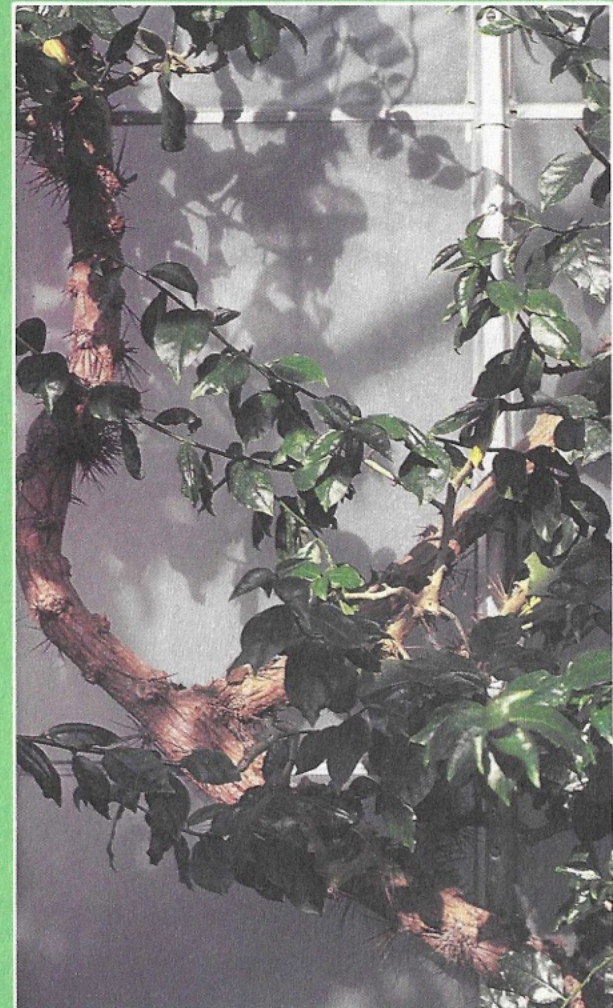




First Baptist Church Bulletins and Order of Worship 1986

Missing several



“I am the real vine.”

John 15:1 (TEV)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

January 26, 1986

James B. Stephenson
minister
Robert Houston
assisting

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "Prelude" Talmadge

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

A SCRIPTURE READING, #620

ANTHEM "Jesus, Savior" Livingston

DEDICATION OF OFFICERS

*HYMN, #203 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Interlude" Talmadge

*RESPONSE "Doxology"

SERMON "Build My Church"

*HYMN, #206 "Faith of Our Fathers"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Recessional" Talmadge

(*congregation stands)

Choir Directors: W.C. Wickum, Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Candlelighter: Jarrod Trigg

Ushers: Board of Deacons

We are happy to welcome visitors to our worship today.
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 become a part of our
fellowship.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Today	11:45am	Lunch and business meeting in the fellowship hall.
Tuesday	7:30pm	Healing group at the parsonage
Wednesday	9:30am	Sewing day at the church
	7:00pm	Choir rehearsal

Listen, My Child

Have you ever noticed that usually you are totally
happy when your interest is gripped?

Let me explain.

Think about an artist at work on a painting.

Note the rapt attention.

Perhaps he is overwhelmed by the beauty he has
created.

At such a time he is "lifted out of himself."

The little self preoccupied with self -

what do I want,

what should I do.

where should I go,

what about me -

is temporarily absent.

So,

the person whose interest is gripped is
happy

and fulfilled.

Does this give you a clue to happiness?

You can study yourself and your own nature to learn
what sort of activities interest you and lift
you out of yourself.

SERMON NOTES:



"I will never fail you nor
forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5 (RSV)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

February 23, 1986
Second Sunday in Lent

James B. Stephenson
minister
Sue Elfner
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 "Unto the Hills I Lift My Eyes"
Livingston

CHORAL INTROIT
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #140 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

CONFESSION OF SINS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Chesterton

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 9:1-15

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

MORNING PRAYERS

OFFERTORY "I am Trusting You, Lord Jesus" Engel

*HYMN, #402 "A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord"

SERMON "Chosen"

*HYMN, #451 "I Have Decided"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Sing Praise to God" Hughes
(*congregation stands)

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

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Directors: W.C. Wickum, Jim Stephenson
Greeters: Will and Carol Sue Fogle
Ushers: Board of Deacons

OPPORTUNITIES

Today 5:30pm Salad Supper in Fellowship Hall
(see article below)

Tuesday 7:30pm Healing group at the parsonage

Wednesday 9:30am Sewing group at the church

7:00pm Choir rehearsal at the church

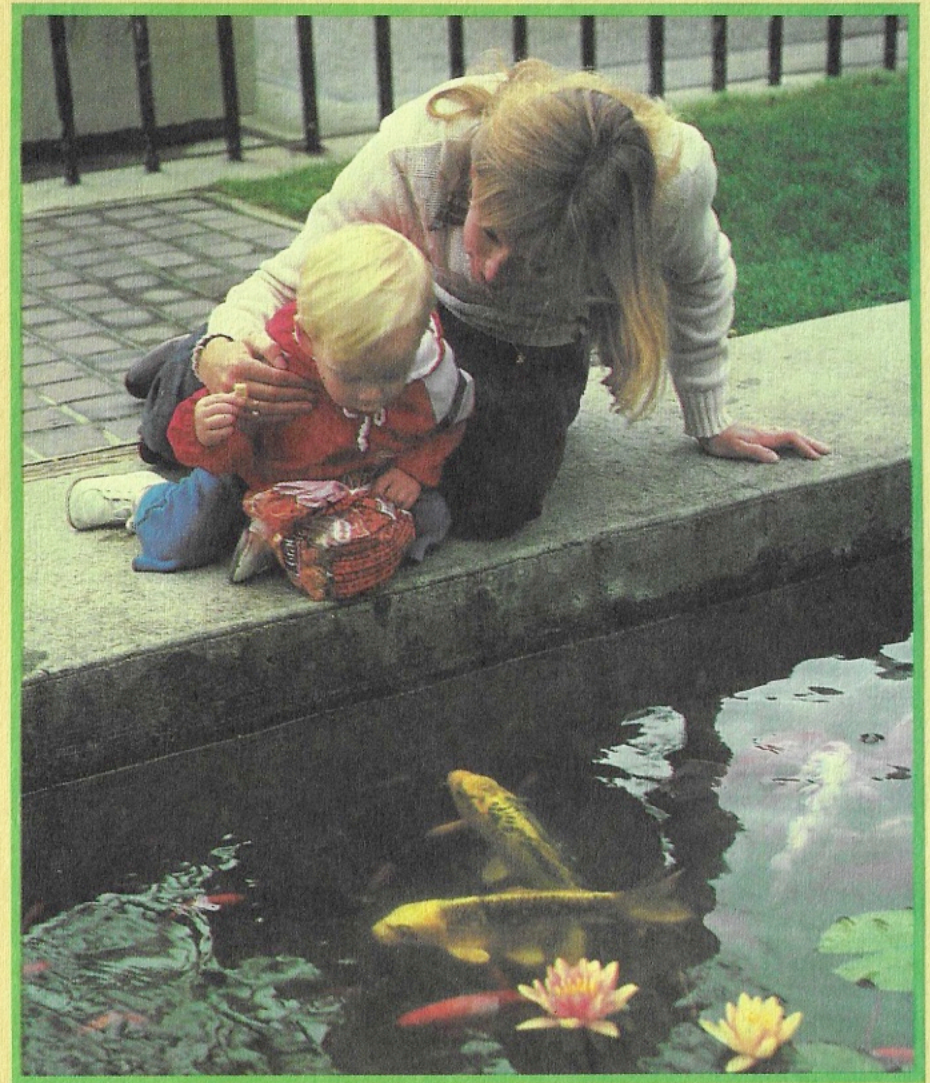
All women are invited to attend a potluck salad
supper this evening at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall.
Bring a salad, eight servings, your appetite and
some good ideas for reorganizing the Women's
Society.

Jean Wickum

The March issue of The Good News Letter will be
available next Sunday. Please turn in your articles
by Wednesday evening.

THE CONVERSION
OF SAUL





**Consider us as servants of Christ
and stewards of God's mysteries.**
1 Corinthians 4:1 (Berkeley)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 16, 1986

James B. Stephenson
pastor
Carol Grubbs
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 "The Way of the Cross" Benedict
CHORAL INTROIT
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #32 "How Great Thou Art"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

RESPONSIVE READING, #630

ANTHEM "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Mozart

AMERICA-FOR-CHRIST OFFERING

*RESPONSE "Doxology"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 8:5-17

MORNING PRAYERS

OFFERTORY "Ah, Holy Jesus" Ritter

*HYMN, #138 "There is a Green Hill Far Away"

SERMON "Christianity as Celebration"

*HYMN, #260 "Just As I Am"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "God of Glory" Richolson
(congregation stands)

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Directors: W.C. Wickum, Jim Stephenson
Candlelighter: Victor Fogle
Ushers: Board of Deacons

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

OPPORTUNITIES

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| Today | 7:00pm | Special Easter Studies: "The
Secret of Answered Prayer".
Meets in the assembly room. |
| Monday | 7:00pm | Parish council at the church. |
| Tuesday | 7:30pm | Healing group at the parsonage. |
| Wednesday | 7:30am | Lenten breakfast at Methesco. |
| | 9:30am | Sewing at the church. |
| | 7:00pm | Choir rehearsal at the church. |
| Saturday | 8:30am | Men's Fellowship meets at Buns
for breakfast and bible study. |
| Next
Sunday | 9:15am | Church school |
| | 10:45am | PALM SUNDAY Morning Worship |
| | 7:00pm | Special Easter Studies: "Healing
Faith", followed by service of
healing |

A progressive dinner is being planned for Saturday,
April 5th, for all adults in the church. Nursery
care will be available at the church. A sign-up
sheet is in the vestibule. For more information,
please contact Millie Martin, Jim Stephenson or
Don Brown.

The America-For-Christ offering is being collected
this Sunday. It helps support the important work of
home missions. Every penny of your gift will be
used to do God's work in Ohio and throughout the
United States.

Flower -

Robert French -

Easter Egg Hunt -

Baskets - ~~THH~~ ~~THH~~

~~THH~~ III

Cookies -

Give instructions on coming week.

S.S. CLASS

Teachers

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Who is
the king of
glory? —Psalm 24:8

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

PALM SUNDAY
March 23, 1986

James B. Stephenson
pastor
Millie Martin
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 "Hosanna!" Blake
CHORAL INTROIT
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #140 "In the Cross"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

RESPONSIVE READING, #625

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Blessed is He" Lee
"There's a Joy in Me" Purifoy

*TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

ANTHEM "Hosanna in the Highest" Hughes

CONFESSION OF SINS AND MORNING PRAYERS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO "Palms" Faure

W. C. Wickum

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Come Unto Him" Maunder

*HYMN, #145 "Were You There?"

SERMON "The Power of the Cross"

*HYMN, #260 "Just As I Am"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Smith
(*congregation stands)

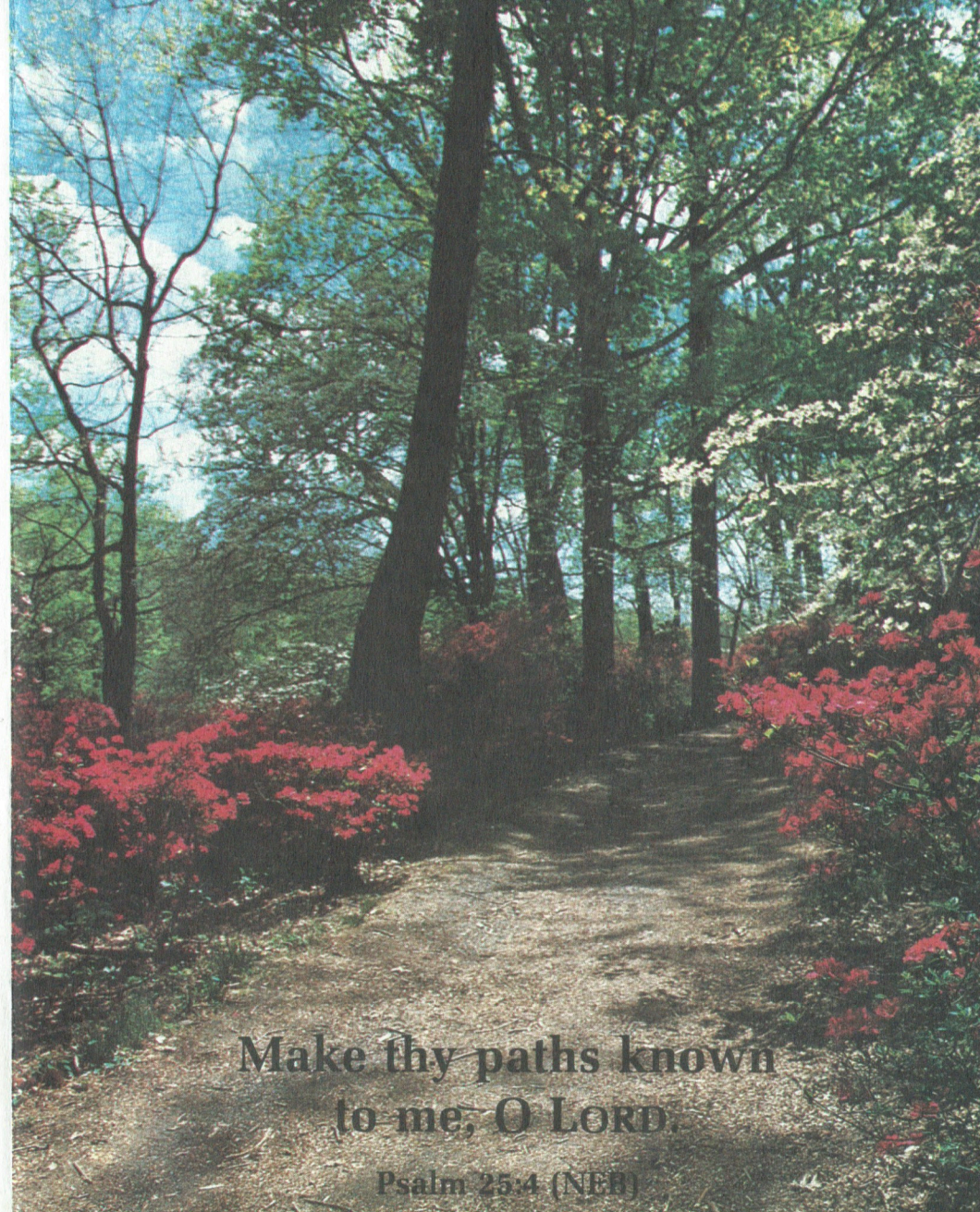
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Directors: W.C. Wickum, Jim Stephenson
Candlelighter: Marcie Sander
Greeter: Mary Sealey
Ushers: Board of Deacons

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

OPPORTUNITIES

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| Tonight | 7:00pm | Special Easter Studies: "Healing Faith", followed by healing service |
| Tuesday | 7:30pm | Healing group at the parsonage |
| Wednesday | 7:30am | Lenten breakfast at Methesco |
| | 9:30am | Sewing at the church until 2:00. Bring a sack lunch. |
| | 7:00pm | Choir rehearsal |
| Thursday | 7:30pm | Maunday Thursday Communion in the Fellowship Hall. |
| Friday | 1:00pm | Community Good Friday Service at St. Mary |
| Saturday | 1 - 3pm | Church open for flower drop-off |
| Next Sunday | 7:30am | Early service |
| | 8:15am | Breakfast |
| | 9:15am | Church School |
| | 10:45am | Easter Worship. Sermon: "New World Coming!" |

A fund has been established for the eleven children of the astronauts who died in the shuttle tragedy. Nancy Reagan is the chairperson of the fund, and 100% of all money contributed will go to the families. Contributions can be mailed to The Space Shuttle Children's Fund, American Security Bank, Box 0150, Washington, D.C. 20055.



Make thy paths known
to me, O LORD.

Psalm 25:4 (NEB)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

April 13, 1986

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

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| PRELUDE | "Ayre" | Corelli |
| CALL TO WORSHIP | | |
| *HYMN, #275 | "Come, We That Love The Lord" | |
| *INVOCATION | | |
| *LORD'S PRAYER | | |
| *DOXOLOGY | | |
| RESPONSIVE READING, #617 | | |
| ANTHEM | "There Is A Name
I Love To Hear" | Denton |
| MORNING PRAYERS | | |
| OFFERTORY | "Andante Moderato" | Vivaldi |
| *HYMN, #40 | "To God Be The Glory" | |
| SERMON | "Christ's Second Life" | |
| *HYMN, #312 | "Have Thine Own Way" | |
| *BENEDICTION | | |
| *ALLELUIA | | |
| POSTLUDE | "Trumpet Tune" | Stanley |

(*congregation stands)

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Directors: W. C. Wickum, Jim Stephenson
Greeters: Cap and Myrtle Gabriel
Candlelighter: Jeff Faulk
Ushers: Board of Deacons

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

OPPORTUNITIES

| | | |
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| Today | 7:00pm | Board of Deacons at Triggs |
| Tuesday | 7:30pm | Healing group at the parsonage |
| Wednesday | 9:30am | Sewing group at the church |
| | 7:00pm | Choir rehearsal at the church |
| Thursday | 10:00am | American Baptist Women of the
Marion Association meet in
Richwood |

Paths

by R. H. Grenville

Paths
interest me.
They have a jaunty
and adventurous air.
Not one runs straight.
They go
the curving, easy way
that rivers flow,
yet, inevitably,
arrive somewhere.

Paths
are a kind of trust
that someone had,
being the first
to get from here to there,
unanxious and unhurried.
Hearts move that way for
those who journey inward
on the path of prayer.

**Her children
rise up and call her blessed.**
Proverbs 31:28 (RSV)



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

May 11, 1986
Mother's Day

James B. Stephenson
pastor
Jean Wickum
guest speaker

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:45am

PRELUDE "God Bless the Mothers" Moore
CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN, #553 "Morning Has Broken"
*INVOCATION
*LORD'S PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI
RESPONSIVE READING #657
ANTHEM "Gracious Savior" Shirreff
RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS and Prayers
BLESSING OF CHILDREN
OFFERTORY "God's Matchless Gift of Love" Martens
*HYMN, #90 "O For a Thousand Tongues"
SERMON "Motherlove"
*HYMN #531 "Happy the Home"
*BENEDICTION
*ALLELUIA
POSTLUDE "Song of Joy" Denton

(* Congregation stands)

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Directors: Jim Stephenson, W.C. Wickum
Candlelighter: Barbara Lovell
Greeters: Debbie Lovell and Jeff Faulk
Ushers: Board of Deacons

We welcome visitors to our worhsip. Please sign the
guest book in the vestibule.

OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday 7:30pm Healing group at the parsonage
Wednesday 9:30 Sewing at the church
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

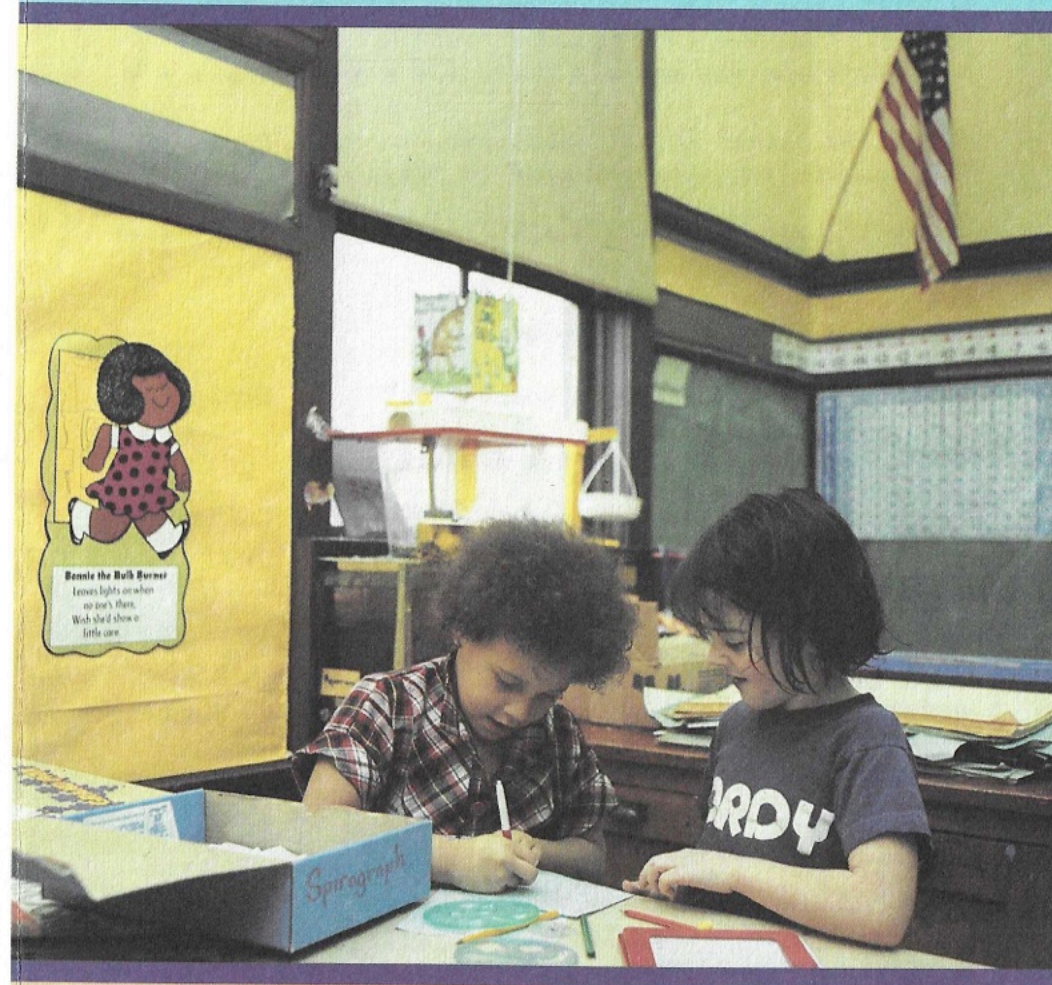
The GOOD NEWS LETTER is AVAILABLE today. Take a copy
home to an absent friend

We welcome Jean Wickum as our guest speaker!

NOTES TO TAKE HOME:

Teach them the right way to live.

2 Chronicles 6:27 (NIV)



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

September 14, 1986

James B. Stephenson
pastor
James M. Stephenson
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 "How Firm A Foundation" Broughton
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #206 "Faith of Our Fathers"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

RESPONSIVE READING, #604

ANTHEM

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Where Cross the Crowded Ways" Hughes

*RESPONSE "Doxology"

SERMON "Mind"

*HYMN, #130 "Tell Me the Story"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Praise the Lord,
All Ye Nations" Blake

(*congregation stands).

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Directors: Jim Stephenson, W. C. Wickum

Ushers: Board of Deacons

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

OPPORTUNITIES

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|-------------|---------|---|
| Today | 5:00pm | Family Social Night at the church |
| Monday | 7:00pm | Parish Council at the church |
| Tuesday | 7:30pm | Healing Group at the parsonage |
| Wednesday | 7:00pm | Choir rehearsal at the church |
| Saturday | 8:30am | Men's Fellowship breakfast at the Holiday Inn |
| Next Sunday | 9:15am | Opening exercises |
| | 9:30am | Sunday School for all ages |
| | 10:45am | Morning Worship |
| | 12:00am | Development & Outreach Committee |

Tonight at 5pm the children's choir from the Reynoldsburg Baptist Church will present the musical "God's Flower Patch" at our church. Nineteen children and eight adults will sing. A covered-dish dinner and freewill offering will follow.

Next Sunday there will be a short meeting of the Development and Outreach Committee immediately after church.

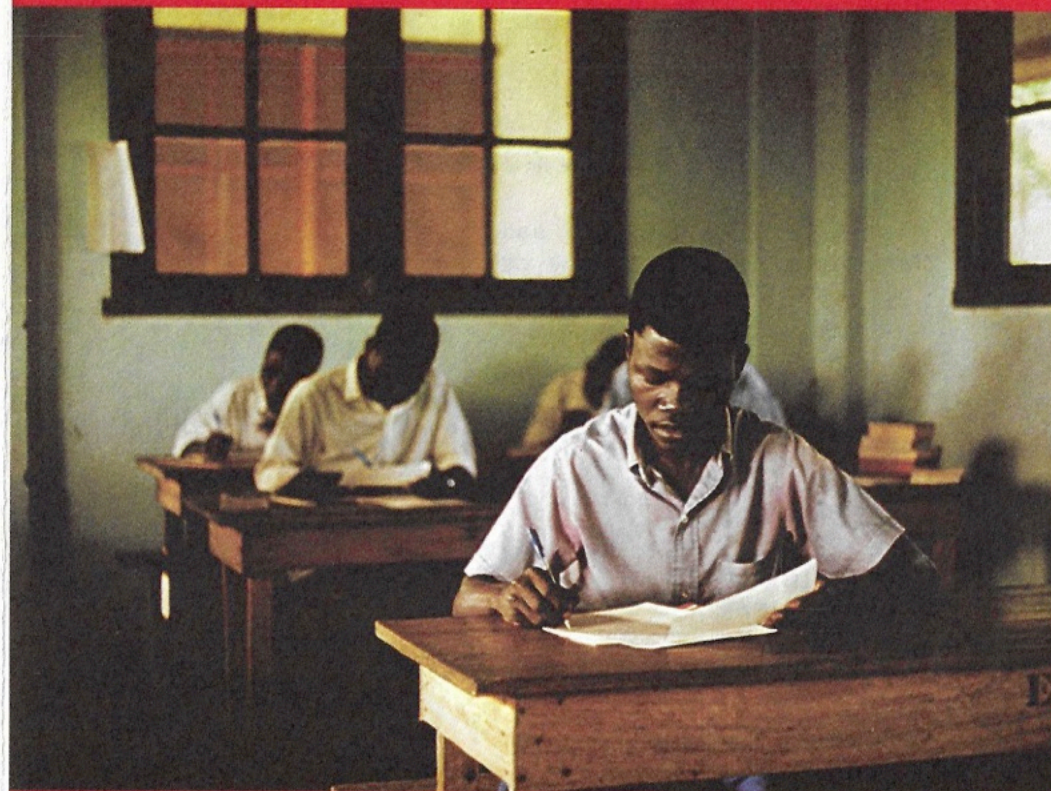
On Saturday, September 27 there will be a nominating committee meeting at the Elfner's home (29 Darlington) at 10:00am.

THIS DAY'S PRAYER
by Elizabeth Lamb

Dear God, on this day
help me to be open
to every experience.
I would feel the warmth
of sun, the chill of rain;
I would hear birdsong
and that other sound
by which I connect,
at times, with You.
I would see anew
the uncurling leaf
and the smile of a child

and the color of grape.
I would be aware of every
fragrance - sweet, pungent.
Oh dear God, I would be
centered firmly within
and so enabled to perceive
the patterns of Your world,
the world that holds me
for this time and space.

*The mind of the righteous ponders
how to answer.... Proverbs 15:28*



NOTES TO TAKE HOME



Seek the LORD your God,
and you will find him.
Deuteronomy 4:29 (RSV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

October 19, 1986

James B. Stephenson
pastor
David Lovell
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

PRELUDE "Who At My Door Is Standing?" Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #19 "Ye Servants of God"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING, #603

SOLO "Each Step I Take"
Jeanne Ekelberry

Mercer

MORNING PRAYERS

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

OFFERTORY "Prayer"

Smart

*HYMN, #553 "Morning Has Broken"

SERMON "Road of Life"

*HYMN, #328 "Anywhere With Jesus"

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "March"

Handel

(*congregation stands)

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Directors: W. C. Wickum, Jim Stephenson

Ushers: Board of Deacons

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

OPPORTUNITIES

Monday 7:00pm Parish Council at the church

Tuesday 7:30pm Healing Group at the parsonage

Wednesday 6:00pm Covered-dish dinner at the church,
followed by quarterly business
meeting

Saturday 7:00pm Halloween party (see story below)

This Saturday there will be a Halloween party from
7:00 - 8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We invite
everyone to enjoy an evening of fun.

Our organ is undergoing major repairs and will be
out of service for several weeks.

EXERCISE

by J. Sig Paulson

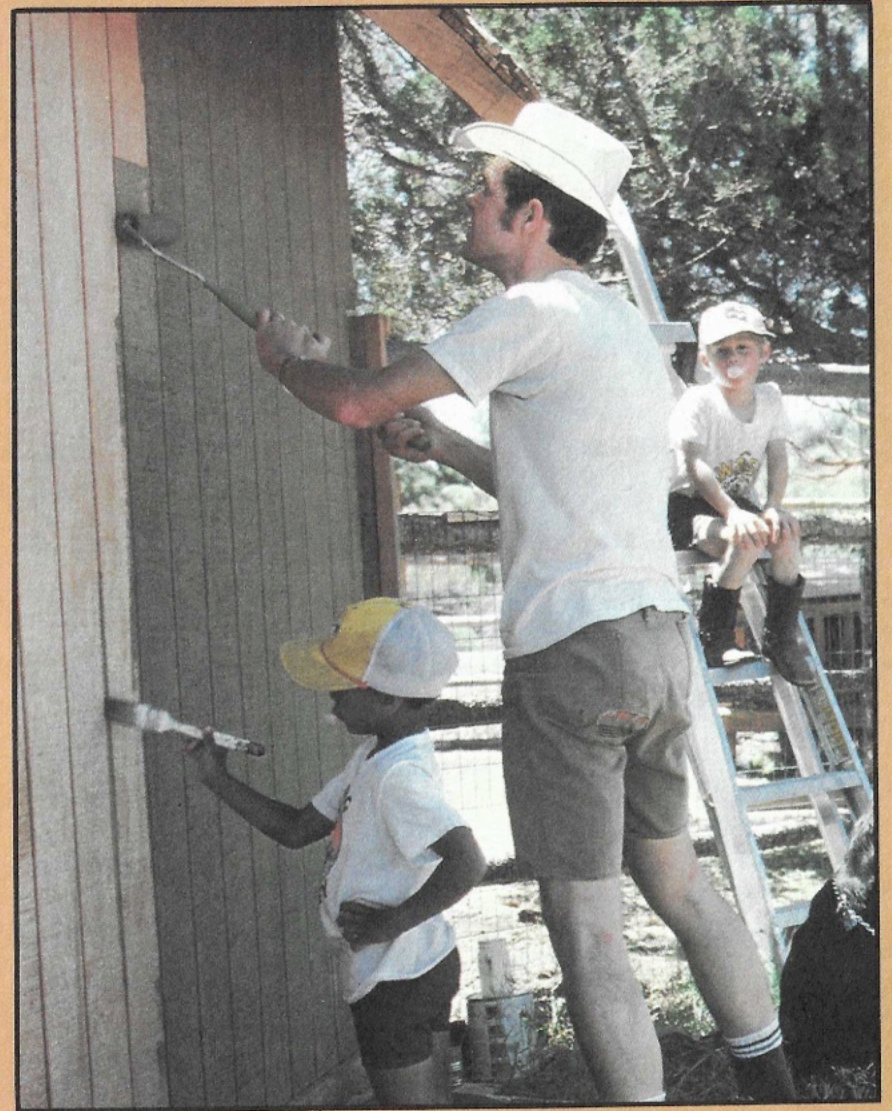
Here's the best exercise
you'll every find;
Simply think the thoughts
that s-t-r-e-t-c-h your mind.

SPENDING A DAY

by Mary Carolyn Davies

Splendid things may happen!
Oh, of course they may;
But thinking of tomorrow
Is no way to spend today!

NOTES:



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

October 26, 1986

James B. Stephenson
pastor
Fred Grubbs
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 "Meditation on a Scottish Hymn" Landon
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #11 "A Mighty Fortress"

*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

RESPONSIVE READING, #664

SOLO "Come Down Jesus"
Fred Grubbs

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

MORNING PRAYERS

OFFERTORY "They Are There" Gaither

*HYMN, #403 "Walking In Sunlight"

SERMON "Reformation"

*HYMN, #288 "Amazing Grace"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE "Chorus of Praise" Johnston
(*congregation stands)

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Directors: W.C. Wickum, Jim Stephenson

Ushers: Board of Deacons

We welcome visitors to our worship.
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OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday 7:30pm Healing group at the parsonage

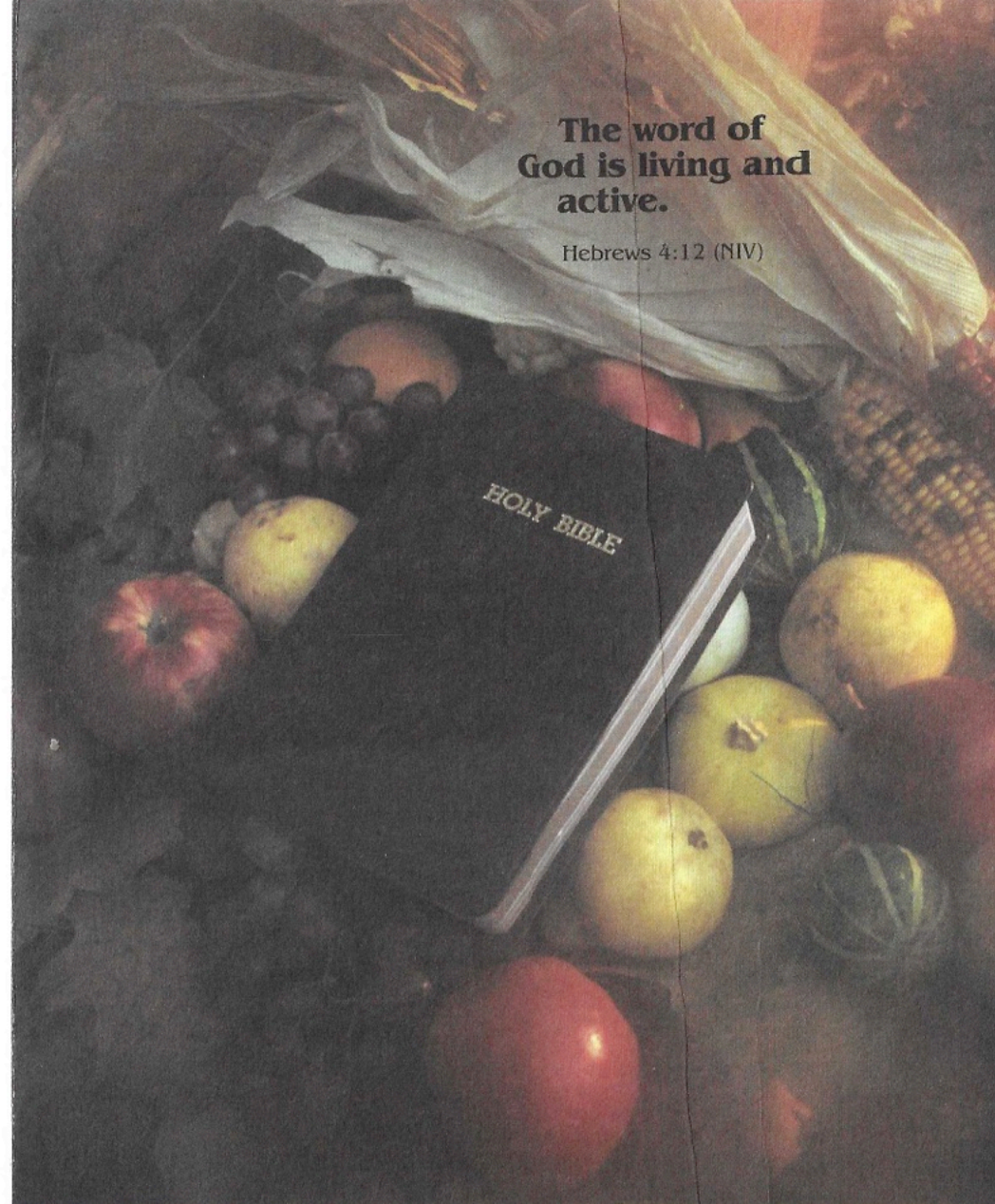
Wednesday 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal at the church

The November issue of the Good News Letter will be available next week. Please submit your news items to Steve by Wednesday.

NOTES TO TAKE HOME

**The word of
God is living and
active.**

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)



Mark Lee
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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

November 23, 1986

James B. Stephenson
pastor

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP - 10:45am

PRELUDES "Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God Almighty" Livingston
Betty Porter

"Prelude on 'Richmond'" Willan
Fred Grubbs

"Melody for Flute" Paxton
Mary Lou Lovell

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

*HYMN, #565 "Come Ye Thankful People Come"

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 103:1-5
Psalm 150:1-6
Carolyn Schneeberger

ANTHEM "O Give Thanks Unto the Lord" Denton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY "Church in the Wildwood" Pitts
Mary Lou Lovell

*RESPONSE "Doxology"

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

REDEDICATION OF THE ORGAN

SPECIAL MUSIC "Little Prelude and
Fugue in C" Bach
Mary Lou Lovell

PRESENTATION Mrs. Frank Summers, Jr.

ACCEPTANCE Larry Faulk

RESPONSE Peter White

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Lost Chord" Sullivan
Betty Porter

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC "Amazing Grace" arr. by Grubbs
Fred Grubbs

MORNING PRAYERS

SOLO "Bless This House" Brahe
W. C. Wickum

SERMON "Let Us Give Thanks"

*HYMN, #566 "We Plow the
Fields and Scatter"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE "Toccata" Dubois
Mary Lou Lovell

(*congregation stands)

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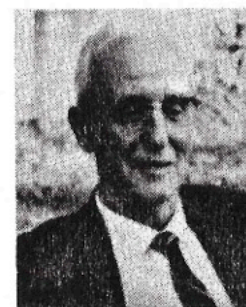
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Featured Organists: Fred Grubbs, Betty Porter

Choir Directors: Jim Stephenson, W. C. Wickum

Ushers: Board of Deacons

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



Today we are rededicating our church organ, which has
recently undergone major renovations. This work has
been made possible by Mrs. Frank Summers, Jr. (Nancy
Via Summers) and Dr. William F. Via, Jr., and was
done in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs.
William Frederick Via.



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

December 24, 1986
Christmas Eve

James B. Stephenson
pastor
Larry Faulk
assisting

*I HAVE STOPPED & ASKED THAT
IT MOVE FASTER. in church*
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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

PRELUDE "Christmas Medley" Hughes

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"The Heavens are Telling" Fettke

"Come and Adore" Fettke

"Come On Ring Those Bells" Culverwell

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-20

SOLO "One Small Child" Meece

Stefanie Stoner

OFFERTORY "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Wells

*RESPONSE "Doxology"

ANTHEM "What Child Is This?" Smith

SERMON "A Walk Through Advent"

SOLO "O Holy Night" Adam

W. C. Wickum

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

CANDLELIGHTING

*HYMN, "Silent Night"
First Verse Only

*BENEDICTION

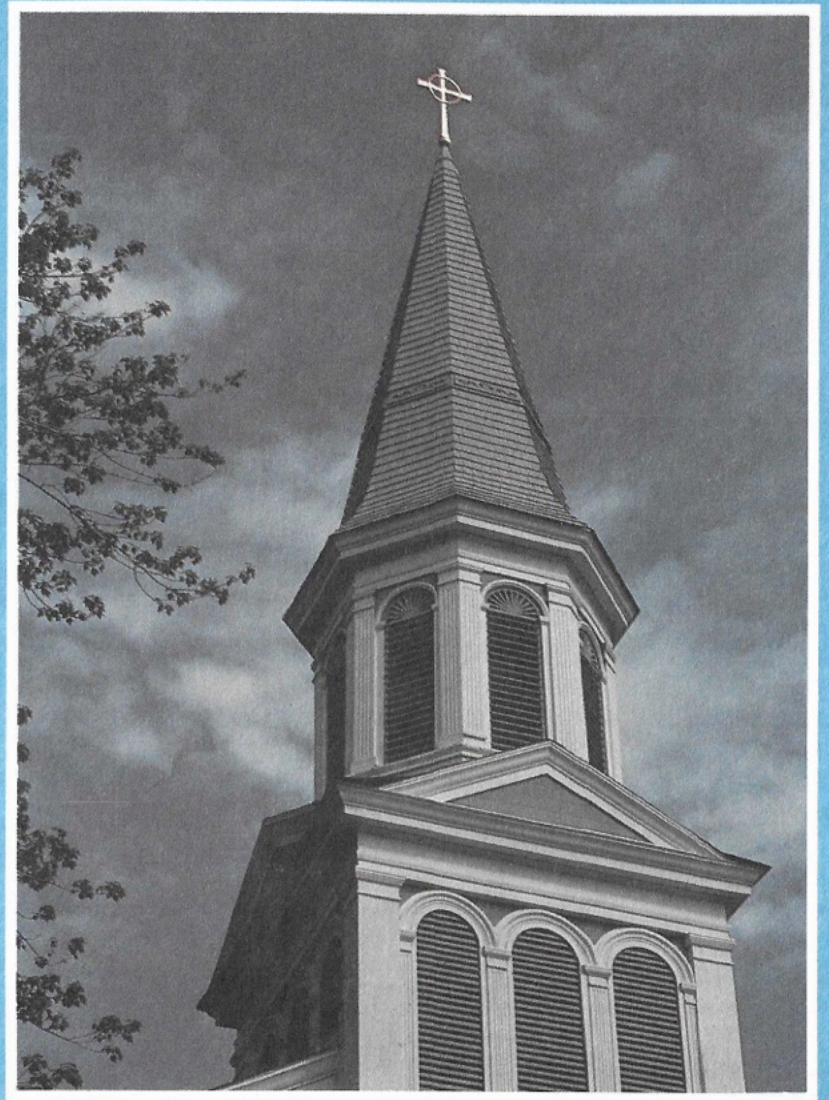
*CHORAL AMEN

*POSTLUDE "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Denton

A CHRISTMAS WISH

More than a Merry Christmas
I wish you this year,
More than a happy Christmas
With your loved ones dear,
More than the precious hours
With friends who are true,
More than the gifts you treasure
That others give you -
I wish for you the blessing
Of that Christmas day
When angels sang the story
And stars marked the way.
I wish you joy unending
With much love and cheer -
I wish you peace on Christmas
And through all the year.

Grace Mathews Walker



I will come into thy house with . . . offerings.

Psalm 66:13 (RSV)



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

December 28, 1986

James B. Stephenson
pastor
Ted D. Stephenson
guest speaker

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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 "Nazareth" Gounod
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #120 "Joy to the World"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"
SOLO "He Came as a Babe from Heaven" Humphreys
W. C. Wickum

MORNING PRAYERS

OFFERTORY "Little Drummer Boy" Simeone

*RESPONSE "Doxology"

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

SOLO "Out of the East" Noble
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SCRIPTURE READING I John 4:7-12

SERMON "God's Gift Exchange"

*HYMN, #103 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE "Carol of the Bells" Leontowich
(*congregation stands)

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Organist for today: Fred Grubbs

Choir Directors: Jim Stephenson, W. C. Wickum

Ushers: Board of Deacons

We are happy to welcome Rev. Ted D. Stephenson to
our pulpit this morning. He is the pastor of the
Church of the Master in Indianapolis.

Winter Plowing

by Ethelyn M. Kincher

Now that the still brown field

Is stretched against the sky,

With stacks of autumn yield

From harvest days gone by,

What is the heart's best shield

The cold cannot belie?

New snow is on the wind,

The sod where sun did burn

Is cold, and grass has thinned,

But as I plow I learn

My heart is disciplined

By faith in spring's return.

THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

by Martha Smock

Not Herod in his palace,

Not mighty men or strong,

But simple shepherds keeping watch

First heard the angels' song.

Their names are not remembered,

Who knows their lives or ways?

We only know that heavenly hosts

Sang them their songs of praise.

The miracle of Christmas

Had its beginning when

God sent His greatest message

To ordinary men.