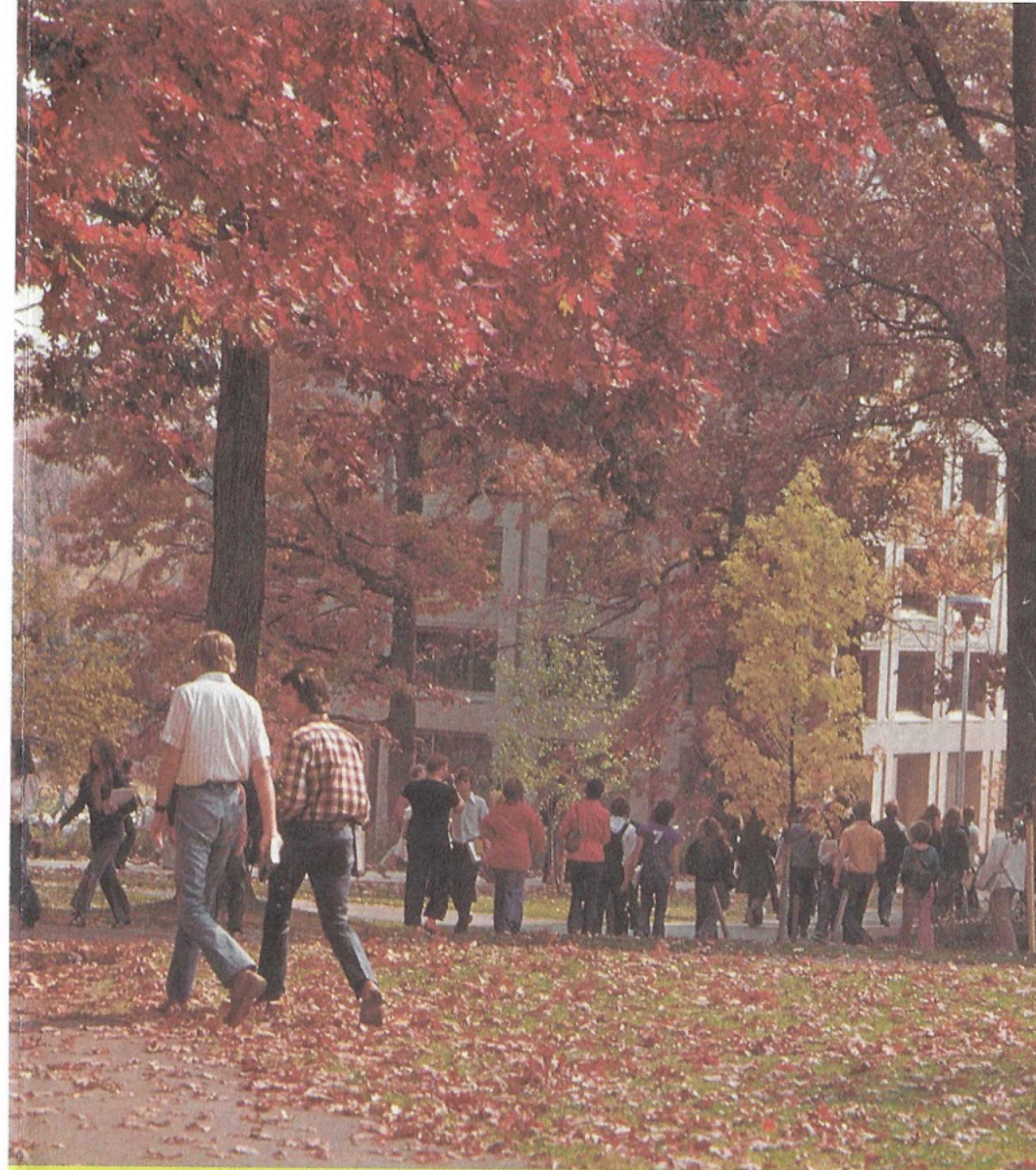
Everyone is invited to the coffee hour following wor-
ship in the Assembly Room.

The rose in the chancel is in honor of the new daughter
of Mary and Steven Sealey. She was born August 30,
at 7:47p.m., in Riverside Hospital. She weighed six
pounds, 2 ounces, and is 19½ inches long. We offer our
congratulations and best wishes to the happy family!
God is giving them his richest blessings!

TUESDAY - 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.

WEDNESDAY - 9:30 Sewing at church; Choir Rehearsal at
6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY Retreat at Judson Hills. No service
here.



Let everything that you do be done in love.
1 Corinthians 16:14 (Phillips)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
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SEPTEMBER 30, 1984

James B. Stephenson
minister

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45a.m.

PRELUDE "We Walk by Faith" (Frick)
CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #17 "Praise the Lord!"
*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
A SCRIPTURE READING #605
ANTHEM "The Heavens Are Declaring" (Beethoven)
PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & RENEWAL

Invitation to prayer
Prayers of confession (unison)
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
against You in thought, word, and deed; by what we
have done, and by what we have not done. We are
truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake
of Your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and
forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and
walk in Your ways.

Assurance of pardon

A NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 19:1-10

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY "Andante" (Wely)

*RESPONSE The Doxology

SERMON "Stress to Strength"

*HYMN, #372 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Postlude by Haydn"

* CONGREGATION STANDS

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name and address in the guest book in the vestibule?
If you do not have a church home in Delaware, we sug-
gest you consider our fellowship.

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY 5:30 Deacons at the church.
7:00 "Mastering Fear, Stress, & Anxiety."
First of three Sunday night sessions,
ending at 9p.m.
TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage.
WEDNESDAY 9:30 Sewing Day at church. Ends at 2:00.
Bring sack lunch.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
NXT SUNDAY 9:15 Church School Classes for all ages.
10:45 Morning Worship. World Wide Communion.
World Fellowship Offering.
7:00 Stress Workshop continued.

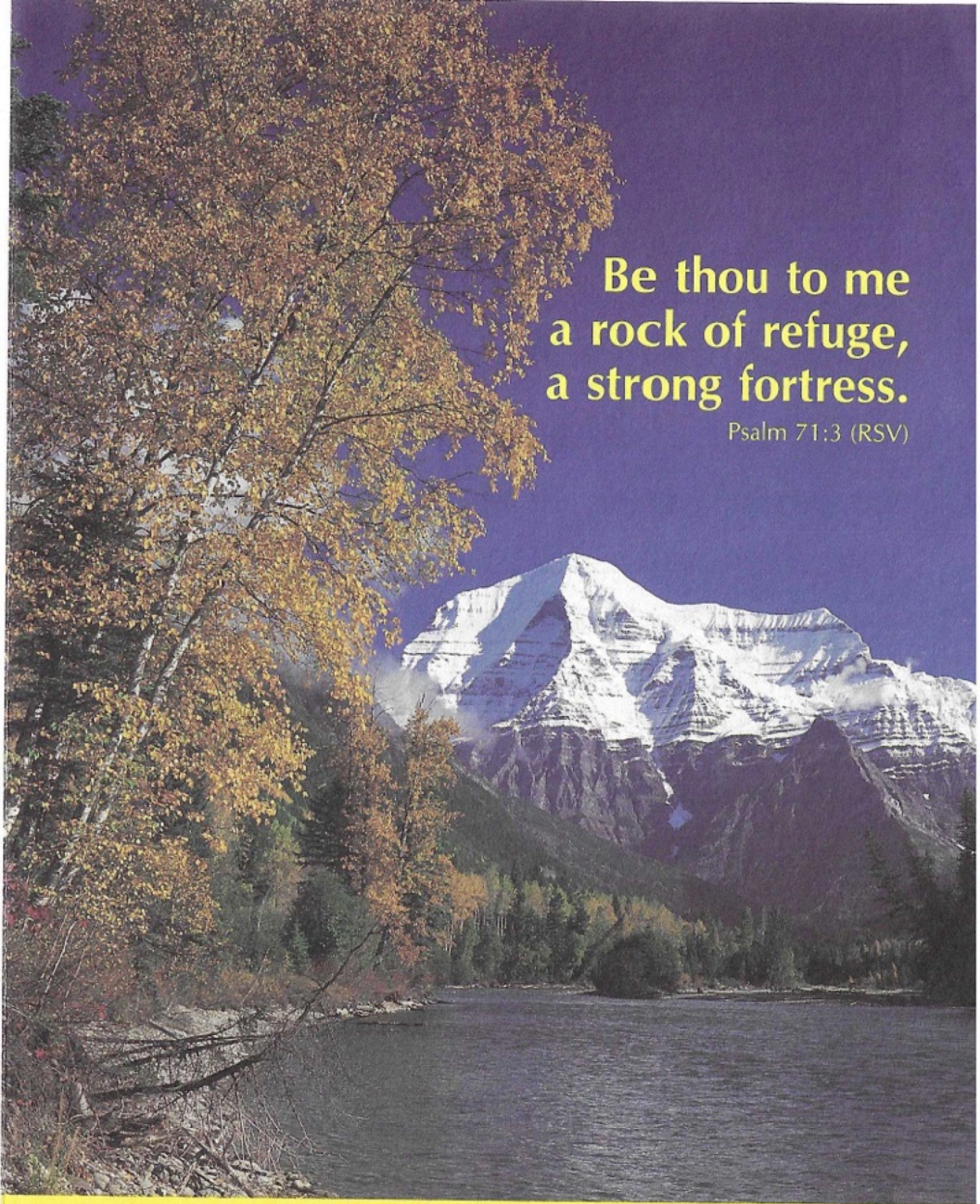
The GOOD NEWS LETTER will be published next Sunday.
All contributions must be turned in to Steve no later
than Monday. Please do not ask for extension of time!

Sometimes I think how little I know me.
I am the unexplored, for the most part;
I stand, as it were, on the edge of a wide sea,
And the sea I gaze upon is my own heart.

- James Dillet Freeman

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson, W.C. Wickum
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Organist for Today, Betty Porter
Candlelighter, Jarrod Trigg
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

YOU will keep in perfect peace, him whose mind is
stayed on You, because he trusts in You. (Isaiah 26:3)



**Be thou to me
a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress.**

Psalm 71:3 (RSV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
OCTOBER 14, 1981

James B. Stenhenson
minister
John W. Baird
guest speaker

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45a.m.

PRELUDE "Appalachian Meditation" (Moore)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #339 "More about Jesus"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING #596

ANTHEM "Come Sing a Song of Praise" (Mansfield)

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Timothy 3:10-17

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Air" (Giordani)

*HYMN, #222 "Sing them over Again"

MESSAGE John W. Baird

*HYMN, #225 "Standing on the Promises"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "The Power and the Glory" (Nordman)

*CONGREGATION STANDS

Choir Directors, James M. Stephenson & W.C. Wickum
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Candlelighter, Jeff Faulk
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

We welcome visitors. Please sign the guest book in
the vestibule. If you do not have a church home in
Delaware, we invite you to consider First Baptist.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION

TODAY 7-9 Last session of our Workshop on
Stress.

MONDAY 7 Parish Council

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 Sewing at the church. Ends at 2.
6:30 Covered dish dinner followed by
Quarterly business meeting.

THURSDAY 7:30 Fall meeting of American Baptist
Women at First Baptist Church,
Mt. Gilead. Speaker: Eva Shepherd.
Men are invited.

FRIDAY 7:30 Oasis in Concert at Gray Chapel. Free
admission. Offering to be received.

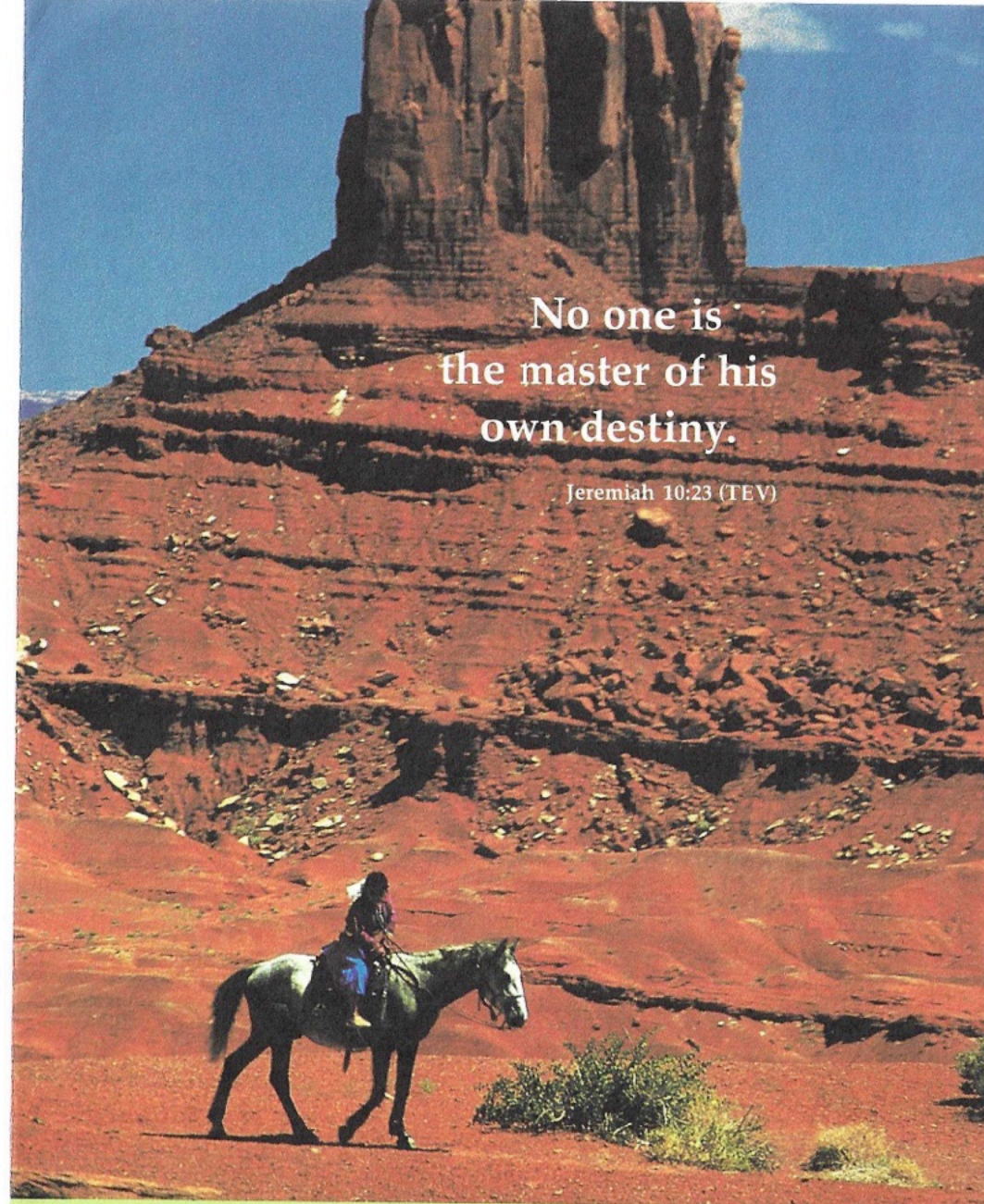
We are happy to welcome John W. Baird to our worship
this morning. John comes as a Gideon and as our fel-
low American Baptist. Many of us have had the plea-
sure of working with him as members of the Marion
Baptist Association.

O, give me magic and swift words
To set in poetry
The holy beauty of these autumn days.
I find God's pure identity
In every place I look -
Those painted hills,
Those gold-and-tawny trees!
This blue and hazy air fills
Even me with awe, the sense
That God is here, quite close
Within my heart, my soul.

My heart has found Him near,
Nearer than this autumn air!
- Lorna Lisa Klein

No one is
the master of his
own destiny.

Jeremiah 10:23 (TEV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
OCTOBER 28, 1984

James B. Stenhenson
minister

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near you came to pray.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45a.m.

PRELUDE "The Lost Chord" (Sullivan)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #476 "O Christian, Haste"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

AN OLD TESTAMENT READING #619

MORNING PRAYERS

SOLO "I Come to the Garden" Jeanne Ekelberry

A SPECIAL MESSAGE Helen Aleshire

OFFERTORY "The Lord Is Mindful of His Own"
(Mendelssohn)

*HYMN, #514 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways"

MESSAGE Three Magic Words

*HYMN, #183 "We've a Story to Tell"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "The Heavens Declare His Glory" (Beethoven)

*CONGREGATION STANDS

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

Organist, Mary Lou Lovell

Organist for Today, Betty Porter

Candlelighter, Cameron Piatt

Greeters, Jerry & Lana Palmer

Ushers, Youth Fellowship

We are happy to welcome visitors to our worship service. If you do not have a church home in Delaware, we invite you to consider becoming a part of our fellowship. Here you will find the freedom to become the person God means you to be! Please sign the guest book in the vestibule.

THE HEALING GROUP will not meet this week.

CHOIR REHEARSAL is held at 7:00p.m. Wednesday.

THE WORLD COMMUNITY DAY service is set for Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., at St. Peter's Church, 45 W Winter Street. Sponsored by Church Women. Child care available.

This morning Helen Aleshire is bringing us a message from our Finance Committee concerning our world-wide responsibility as American Baptists. Next week Jean Wickum will speak for the Committee concerning our responsibility as Christian educators. Please listen with attention and care.

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him. (I Cor. 2:9)

And as many as touched him were made whole. (Mark 6:56)

All things are possible to him that believes. (Mark 9:23)

NOTES TO TAKE HOME -



See how much the Father has loved us!

1 John 3:1 (TEV)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO

NOVEMBER 4, 1984

James B. Stephenson
minister
Jerry Palmer
assisting

Please be quiet in the Sanctuary. Someone
sitting near you came to pray.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Prelude" (Corelli)

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN, #59 "all Creatures of Our God"

*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 Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
taught us to pray, saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

AN OLD TESTAMENT READING #613

QUARTET "Holy Art Thou" (Handel)

Karen Stoner, Linda White, Wilbur Wickum,
Jim Stephenson

A SPECIAL MESSAGE Jean Wickum

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Meditation" (Rasley)

*RESPONSE Doxology

MESSAGE "Three Magic Words"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "With Peace in My Soul"

*HYMN, #213 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #91 "Jesus Thou Joy"

*BENEDICTION ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Andante Maestro" (Corelli)

*congregation stands

Choir Directors: W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Candlelighter: Stefanie Stoner
Greeters: Pam & Larry Faulk
Ushers: Youth Fellowship

All are invited to remain after worship for the
fellowship hour in the Assembly Room. Hosting are
Karen and Steve Stoner.

This morning Jean Wickum is bringing us a message
from our Finance Committee concerning our educa-
tional responsibility as American Baptists. Next
week Larry Faulk will speak concerning our total
church program. Please listen with attention and
care.

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do not have a church home in Delaware, we invite
you to consider becoming a part of our fellowship.
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son God means you to be! Please sign the guest
book in the vestibule.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

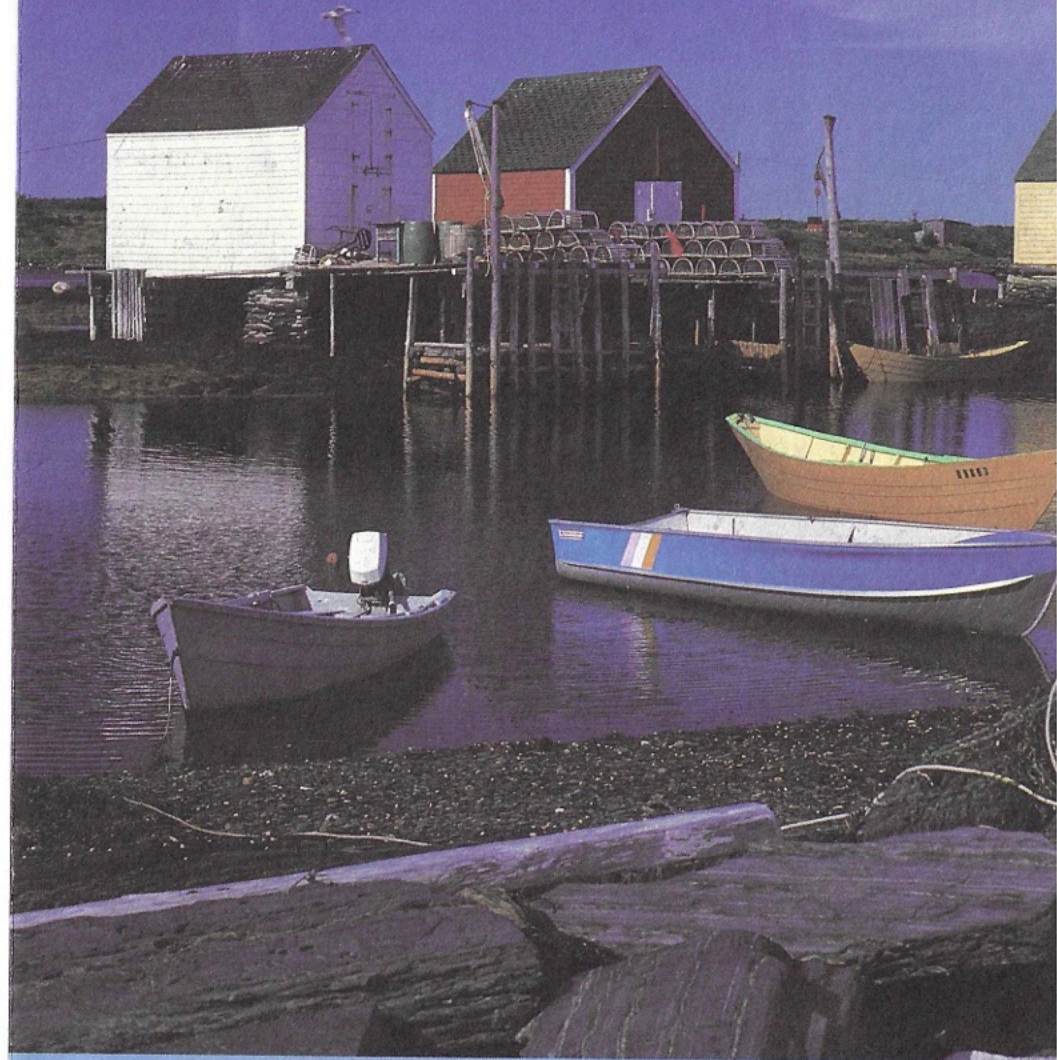
MONDAY	7:30 Board of Christian Education with Carol Grubbs.
TUESDAY	7:30 Healing Group with VanBrimmers.
WEDNESDAY	9:30 Sewing Day at church finishing at 2:00. Bring sack lunch.
NEXT SUNDAY	9:15 Church School classes for all ages. 10:45 Morning Worship. "More Magic Words" is the sermon title.

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER will publish next Sunday. We
need copy from the Board of Education, Deacons,
Trustees, Finance Committee, women, and youth.
Personal items are always wanted. Your material
must be given to Steve no later than Wednesday
morning at 9am. No time extensions available!

IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD DWELLS IN US. (John 4:12)

**Thou hast been a shelter
from the storm.**

Isaiah 25:4 (RSV)



James B. Stephenson
minister
W. C. Wickum
assisting

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*congregation stands

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OPPORTUNITIES

NOTES:



“Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain.”

Matthew 13:8 (RSV)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO

NOVEMBER 25, 1984

James B. Stephenson
minister

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you came to pray.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "A Prayer for the Home" (Broughton)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #564 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

A SCRIPTURE READING #636

ANTHEM "We Plow the Fields" (Schulz)

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Thanksgiving Prayer" (Bortniansky)

*RESPONSE Doxology

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 9:1-7; Gal. 5:22,23

SERMON "Fruit"

WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

*HYMN, #48 "O God Our Help"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Chorale" (Cruger)

(*CONGREGATION STANDS)

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have your name and address in the guest book in the
vestibule? If you do not have a church home in Del-
aware we invite you to become a part of our fellow-
ship. Here you will find the freedom to become the
person God means you to be.

Choir Directors, W.C.Wickum, James M. Stephenson
Organist for Today, Betty J. Porter
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Greeter, Sophia Stephenson
Candlelighter, Jeffrey Faulk
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at the parsonage
WEDNESDAY 9:30 Sewing at the church. Close at
2:00. Sack lunch.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.
SATURDAY 9:30 Children's Choir (ages 3 to grade 3)
10:00 Junior Choir (grades 4 to 8)
NXT SUNDAY 9:00 Intergenerational Advent Activity
10:45 First Sunday in Advent. Holy Com-
munion. Sermon: "The Christmas
Book."
11:45 Social Hour in Assembly Room.

An Advent Breakfast will be held each Wednesday at the
Holiday Inn at 7:30pm. Sponsored by Kiwanis.

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The carpenter of Galilee
Comes down the street again,
In every land, in every age,
He still is building men.
On Christmas Eve we hear him knock;
He goes from door to door;
"Are any workmen out of work?
The carpenter needs more."
- Hilda W. Smith
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I have come that they might have life, and have it
more abundantly.

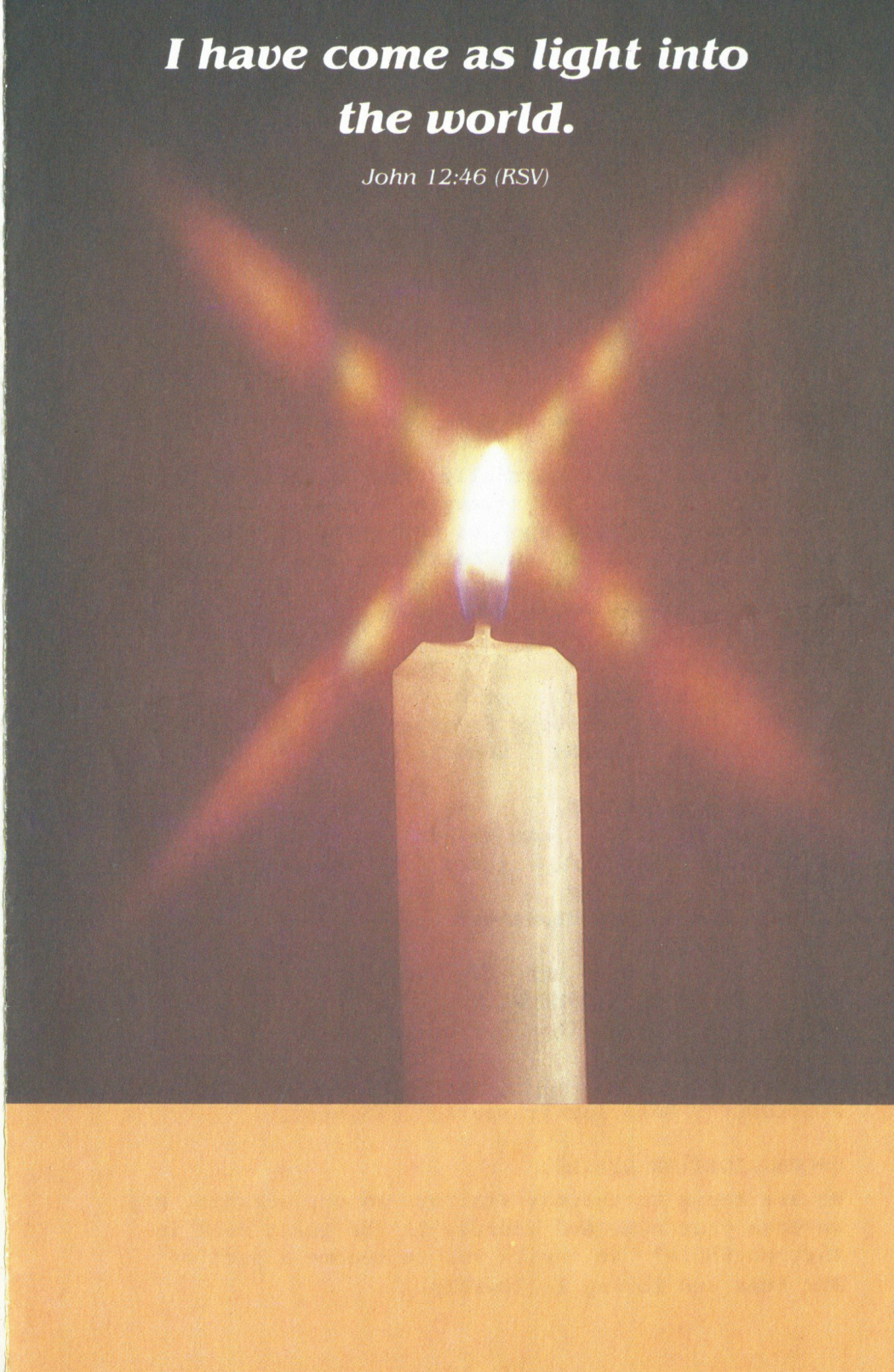
- Jesus

I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

- Jesus

***I have come as light into
the world.***

John 12:46 (RSV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
DECEMBER 2, 1984
1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT

James B. Stephenson, minister
Beth Trigg, assisting

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45a.m.

PRELUDE "In Bethlehem" (Blake)

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #100 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*INVOCATION unison

Almighty God, who wonderfully created mankind in your
own image, we pray for strength to cast away the works
of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light; that we
being ever mindful of our spiritual heritage, may hasten
the coming of your kingdom upon earth. Through Jesus
Christ who taught us to pray saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING #610

ANTHEM "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"(Wesley)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:26-38

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

A SPECIAL MESSAGE Jean Wickum for Board of Ed.

OFFERTORY "The Holly & the Ivy" (Rasley)

*RESPONSE Doxology

SERMON "Christmas Presents"

M. & M. OFFERING

*HYMN, #83 "Jesus the very Thought of Thee"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #91 "Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Solo for Trumpette" (Saxton)

(*CONGREGATION STANDS)

We are happy to welcome visitors to our worship. May
we have your name and address in the guest book in
the vestibule? We invite you to become a part of
our free and loving fellowship.

Choir Directors, James M Stephenson, W. C. Wickum
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Greeters, Carol & Will Fogle
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY	11:45	Social hour in Assembly Room.
	5:00	Community Advent Worship at Gray Chapel.
TUESDAY	7:30	Healing Group at parsonage.
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir Rehearsal.
SATURDAY	9:30	Children's Choir.
	10:00	Junior Choir.

KIWANIS ADVENT BREAKFAST is held each Wednesday at the
Holiday Inn at 7:30 a.m.

THE MESSIAH SING ALONG is scheduled for Sanborn Hall
this Thursday at 8:00. For singers and non-singers!
\$1.00 donation; \$1.00 score rental.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will again hold its Advent Worship
at William St. Church each Wednesday from 12:00 until
12:30. Bring sack lunch, drink provided. Child care.

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contributions must be in by Wednesday night. No ex-
ceptions.

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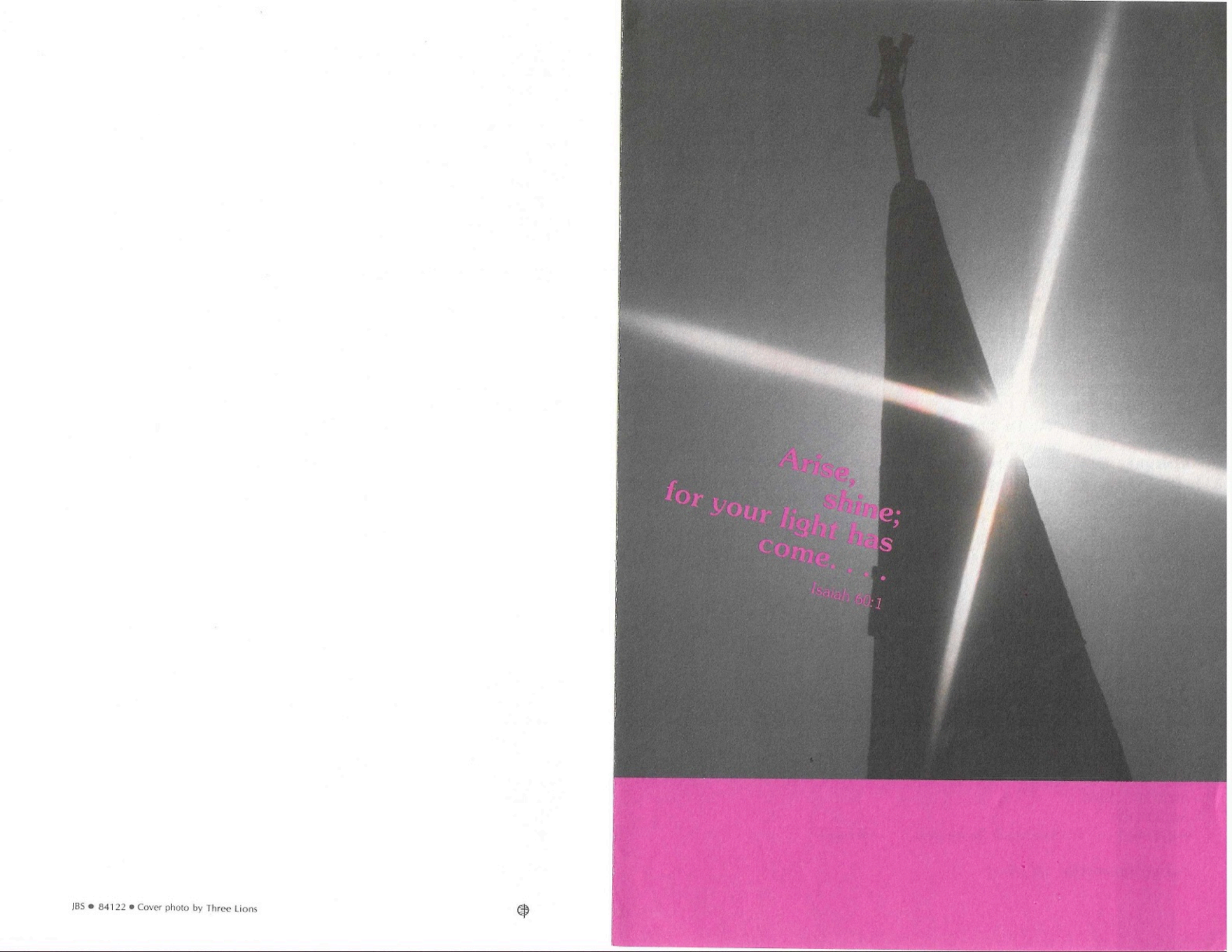
In Christ I feel the heart of God
Throbbing from heaven through earth;
Life stirs again within the clod,
Renewed in beauteous birth;
The soul springs up, a flower of prayer,
Breathing His breath out on the air.

- Lucy Larcom

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Additional copies of the Advent Calendar are available
in the vestibule.

HAVE A HAPPY, CREATIVE, AND GLORIOUS ADVENT!



*Arise, shine;
for your light has
come. . . .*

Isaiah 60:1



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
DECEMBER 9, 1984
2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

James B. Stephenson
minister
Donald Brown
assisting

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

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE "Prepare Thyself, Zion" (Bach)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #119 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

*INVOCATION unison

Almighty God, who wonderfully created mankind in your
own image, we pray for strength to cast away the works of
darkness, and to put upon us the armor of light; that we,
being ever mindful of our spiritual heritage, may hasten
the coming of your Kingdom upon earth and within our-
selves. Through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING #611

ANTHEM "Sing Glory Hallelujah" (Long)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:38-55

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY "He Shall Feed His Flock" (Handel)

*HYMN, #104 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

SERMON "The Long Journey into Light"

*HYMN, #110 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "O Blessed Emmanuel" (Bach)

(*CONGREGATION STANDS)

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the vestibule?

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

Organist, Mary Lou Lovell

Greeters, Will & Carol Fogle

Candlelighter, Victor Fogle

Ushers, Youth Fellowship

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 3 - 5 Perspectives on Peacemaking.
A Workshop.

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Breakfast at Holiday Inn.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

THURSDAY 7:30 Women's Society Christmas meeting
at parsonage. Bring cookies or
fruit to prepare gift packages for
our shut-ins. Program by Della
Dove.

FRIDAY 12:00 Church Women United Advent Worship
at William St. Church. Sack lunch-
drink provided. Childcare.

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The little birds praise you,

The wren and the sparrow,

The rabbits and squirrels

That run in the snow.

This house may be small

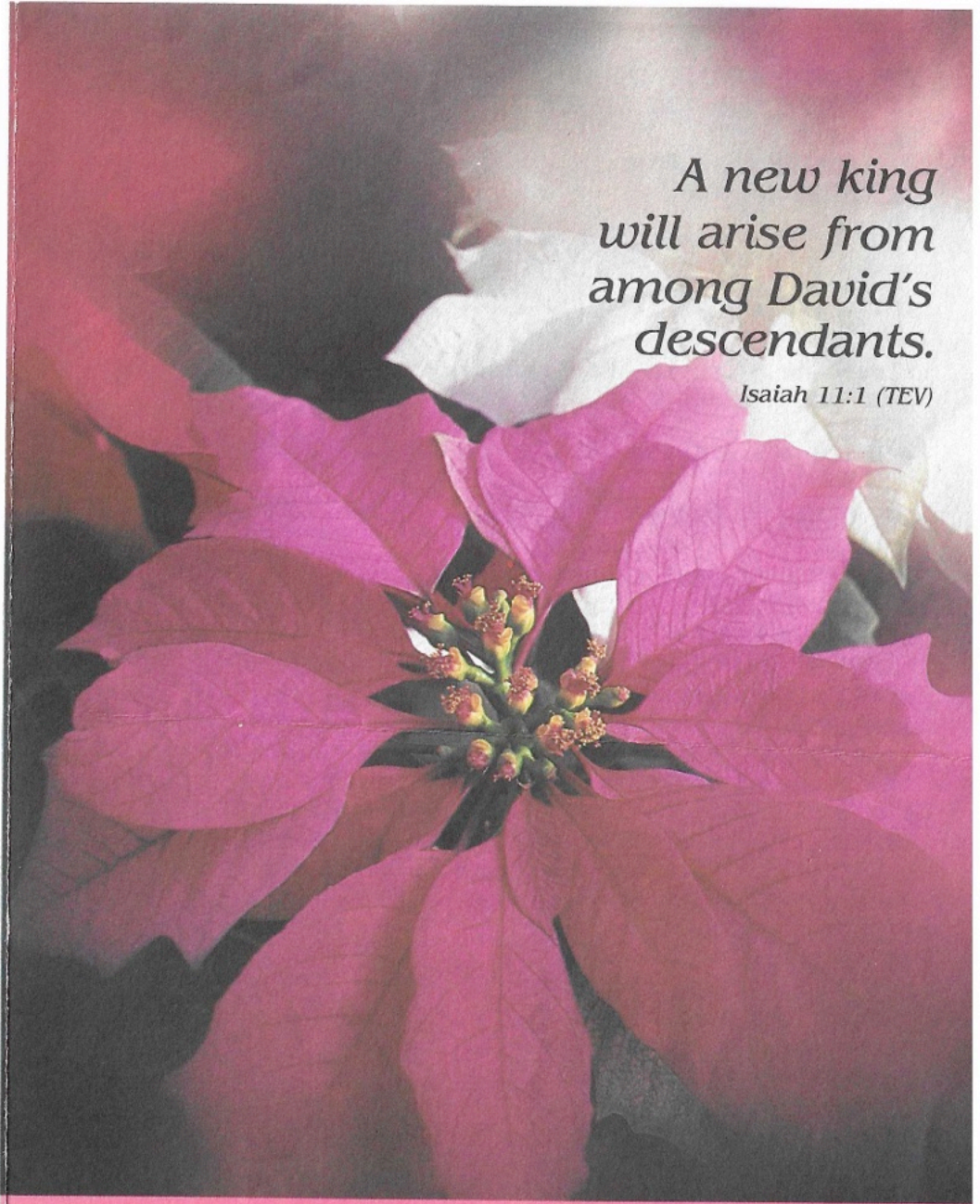
And this cradle be narrow.

You learned to be humble

A long time ago.

- Eleanor Slater

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*A new king
will arise from
among David's
descendants.*

Isaiah 11:1 (TEV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO
3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 16, 1981

James B. Stephenson
minister
Steven Palmer
assisting

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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 10:45a.m.

PRELUDE "Advent Chorale" (Mendelssohn)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*INVOCATION unison

Almighty God, who wonderfully created mankind in
your image, we pray for strength to cast away the
the works of darkness, and to put upon us the
armor of light; that we, being ever mindful of
our spiritual heritage, may hasten the coming of
your Kingdom upon earth and within ourselves.

Through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, saying,

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING #614

ANTHEM "Now Is Come Salvation" (Thompson)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 1:18-21

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

SOLO "Who Is This Boy?" W.C. Wickum (Wilson)

OFFERTORY "Joseph" (Mehal)

*HYMN, #105 "What Child Is This?"

SERMON "Joseph"

*HYMN, #106 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Variations" (Prichard)

(* CONGREGATION STANDS)

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we have your name and address in the guest book in the
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ware, we invite you to consider our fellowship.

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

Organist, Mary Lou Lovell

Greeters, the Wickums

Ushers, Youth Fellowship

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OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY 11:45 Revealing of Advent Partners.
Chili luncheon in Assembly
Room.

MONDAY 7:30 Parish Council. 7:45

TUESDAY 7:30 Healing Group at parsonage.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 Breakfast at Holiday Inn.
7:00 Choir Rehearsal.

FRIDAY 12:00 Church Women United Advent wor-
ship at Wm. St. Church.

SATURDAY 9:30 Children Choir & Junior Choir.
Please note time.

NXT SUNDAY 9:00 The Un-pageant.
10:45 Morning Worship.
11:45 Birthday party for Baby Jesus in
Assembly Room.
7:00 Meet at church to go caroling.

LOOKING FORWARD - Christmas Eve Service of Carols
and Candles. Holy Communion. Plan now to attend!

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I will restore health unto you, and I will heal you
of all your wounds. (Jer. 30:17)



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I have Come as Light into the World

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO

A SERVICE OF CANDLES, CAROLS, & COMMUNION

CHRISTMAS EVE, 1984

James B. Stephenson, minister

Larry Faulk, assisting

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 7:30p.m.

PRELUDE "The Song of the Angels" (Hughes)

CHORAL INTROIT

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #121 "O Little Town"

- INVOCATION

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

- SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"Away in a Manger" trad.

"Song of Christmas Morn" Maddux

JUNIOR CHOIR

"Glory to God" Willmington

"One Small Child" Meece

"While By My Sheep" German Carol

Solos by S. Stoner, J. Trigg

COMBINED CHOIRS

"Come on Ring those Bells" Culverwell

- SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-20

ANTHEM "Mary Had a Baby" (Landon)

SERMON "Mary, Mother of Christ"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "Infant Holy" (Thygerson)

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ATION
- *RESPONSE Doxology

SOLO "O Holy Night" W.C. Wickum (Adam) 1st Cor 10:14-17

- SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #117 "Silent Night"

(Parents may call for their children during
this hymn)

- THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES

*HYMN, #120 "Joy to the World"

- *BENEDICTION & ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Postlude for Christmas" (Simone)

(* CONGREGATION STANDS)

We are happy to welcome visitors to our Christmas
Eve service. We suggest you visit us next Sunday.

Choir Directors, W.C. Wickum, James M. Stephenson
Organist, Mary Lou Lovell
Candlelighter, Jarrod Trigg
Ushers, Youth Fellowship

Nursery and child care are available during the ser-
vice. Children may be called for during Silent Night
and brought to the Sanctuary to share in the lighting
of candles.

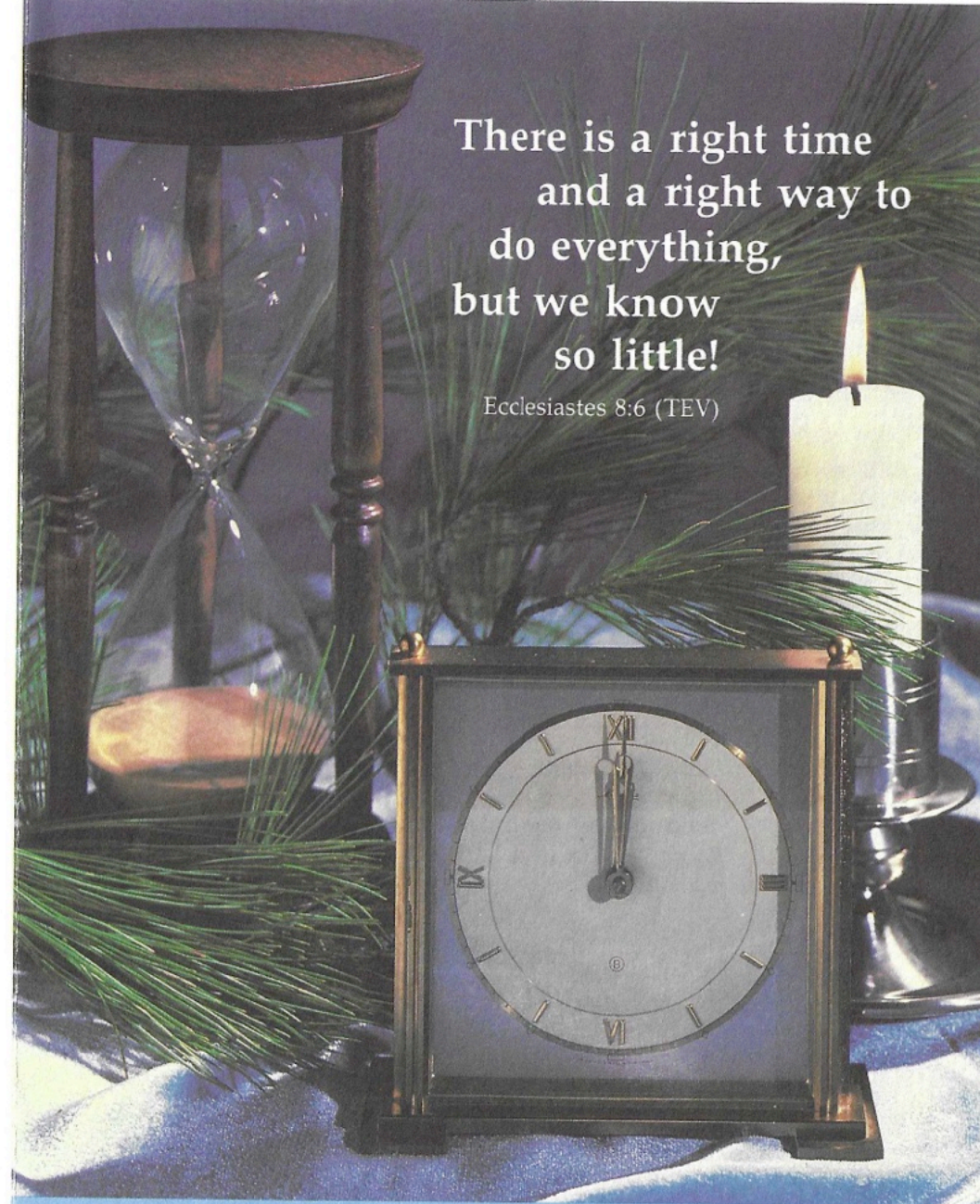
O little Lord Jesus,
Your moment is breaking.
The angels in heaven
Have polished your star.
Alone on their hill-sides
The shepherds are waking
The wise shall grow simple
And find where you are.

- Eleanor Slater



There is a right time
and a right way to
do everything,
but we know
so little!

Ecclesiastes 8:6 (TEV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

December 30, 1984

James B. Stephenson
minister
Ted D. Stephenson
assisting

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Gloria In Excelsis Deo" Wilson

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN #103 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

*OLD TESTAMENT READING #614

ANTHEM "Let Our Gladness Know No End" Denton

*NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 9:9-13

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Cradle Song" Heller

*RESPONSE Doxology

SERMON "Innocence by Association"

*HYMN #120 "Joy To The World"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Nazareth" Gounod

(*congregation stands)

Choir Directors: Jim Stephenson, W.C. Wickum

Organist for Today: Betty Porter

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Ushers: Youth Fellowship

We are happy to welcome visitors to our worship today.
Please sign the guest book in the vestibule.

Our guest speaker today, Rev. Ted D. Stephenson,
is minister of the Church of the Master in
Indianapolis.

Ten Rules for a Happy and Healthy New Year

1. Cultivate a calm temperament.
2. Don't dislike anyone.
3. Love life and thank God for it every day.
4. Persistently believe in the future.
5. Be a positive thinker.
6. Never take a second helping at the table.
7. Don't smoke.
8. Forget your age and live your life.
9. Think health and see yourself as healthy.
10. Love God and walk with Him daily.

Here Is A New Year
by Justine Huntley Ulp

Here is a new year,
Fresh and white.
Write on its pages
With living light.

Here is a doorway
To joys unknown.
Walk through with faith
And claim you own!

Here is a bright dawn
Of golden days.
Lift up your eyes
And shout His praise.

Here is a pathway
To deeper prayer.
Here is a new year
To love and share!