



First Baptist Church Bulletins and Order of Worship 1990

Missing Several

You should do as I have done to you

You Should Do As I Have Done to You (John 13:15)

There is a great need for American Baptists to develop men and women for ministry. Intelligent, caring, spirit-led persons must be prepared for the needs we face. In the next few years one-third of presently active American Baptist clergy will be eligible to retire. We also need pastors to start new churches. Present numbers of American Baptists graduating from seminary are not adequate to fill openings from retirements. It is God who calls women and men to ministry, but pastors and members of local churches can help. Here is one pastor's story.

"While I was growing up in Illinois, my pastor modeled pastoral ministry as attractive and positive. As I began to sense God's call to ministry, my pastor took interest in me, helping me think through important issues I faced. My pastor took me to a church-vocations conference, recommended college/seminary preparation, and steered me toward Judson College. He even made time to take me for a campus visit. The local men's fellowship shared a \$200 gift toward my education and continued yearly support through college and seminary. My church planned a send-off day as I left to study for the ministry. That special day included licensing me for ministry, personal gifts, and well wishes. Do you understand why I left that church feeling encouraged and supported, not just by my family, but my whole church?"

This story was told by Randy J. Gauger, pastor of First Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

FEBRUARY 11, 1990

PRELUDE AND PRAYER "Sweet Hour Of Prayer" Rogers

WORDS OF WELCOME

Deacon Bland

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN OF PRAISE 40 "To God Be The Glory"

* INVOCATION AND CHRIST'S PRAYER

GOD'S HOLY WORD 660 "A New Way Of Life"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Worship The Lord"

Lani Smith

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Jesus came into the world for you. All He did was for you. Now you are asked to give some thought for Him; and through your giving, to do something good for him.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING "Rock Of Ages"

Hastings

* AN OFFERTORY SONG "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

Those who wish to attend the Children's Church may come forward at this time.

MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Gillin

Luke 6:12-16; Eph. 1:7-10

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those who desire to take a step of faith with Christ and His Church may come forward during the hymn of response. The Pastor will meet you at the front.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 203 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

* DISMISSAL

* OUR GOING FORTH "Alleluia"

POSTLUDE

"Tersanctus"

Lorenz

* Standing In Worship

MINISTRY TOGETHER

TODAY

9:00 S.S. Assembly - Songs + Sharing
9:15 Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
10:15 Coffee Fellowship
Choir Rehearsal
10:45 Worship Hour
3:00 Memorial Service
6:00 College Student Supper - Parsonage

MONDAY

7:00 Boy Scout Troop 393 Mtng.

TUESDAY

7:00 Bible & Prayer Fellowship-VanBrimmers

7:00 Watchcare Ministry - J. Richards

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

7:00 Watchcare Ministry - L. Faulk

SATURDAY

8:30 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Micah Stoner, Organist Jean Spike, Pianist Betty Porter, Lay Leader Cynthia Bland, Choir Director W. C. Wickum, Children's Church Leader Carol Grubbs, Pastor Gene Gillin.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week: Lana Palmer(13), Beth Linn(17); Missionaries: Robert Coats, Thailand(13) Dr. Fred Downs, India(15) Susanne Powers, India(16) Nancy James, Haiti(17) Dorothy Noyes, Japan(17); Bereavement: The family of Pastor Stephenson.

MEMORIAL SERVICE * JAMES B. STEPHENSON * 1918-1990

In loving memory of our former Pastor James "Steve" Stephenson who served First Baptist faithfully from 1947-1987 and suffered a severe stroke at home on Tuesday, died on Thursday at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, friends and family will gather this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary to remember "Steve" - his faith, his friendship and his significant ministry in our midst.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MEETING - February 18, 2:30 PM at the Willis School with Program Chrm. Linda White and Hostesses Lana Palmer and Karen Stoner. A program on Patchwork Profiles invites our women to bring to the meeting a personal piece of patchwork to share and compare. The Mission Spotlight will fall on our work in Alaska. Come and bring a friend.

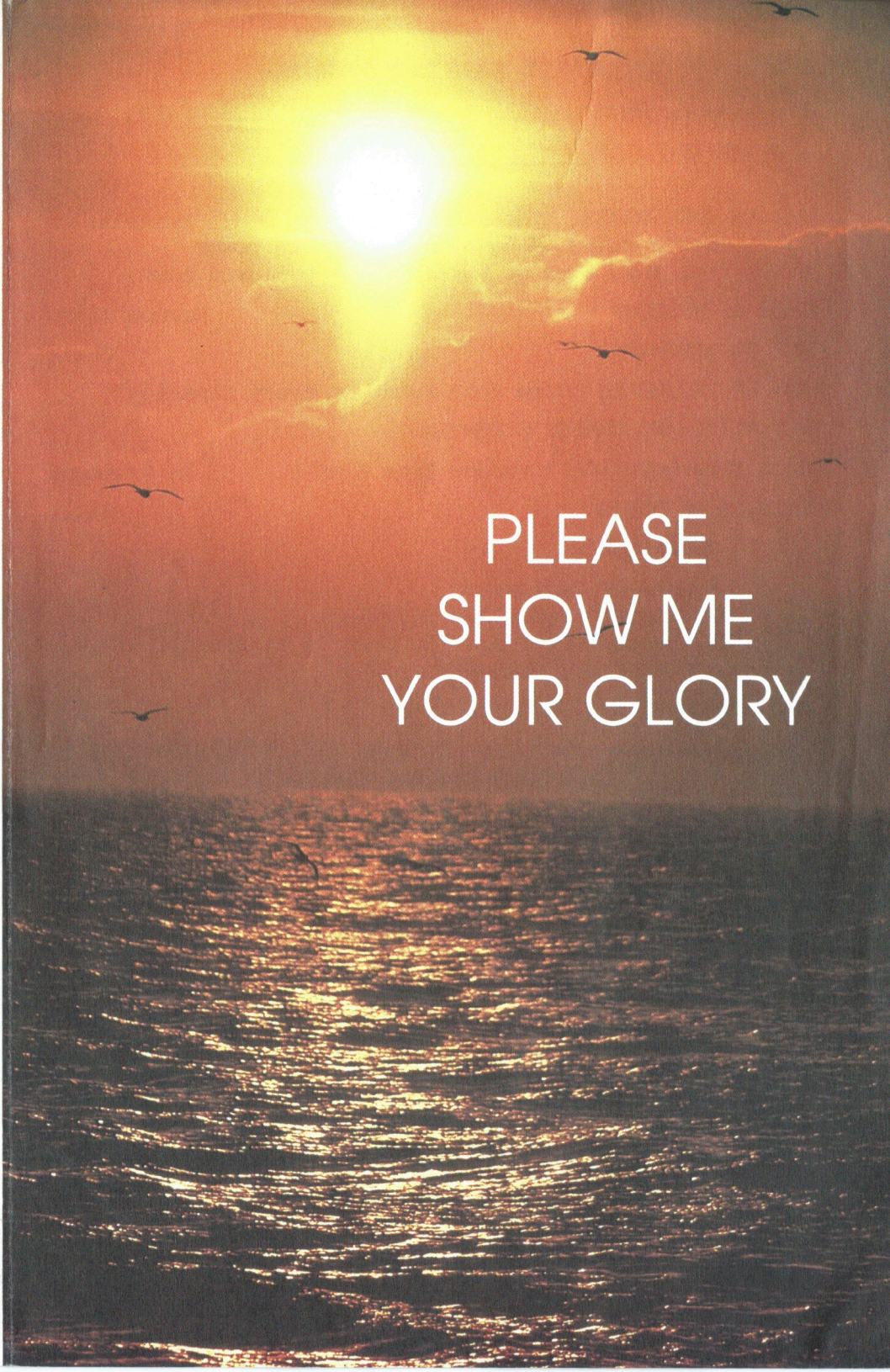
Please show me your glory
(Exodus 33:18)

The sea is open wide, no land to be seen anywhere. The land is like a desert, no water to be seen anywhere. "Please, show me your glory," we ask.

There is ice everywhere, and it is so cold. The earth is parched from the heat, and there is no cool breeze in sight. "Please, show me your glory," again we ask.

How often God is leading us, calling us, his people, and blessing us as we grumble. We only see the sea, or the land, or the ice, or the parched earth. But God sees it all. We may not always see the sun, but it is shining. God's presence will be with us and, if we believe, God will give us rest. And then on that day, we shall say in our hearts, "Thank you, God, for showing us your glory. How great Thou art!"

*Rev. Robert F. Mennefee
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Educational Ministries*



PLEASE
SHOW ME
YOUR GLORY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

FEBRUARY 18, 1990

PRELUDE AND PRAYER "Hear My Prayer" Mendelssohn
 Jesus stand among us in Thy risen power
 Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

WORDS OF WELCOME Deacon Bland

CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

HYMN OF PRAISE 28 "Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

INVOCATION AND CHRIST'S PRAYER

GOD'S HOLY WORD 662 "Freedom From Sin" In Response

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Choir

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Prayer Of Dedication
 Giving Of Tithes And Offerings
 A Musical Offering "The Lord Is Mindful Of His Own"
 An Offertory Song 583

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

MORNING MESSAGE Mark 2:1-12; John 8:2-11 Pastor Gillin
 "Forgiveness And Freedom"

OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PRAYER
 Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart
 Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHP
 Every worship service should result in a commitment
 to God. If your commitment involves a decision for
 Christ and His Church, come forward as we sing.

HYMN OF RESPONSE 266 "Softly And Tenderly"
 Choir sings Stanza 1+2, Congregation sings 3+4

DISMISSAL

OUR GOING FORTH "Alleluia" Choir And Cong.
 Thus with quickened footsteps we pursue our way
 Watching for the dawning of eternal day.

POSTLUDE "The Heavens Declare His Glory" Beethoven

MINISTRY TOGETHER

TODAY 9:00 S.S. Assembly - Songs + Sharing
 9:15 Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
 10:15 Coffee Fellowship
 Choir Rehearsal
 10:45 Worship Hour
 2:30 American Baptist Women - Willis Schl.
 7:00 College Student Supper - Parsonage

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 393 Mtng.
 7:00 Parish Council Mtng.

TUESDAY 7:00 Watchcare Ministry - B. Turney
 7:00 Bible + Prayer Time - VanBrimmers

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 7:00 Watchcare Ministry - M. Smale

FRIDAY 6:00 B.Y.F. Lock-In + Rock-A-Thon

SATURDAY 9:00 Jr. High Extravaganza - Marion

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week: Willard Fogle(23); Missionaries: Fred Pitman, CA(18) Vicky Stewart, MT(19) William Brammer, PA(21); Bereavement: The Stephenson Family; Church Growth: Goals & Objectives; Youth: Mission Rock-A-Thon.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Matthew Lovell, Organist Marcia Augspurger, Choir Director W. C. Wickum, Lay Leader Cynthia Bland, Children's Church Leader Carol Grubbs, Pianist Betty Porter, Pastor Gene Gillin.

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MTNG., March 11, 12:00 A.M.
 On behalf of the Church Growth Task Force, the Pastor is calling the congregation to a special business session to examine and act upon the recommendations for goals and objectives in church growth. PLAN AHEAD!!!

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MTNG., Today, 2:30 P.M. at the Willis School. Program: Patchwork Profiles led by Linda White - Our women are asked to bring a piece of patchwork to the meeting to share and compare. Hostesses: Karen Stoner + Lana Palmer. Mission Focus: Alaska.

YOUTH ROCK-A-THON - Friday, 6:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall...
 Twelve hours of lock-in fellowship with the Radnor B.C. and F.B.C. Youth rockin to raise \$1,000 for our Baptist Mission in Haiti. Please make your money pledge per hour to our youth today and this week in support of their fine missionary program. Sign up with Beth Trigg to serve on the Adult Support Staff for a few hours 6:00 PM-6:00 AM.

**You are the body of Christ
and individually members of it.**
(1 Corinthians 12:27)

Confusion reigned at the supper table. It was my first meal in this great house. Never before had I heard such commotion, seen such a large table or eaten with so many people. Suddenly, Uncle Reu entered the room, took his seat and lifted high his water glass. Silence. "To your health," he said, and the feast began.

I was five years old, frightened, and a long way from home. Mom said these folks were relatives, but I was not so sure!

What would bring a bashful child so far, and to so trying an hour as this?

I came to the table from need... for I was hungry. And I came by way of many invitations — from Uncle Reu and my cousins, Roger and Bill. They had brought me closer and closer in an interplay of need, curiosity, invitation and opportunity. But, at the last moment, I needed something more. Frightened, preoccupied and unsure, it was Aunt Catherine's gracious smile that compelled me to join in the feast.

Our American Baptist family has been called by God to be an inviting — even compelling — people. The America for Christ Offering supports the inviting ministries of the thirty-six Regions, Educational Ministries and National Ministries. Throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, our American Baptist family seeks to bring people to Christ's table. And each one of us has a part in this "great commotion."

1990 America for Christ Offering Scripture basis is Luke 14:16-23.

*Dr. Dennis D. Hatfield
Executive Minister
American Baptist Churches of Nebraska*

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individually members of it*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

MARCH 4, 1990

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

"Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind" Blake

WORDS OF WELCOME Deacon Turney

CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

LITANY OF INVITATION Luke 14:16f

Leader: Come to the banquet! Come to the feast!

Pastor: To all who have been invited, Come along!

People: All is now ready. All is prepared.
We await your presence.

Leader: There was a man who gave a great banquet
and he invited a large number of people.

People: and still there is room.

Pastor: Go out into the streets and alleys of the
city and bring in the poor and crippled,
the blind and the lame.

People: and still there is room.

Pastor: Go to the highways and hedges and compel
them to come in.

People: and still there is room.

Leader: The invitation in our hands is sincere.
Your name is printed on it. Your presence
is respectfully requested. It won't be
the same without YOU!

HYMN OF PRAISE 85 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

INVOCATION AND CHRIST'S PRAYER

GOD'S HOLY WORD 667 "Humility And Exaltation"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "God So Loved The World" J. Stainer

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

1990 America For Christ Love Offering
[The government defines a citizen as someone
who has what it takes! You can have control
over what it takes by wise giving to the
building of God's Kingdom.]

Prayer Of Dedication

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Giving Of Tithes And Offerings

A Musical Offering "Peace In My Soul" Paxton

An Offertory Song 583 "We Give Thee Thine Own"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Meditation Phil. 1:9+10 Pastor Gillin
"And it is my prayer that your love may be more
rich in knowledge and all manner of insight,
enabling you to have a sense of what is vital."

The Offering Fellowship Fund

The Hymn 359 "More Love To Thee"

The Scriptures

Thanksgiving For The Bread

Thanksgiving For The Cup

Circle And Hymn 207(1) "Blest Be The Tie"

Passing The Peace Of Christ

POSTLUDE "Be Thou Exalted" Nordman

GET ACQUAINTED TIME Coffee And Conversation

TODAY 9:00 S. S. Assembly - Songs + Sharing

9:15 Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages

10:45 Worship Hour - The Lord's Supper

5:00 Diaconate Mtng.

MON. 7:00 Scout Troop 393 Mtng.

TUES. 7:00 Prayer & Bible Flshp. N. Sheets Apt.
Watchcare Ministry J. Richards

WED. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

THURS. 7:00 Peace Camp Planning Mtng.
Watchcare Ministry L. Faulk

FRI. 7:00 B. Y. F. State Convention, Youngstown

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Micah Stoner, Organist
Betty Porter, Lay Leader Ben Turney, Choir Director W.C.
Wickum, Children's Church Leader Pamela Faulk, Nursery
Leader Carol Grubbs, Pastor Gene Gillin.

“The creation waits in eager longing for the revealing of the sons [children] of God.”

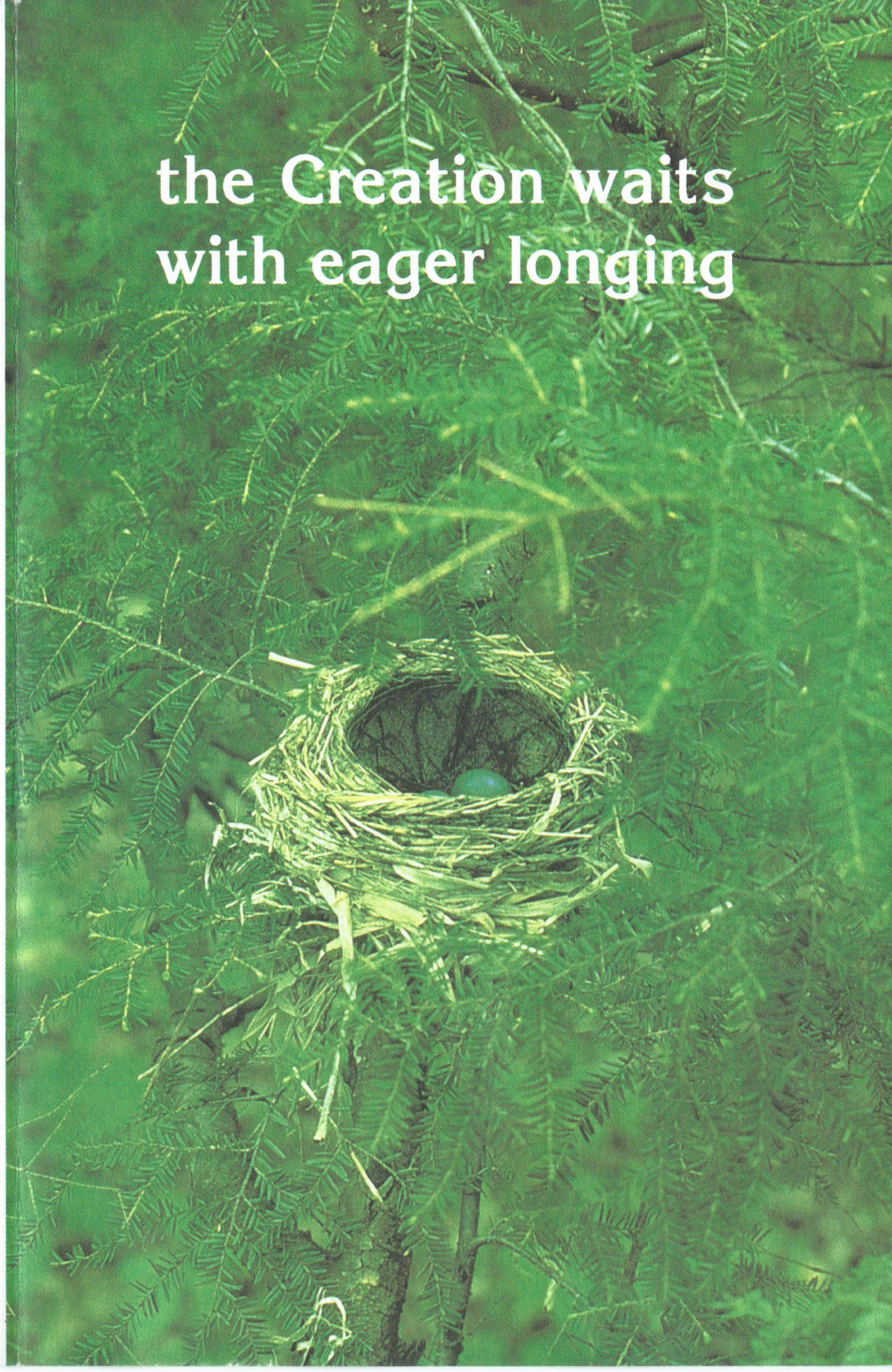
(Romans 8:19)

What is the whole creation expecting to see as it waits for the children of God to be revealed? A study published by the Association of Theological Schools in 1975 found that several thousand persons surveyed gave high priority to the following qualities in professional church leaders:

- Sensitive interpretation and teaching of the gospel in contemporary life
- Drawing attention to God’s Word and Person when preaching, teaching and leading worship
- Reaching out to persons under stress with perception, sensitivity and warmth
- Sharpening already keen intelligence through continual theological study
- Acting to build a strong sense of community within a congregation

Even though this study is fifteen years old, these qualities still seem essential for effective ministry. American Baptist seminaries are places where faculty, administration and students work toward an educational experience that will build these qualities into the lives of their graduates. These seminaries are: American Baptist Seminary of the West, Andover Newton Theological School, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, Morehouse School of Religion, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, and The School of Theology, Virginia Union University.

**the Creation waits
with eager longing**



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

MARCH 11, 1990

PRELUDE AND PRAYER "Introduction" Handel
 CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS Deacon Turney
 CALL TO WORSHIP Choir
 LITANY OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Welcome to the feast! Welcome to the banquet!
 Welcome to your place at the table. We've been
 waiting for you, anticipating your presence.

Leader: Welcome to this place of community! There are
 no strangers here, for this is a place of belonging.

People: Come to the head of the table! Come to the place
 of honor! Come, because we recognize you here as a
 person of value! Come, those without rank, those with-
 out position, those without honor, those without fame,
 for here at this place, you are an honored guest!

Pastor: You are a gifted person and you have much to
 offer us, as we have much to offer you. WELCOME!

HYMN OF PRAISE 3 "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee"

INVOCATION AND CHRIST'S PRAYER

GOD'S HOLY WORD 620 In Response

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Beneath The Cross Of Jesus" Chesterton

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Money is important to you. With it you can
 support those things that are more import-
 ant than money.

1990 America For Christ Offering

Prayer Of Dedication

Giving Of Tithes And Offerings

A Musical Offering "Interlude"

An Offertory Song Tune: Amazing Grace

What can we offer for the grace we find in ev'ry day?
 How can we show the love we know? Can we God's love
 repay? We simply offer what is yours - The fruits of
 what You give enables us to make these gifts - Signs
 of the love we live. O let your love work unity -

Unite us all as one. Unite our hopes, our dreams,
 our lives - In the life of Your Son.

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

[Those who wish to attend the Children's Church
 may come forward at this time.]

MORNING MESSAGE Matthew 16:16 Pastor Gillin

OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

[Those who desire to take a step of faith with
 Christ and His Church today are invited to come
 forward. The Pastor will meet you at the front.]

HYMN OF RESPONSE 338 "Lord I Want To Be A Christian"

OUR GOING FORTH "Alleluia"

POSTLUDE "Postlude" Durante

TODAY	9:00	S. S. Assembly - Songs + Sharing
	9:15	Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
	10:15	Coffee Fellowship
	10:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45	Worship Hour
	11:45	Congregational Business Session
	7:00	Church Growth Task Force Mtng.
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scout Troop 393 Mtng.
TUESDAY	7:00	Watchcare Ministry - B. Turney
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	Prayer + Bible Fellowship - Turneys
THURSDAY	7:30	American Baptist Women's Mtng.
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Fellowship Breakfast Mtng.
	9:30	Recycling Collection

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week:

Evan Trigg(12) David Lovell(18); Missionaries:
 Catherine Holmes, India(11) Sandra Schoeninger, India(17)
 Norma Hudspith, Thailand(17); Church Growth Goals;
 B.Y.F. Convention, Youngstown(Beth+Debbie).

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Richard Davis, Organist
 Marcia Augspurger, Lay Leader Ben Turney, Choir Director
 W. C. Wickum, Nursery Leader Carol Grubbs, Children's
 Church Leader Pamela Faulk, Pastor Gene Gillin.

“You will deny me three times.”

(Matthew 26:75)

Oh Peter, I think, how sad Our Lord must have been when he said these words. To know that even you, for whom he had done so much, would disappoint him not just once, but three times. Then I look at my own life and I quickly see that Jesus could just as easily say the same words to me and be just as disappointed by my actions. And I am not so critical of Peter.

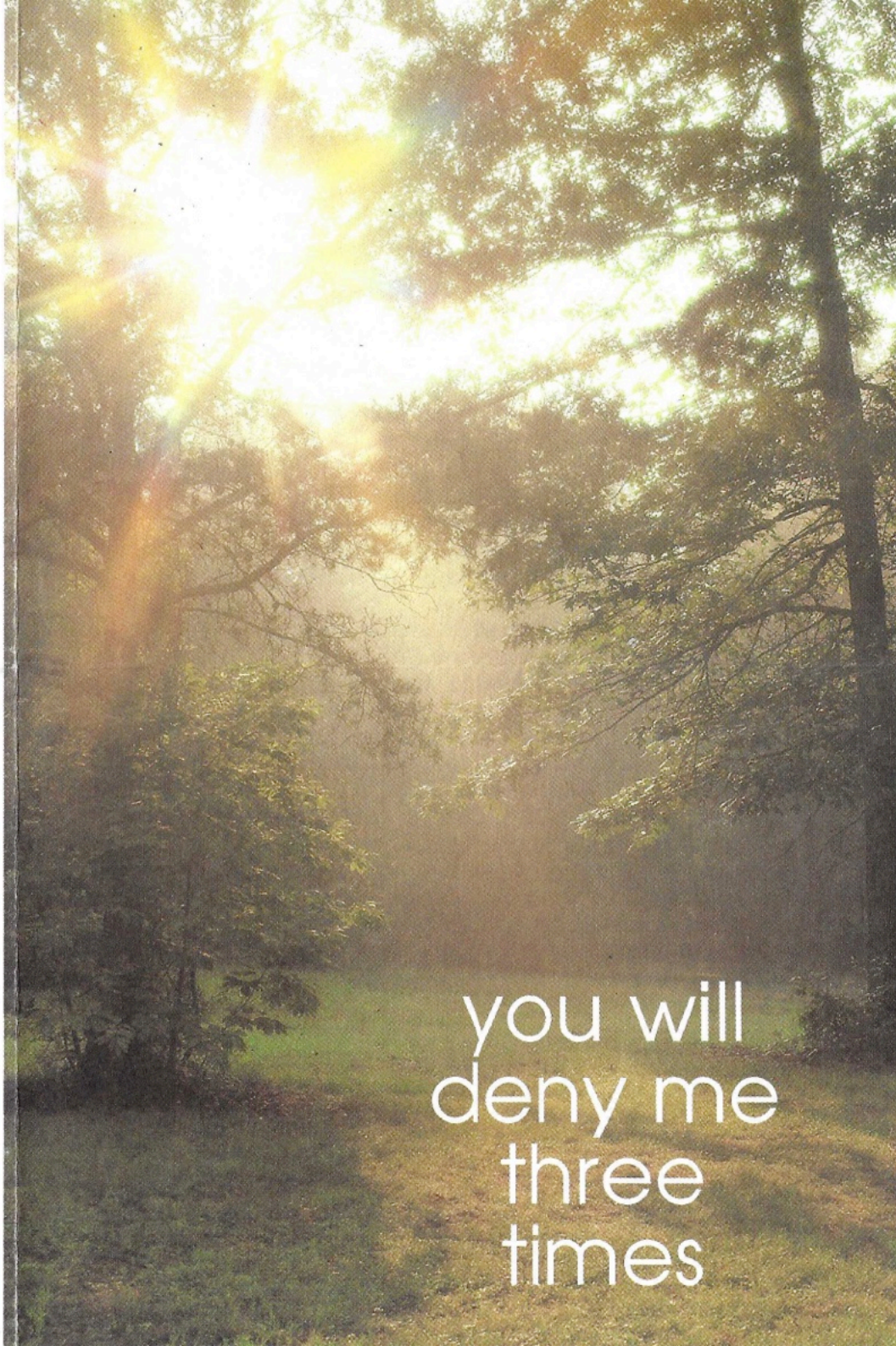
Trying to keep an appointment in a neighboring town one frosty Saturday morning, I got completely lost and found myself in an area that made me very nervous. I became increasingly frightened as I realized I had no idea where I was. I only knew it was “the wrong part of town” and a place I didn’t want to be. I began concentrating intently on finding my way out. Turning a corner, I saw a man lying by the side of the road, obviously drunk. I realized that I should check to make sure that he was not injured, but, fearing for my own safety, I simply drove on. Back in the security of my home, I was haunted by what I had done. I, like Peter, had been too concerned for myself to do what I knew was right. *Denied once.*

I argued with my son over something trivial. I knew even at the time that it wasn’t worth quarreling about, but I was stubborn and so was he. I ended up saying some very harsh things. I could see the pain in his eyes; I chose to ignore it and continued the argument. Like Peter, I put myself first at the expense of someone I love very much: *Denied twice.*

Waiting to pay for my gasoline at the mini-mart, I listened as the young man in front of me almost pleaded with the cashier to give him his money back for some cat food he said he had purchased there earlier. At first patiently, and then more irritatedly, she explained to him a number of times the store’s policy on accepting returns only if accompanied with a sales receipt. It was obvious that the young man was mentally impaired and quite poor. I stood by as, angry and confused, he finally gave up and stormed out the door. I was right there. He needed the money. I had extra cash on me. I could so simply have said, “I’ll buy your cat food.” But I did nothing. Like Peter, I was slow to see my responsibility and act on it. *Denied three times.*

I have promised myself, dedicated myself to Jesus Christ. Yet I, for whom he has done so much, have denied him over and over by my failures to do as I know he would want me to. And so I, like Peter, must rely on the infinite love and the boundless grace of a God who accepts me back after each denial, not just once, twice, three times, but endlessly.

*Val Gittings
West Shore Baptist Church
Camp Hill, PA*

A photograph of a sunlit forest path. The sun is shining through the trees, creating a bright, hazy glow. The path is covered in fallen leaves and grass. The text "you will deny me three times" is overlaid in white, lowercase letters on the right side of the image.

you will
deny me
three
times

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

MARCH 25, 1990

PRELUDE AND PRAYER "I Love To Tell The Story"
"I Need Thee Every Hour"

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Deacon Turney

CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

HYMN OF PRAISE 317 "Blessed Assurance"

INVOCATION AND CHRIST'S PRAYER

A READING "Guidelines For Bold Speaking" Beth Trigg

A LITANY Psalm 40 Ben Turney

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord's help;
then He listened to me and heard my cry.

People: He pulled me out of a dangerous pit, out of the
deadly quicksand. He set me safely on a rock
and made me secure.

Leader: He taught me to sing a new song,
a song of praise to our God.

People: Many who see this will take warning and
will put their trust in the Lord.

Leader: Happy are those who trust the Lord,
who do not turn to idols or join those
who worship false gods.

People: You have done many things for us, O Lord our
God, there is no one like you! You have made
many wonderful plans for us. I could never speak
of them all - their number is so great!

Leader: In the assembly of all your people, Lord,
I told the good news that you save us.
You know that I will never stop telling it.

People: I have not kept the news of salvation to myself;
I have always spoken of your faithfulness and help.

All: In the assembly of all your people, I have not
been silent about your loyalty and constant love.

THE WORD OF GOD Isaiah 12:2-6 Lana Palmer

TESTIMONIALS

Testimony In Song Choir

Testimony In Word Shirley Parker

Hymn 435(1) "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Testimony In Word Kirby Francis

Testimony In Word Ben Turney

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Prayer Of Dedication

Giving Of Tithes And Offerings

A Musical Offering "Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus"

Offertory Song 348(1) "Nearer My God To Thee"

Testimony In Word Beth And Emily Trigg

THE WORD OF GOD 2 Peter 1:19-21 Lana Palmer

Testimony In Song Karen Stoner

Testimony In Word Jim VanBrimmer

Other Testimonies Congregation

YOU MAY BE GOD'S PERSON OF THE HOUR

Doubt your doubts

Believe your beliefs

Press forward in faith

You're really dynamite - R. Campbell

CALL TO COMMITMENT Beth Trigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE 385 "Take My Life And Let It Be"

DISMISSAL POSTLUDE

TODAY	9:00	S. S. Assembly - Songs + Sharing
	9:15	Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
	10:15	Coffee Fellowship
	10:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45	Worship Hour
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scout Troop 393 Mtng.
TUESDAY	7:00	Prayer + Bible Fellowship - Richards
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	7:00	Watchcare Ministry - L. Faulk
	8:00	Jeremiah People Ministry - Gray Chapel

Getwell -
Birthdays -

When Things Are Not as They Seem

When we were children, many of us delighted to say on April 1, "Your shoes are untied!" And then, with laughter, say "April fool!" Things were not as they seemed.

To anyone reading only chapter 27 of Matthew's Gospel, the crucifixion event seems to be final. After the counsel of the chief priests, the travesty of a trial, and the mockery of the mob, the tomb where Jesus' body had been placed was sealed and guarded. It seemed as if might had triumphed over right. But things were not as they seemed.

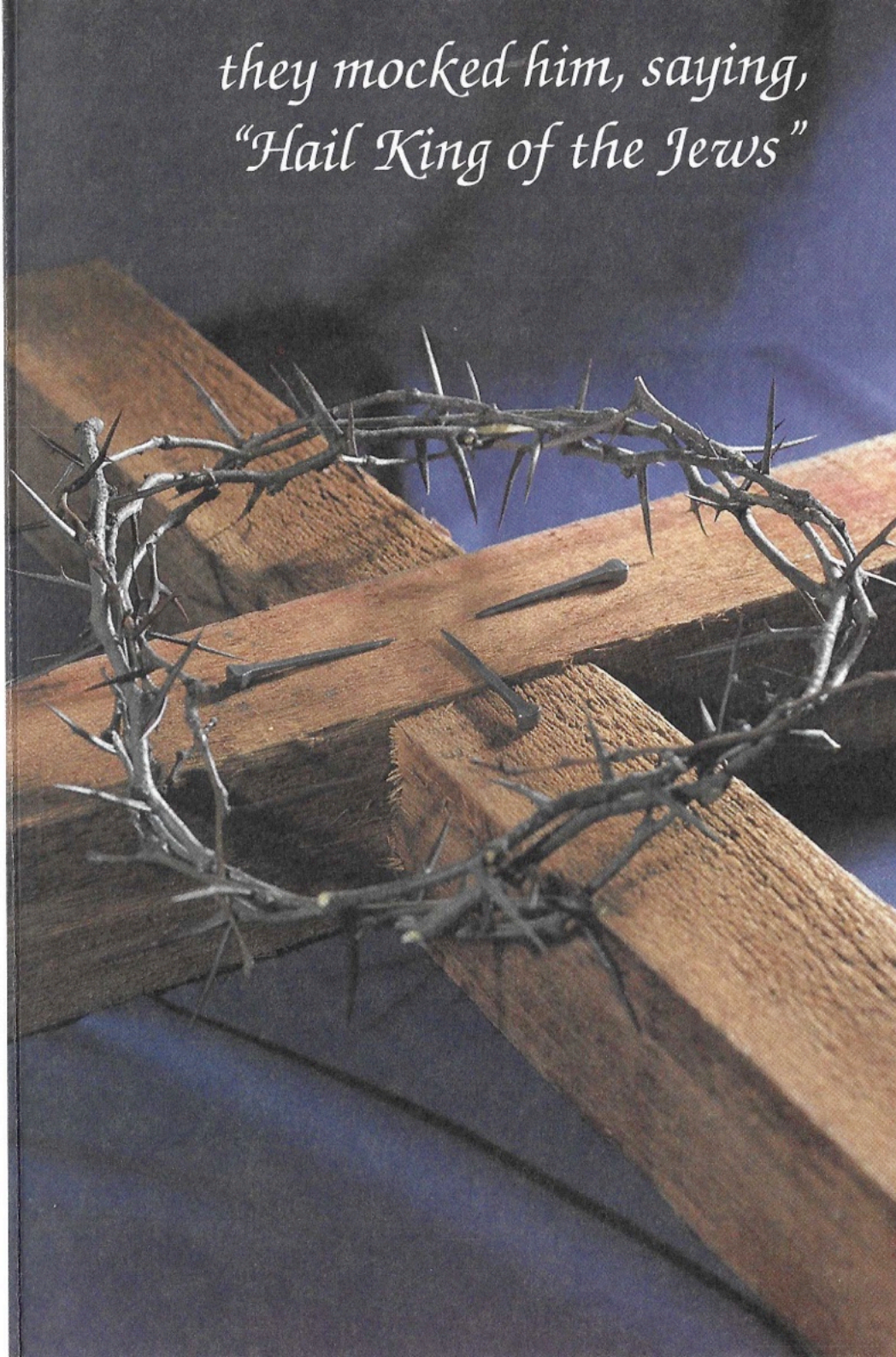
A church school class of one person may not seem important or even necessary, but each one is important in God's sight. Blessed are the faithful teachers who appreciate the importance of one person!

A small church in a country or town may not seem to be essential, or efficient, or effective but, it may produce more Christian workers, or have a larger per capita giving ratio, or make a greater impact on the lives of worshipers than congregations many times its size. Blessed are the faithful pastors and people whose witness continued in small-membership congregations! Things are not always as they seem.

Our vision, trust, and faith in Jesus Christ go beyond outward appearances. When we read Matthew 28 we realize things were not as they seemed. We are challenged to live our lives in response to the resurrected Christ and to the great commission.

*Ruth L. Spencer
Merrill's Grove Baptist Church
(Fiscus) Audubon, IA*

*they mocked him, saying,
"Hail King of the Jews"*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

APRIL 1, 1990

UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Keep silence, friend, for some have come to cast their
care on God, and some to praise from thankful hearts -
And some, "Thy Kingdom come" to pray. Keep silence -
Let Him speak anew to every heart, perhaps to you.

PRELUDE AND PRAYER "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

WORDS OF WELCOME

Deacon Faulk

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir

HYMN OF PRAISE 32 "How Great Thou Art"

INVOCATION AND CHRIST'S PRAYER

HYMN 150(1+2) "Ivory Palaces"

GOD'S HOLY WORD 612 "The Lamb Of God"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Worthy Is The Lamb"

Wyrzten

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Prayer Of Dedication

Giving Of Tithes And Offerings

A Musical Offering "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Offertory Song 345 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

[Those who wish to attend the Children's Church may
come forward on the last stanza.]

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

CHRISTIAN COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Meditation

The Offering

Hymn Of Preparation 260 "Just As I Am"

The Scriptures 626

Pastor Gillin
Fellowship Fund

In Response

Thanksgiving For The Bread

Thanksgiving For The Cup

Fellowship Circle And Hymn 207(1)

POSTLUDE "At The Cross"

GET ACQUAINTED TIME

Coffee And Conversation

MINISTRY TOGETHER

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10:45 Worship Hour - The Lord's Supper
11:45 Coffee Fellowship
4:00 Deacons + Bd. C. E. Mtng.
5:00 Diaconate Mtng.
6:00 Parsonage Supper Mtng.

MONDAY

7:00 Pastoral Relations Committee Mtng.
7:00 Boy Scout Troop 393 Mtng.

TUESDAY

7:00 Prayer + Bible Fellowship - Linns

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

7:00 Peace Camp Planning Mtng.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week: Adam
Mowery(2), W. C. Wickum(4); Missionaries: Gene Gregory,
NJ(1), J. Francisco Litardo, RI(2), Robert Wallace,
KS(6); Membership: Kirby Francis from Bryn Zion B.C.,
Mt. Gilead; Victor Fogle, Jarrod Trigg by baptism;
Church Growth: Objectives.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Erin Faulk, Pianist
Sue Heston, Lay Leader Larry Faulk, Choir Director
W. C. Wickum, Pastor Gene Gillin.

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT MARCH - Tonight... by women of the
O.W.U. and Delaware community... 7:30 Pre-March Rally
in Gray Chapel....8:15 One mile march through Delaware
followed by refreshments at the M.U.B. Child Care
provided at O.W.U.

SCHOLA CANTORUM - a METHESCO Campus Choir will sing a
Lenten Worship Service of the Lord's Supper on Tuesday,
April 3, 8:00 p.m. in the Centrum.

DELAWARE CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH CHECK
Saturday, April 7, 9:00-2:00, OWU Branch Rickey Arena.

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST - We welcome all visitors who
are with us today. Our congregation offers you resources
for spiritual help and guidance. If you would like to
make this your Church home, we invite you to come forward
during the Hymn of Preparation. To this service of remem-
brance, all Christians are welcome, without distinction
of creed or church.


**“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of
the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest!”
(Luke 19:38)**

It was time to cheer and celebrate. A spontaneous parade began to form. Dogs barked. Little children shouted as the parade gained momentum. The shouts of a few attracted the attention of many. Palm branches quickly torn from trees along the way were held in the hands of the welcoming throng. Even those who had no idea who Jesus was, knew that something important and exciting was happening. The crowd grew along with the excitement.

But the joyous welcome of Jesus would soon be over. The crowd shouting loud “Hosannas” would soon be shouting “Crucify him!”

The message of Jesus was too radical for many religious people of the first century. It had to be silenced. The message is still radical: sell all you have, give to the poor, release the captives, set at liberty those who are oppressed... these are radical demands of Jesus for late twentieth-century disciples too. Are we still willing to cheer and follow? Following Jesus means taking up our cross daily in the workplace, at school, in community groups, and in our church. Will we continue to cheer and follow? Or will we find excuses to quit the celebration? Jesus calls us and invites us to radical discipleship. How will we respond?

*Richard E. Chorley
Minister of Christian Education
Watts Street Baptist Church
Durham, North Carolina*



**Blessed is the King
who comes in the name
of the Lord**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

APRIL 8, 1990

HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID!

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

PRELUDE AND PRAYER "Beneath The Cross Of Jesus" Maker

WORDS OF WELCOME Deacon Faulk

CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

HYMN OF PRAISE 131 "All Glory, Laud And Honor"

INVOCATION AND CHRIST'S PRAYER

GOD'S HOLY WORD 625 "The Triumphal Entry"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Prepare The Way, O Zion" Johnson

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Prayer Of Dedication

Giving Of Tithes And Offerings

A Musical Offering

Offertory Song 508 "I Gave My Life For Thee"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

MORNING MESSAGE Luke 19:28-38 Pastor Gillin

OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PRAYER

MINISTRY IN SONG "When The Evening Was Come"

HYMN OF RESPONSE 155 "Hallelujah! What A Savior"

[Those who wish to take a step of faith with Christ
and His Church today may come forward during the hymn.
The Pastor will meet you at the front.]

DISMISSAL

OUR GOING FORTH "Alleluia"

POSTLUDE "O Could I Speak The Matchless Words" Mozart

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

BLESSED BE THE KING WHO COMES IN
THE NAME OF THE LORD!

MINISTRY TOGETHER

TODAY	9:00	S. S. Assembly - Songs + Sharing
	9:15	Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
	10:15	Coffee Fellowship
	10:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45	Worship Hour
	4:30	Deacons Planning Mtng.
	5:30	Fellowship Supper - Kent Beittel
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scout Troop 393 Mtng.
	7:00	Trustees Mtng.
TUESDAY	7:00	Prayer + Bible Study Mtng. - Triggs
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00	Church Growth Worship Objectives Mtng.
THURSDAY	7:30	Maundy Thursday Candlelight Communion
FRIDAY	12:00	Community Worship Service - St. Mary's
SUNDAY	8:00	Early Worship
	8:30	Breakfast
	9:00	S. S. Easter Program
	10:45	Worship

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week: Abby Brown(12), Marge Smale(16); Missionaries: Orville Chapman Zaire(10) Dr. Stephen James, Haiti(11); Membership: Kirby Francis from Bryn Zion B.C., Mt. Gilead, Jarrod Trigg, Victor Fogle by baptism; Fellowship Supper With Kent Beittel; Church Growth Task Force Objectives.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Matthew Lovell, Pianist Sue Heston, Lay Leader Larry Faulk, Choir Director W. C. Wickum, Nursery Leader Pam Faulk, Children's Church Leader Jean Wickum, Soloist Jeanne Ekelberry, Pastor Gene Gillin.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING TONIGHT WITH KENT BEITTEL

At 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, our Adult Bible Classes are sponsoring a Salad + Sandwich Supper Program with a presentation by Kent Beittel, Director of the Columbus Open Shelter Program. Do come and bring a friend, a salad or some coffee for the Open Shelter.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER

If you would like to provide an Easter lily for the beauty of the sanctuary next Sunday, please contact Jim Stephenson. We would like to include the name of your loved one in the worship bulletin.

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I HAVE SEEN THE LORD (John 20:18)

How often we have responded to new experiences in predictable and routine ways and in so doing have missed the revelation of the Lord.

As a fledgling minister, I remember one occasion when I pronounced that some individuals regress so far in their behavior that they become as helpless as little babies, impossible for God to restore them to their former selves.

A young woman spoke up and said:

I was one of those persons. For three years I was housed at a mental hospital in a ward for untreatable patients. One day a new nurse appeared. She sat at my bedside for fifteen minutes each day and spoke to me of how God loved everyone, even me. I lay curled up in a fetal position on my bed and never responded. On the twenty-fifth day of her visits, I sat up in my bed and spit at her until the saliva ran down her face. When I stopped she calmly wiped her face, walked over to the window where each day she had opened the Bible to a passage of scripture she hoped I might read, and selected another verse. I was certain she would never return. But to my surprise and unbelievable hope, she returned the next day and spoke to me as she had always done. It took eight more days of her visits before I had the courage to speak to her. Over the weeks and months that followed, I slowly regained my rational self. This, all because a loving person became the expression of God's love.

Not only had this young woman seen the Lord through the loving care of a nurse, but this pastor recognized that nothing is beyond the power of God's love.

Charles N. Forsberg
Royersford Baptist Church
Royersford, PA

I have seen the Lord!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

APRIL 15, 1990

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

"He Shall Feed His Flock" Handel
"God So Loved The World" Stainer

WORDS OF WELCOME

Deacon Faulk

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir

HYMN OF PRAISE 163 "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

INVOCATION AND CHRIST'S PRAYER

RESPONSE

Choir + Congregation

He is Lord, He is Lord.

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess,
that Jesus Christ is Lord!

You are Lord, You are Lord

GOD'S HOLY WORD 623 "The Risen Lord"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "A Carol For Easter"

Rasley

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Prayer Of Dedication

Giving Of Tithes And Offerings

A Musical Offering "Near The Cross"

Doane

Offertory Song 165 "Christ Arose"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

Jean Wickum

MINISTRY IN SONG "Praise We Our God"

Vulpis

THE SCRIPTURES

THE PRAYERS

THE EASTER MESSAGE

Hebrews 12:1+2

Pastor Gillin

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the Good News which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day: and that He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve and to many faithful witnesses.

We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen!

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those who wish to take a step of faith with Christ and His Church today are invited to come forward during the hymn. The Pastor will meet you at the front.

HYMN OF RESPONSE 166 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

DISMISSAL

Pastor: The peace of our Lord be with you all.

People: And with you.

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters, Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed, Hallelujah!

Pastor: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those fallen asleep.

People: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: May God who gives us peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, fit us by every blessing to do His will, and make of us what He would have us be through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever! Amen.

OUR GOING FORTH

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,

Because He lives, all fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

POSTLUDE

"Hallelujah Chorus - The Messiah"

Handel

MINISTRY TOGETHER

TODAY	8:00	Easter Worship
	8:30	Buffet Breakfast
	9:00	S. S. Easter Program
	10:15	Coffee Fellowship
	10:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45	Easter Worship
	7:00	Service Of Dedication And Baptism
MON.	7:00	Boy Scout Troop 393 Mtng.
TUES.	7:00	Prayer + Bible Study Mtng. - Triggs
WED.	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00	Bd. C. E.
THURS.	7:30	Julian Of Norwich
SAT.	8:30	Men's Fellowship Breakfast

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week: Marge Smale(16) Missionaries: Herbert Rogers, FL(15) Dr. Bina Sawyer, Thailand(16) Joanna Hodges, Haiti(18) Leon Emmert, Zaire(20); Convalescence: Bernice Turney; Dedication: Bill and Jennifer Chaffin and Jeremy Tyler; Baptism: Victor Fogle + Jarrod Trigg; New Member: Kirby Francis; Church Growth Task Force: Objectives.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Barbara Lovell, Pianist Sue Heston, Organist Betty Porter, Choir Director W. C. Wickum, Nursery Leader Pamela Faulk, Children's Church Leader Jean Wickum, Duet: Stefanie + Karen Stoner, Pastor Gene Gillin, Lay Leader Larry Faulk.

JULIAN OF NORWICH - a dramatic presentation featuring the actress Vernagaye Sullivan, in our sanctuary, Thursday, 7:30 pm, sponsored jointly by O.W.U. + F.B.C. For more INFO see church newsletter or Cynthia Bland, 363-1327.

EASTER EVENING SERVICE

The Presentation Of Children To The Lord And
The Dedication Of Parents To Their Christian Nurture
Jeremy Tyler Chaffin will be presented by his
Parents, Bill and Jennifer Chaffin.
Grandparents - the Palmers and the Turneys.

The Ordinance Of Believer's Baptism will be
celebrated tonight when Victor Fogle and
Jarrod Trigg along with one from the Radnor
Baptist Church will confess their faith in
Christ as Savior and Lord.

How the Work of Christ Gets Done

If one will look, there are mission/stewardship texts to be found everywhere in God's Word. For example, look at Luke 8:1-3.

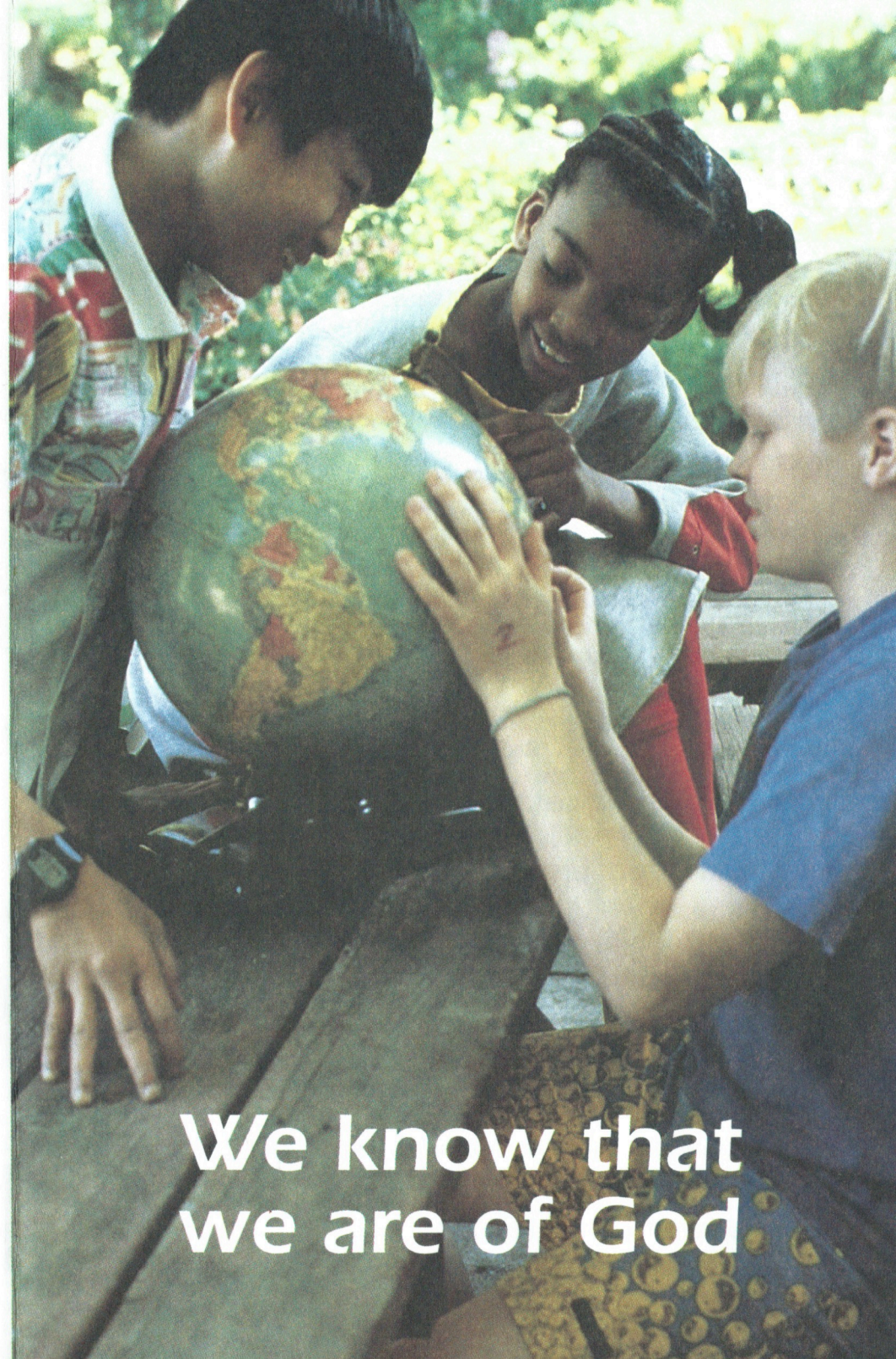
Here we find Jesus going to every city and village, preaching the glad tidings of the kingdom. That is the work of missions. With Jesus are those he had chosen to share his ministry. They were the first group of commissioned missionaries.

In the biblical picture we also discover with Jesus a group of those who had benefitted from his ministry and his power at work in their lives. Some, we are told, had been healed of evil spirits. Jesus dealt with their sin problem. And that is the work of missions. One had been healed of infirmities and sickness. And that is the work of missions. Another had been delivered from the power of evil and restored to joyous, purposeful living. And that is the work of missions. All had benefitted from Jesus' power at work to meet their deepest needs.

Luke tells us some of their names. There was Mary, and Joanna, and Susanna. And then he adds, "... and many others, who had provided for him from their substance." Some translations put it: "from their resources" or "from their private means." At the very beginning, the preaching, healing, delivering ministry of Jesus and his team of commissioned missionaries had been funded and made possible by those who had benefitted from Jesus' power at work to meet their needs and change their lives.

And that is still how the work of Christ gets done, at home and around the world.

*Floyd E. Brown
Minister of World Mission Support
The Ohio Baptist Convention
Granville, Ohio*



**We know that
we are of God**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

MAY 20, 1990

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

The organ prelude is a pathway to the presence of the Lord. Be reverent, silent, thoughtful, and as you pray for yourself, remember others who worship, who minister, and who do the work of Christ in the world.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Deacon Richards

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir

HYMN OF PRAISE "Alleluia! Sing To Jesus"

INVOCATION AND CHRIST'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Lord Triumphant"

Lanning

[The congregation will join the choir on stanzas 3+4.]

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, that you through his poverty might be rich. (2 Cor. 8:9)

The Scriptures 600 "Christian Stewardship"

Offertory Song 288 "Amazing Grace"

Prayer Of Dedication

Giving Of Tithes And Offerings

A Musical Offering

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Gillin

"John Wesley - Miracle of God's Grace"

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Every worship service should result in a commitment to God. If your commitment involves a decision for Christ and his Church, please come forward as the hymn is sung.

HYMN OF RESPONSE 240 "Marvelous Grace Of Our Loving Lord"

DISMISSAL

OUR GOING FORTH "Alleluia"

POSTLUDE

OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

TODAY	9:00	S. S. Assembly - Songs + Sharing
	9:15	Teaching Hour - Classes For All Ages
	10:15	Coffee Fellowship
		Choir Rehearsal
	10:45	Worship Hour
MON.	7:00	Boy Scout Troop 393 Mtng.
	7:00	Parish Council
TUES.	7:00	Prayer + Bible Fellowship
WED.	7:00	Choir Rehearsal

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - Celebrating this week:

Jean Wickum(24); Missionaries: Lois Bottemiller, Zaire(20) William MacPherson, Zaire(22) Stanley Murray, Japan(23) Merele Brown, Thailand(24) Irene Lamprecht, Europe(24) Anelise Smith, Zaire(24) Wayne Niles, France(26); Convalescence: Nellie Sheets; Healing: Dick Lee; Travel Safety: Cynthia Bland; Church Growth Outreach Programs.

MINISTERING TODAY - Candlelighter Marci Sander, Lay Leader John Richards, Choir Director W. C. Wickum, Children's Church Leader Carol Grubbs, Pastor Gene Gillin.

NEXT LORD'S DAY - Our guest minister on Memorial Day Weekend will be Chaplain Jim Miller. Please give your support to his ministry with us by your prayers and your attendance.

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST - We welcome all visitors who are with us today. Our Church offers you resources for spiritual help and guidance. If you would like to make First Baptist your church home, please indicate this on the card in the pew rack and present it with the offering, or bring it with you as you come forward during the hymn of response. The Pastor will be here to meet you at the front. Please join one of our Bible Classes for some small group fellowship next Sunday.

GOOD NEWS LETTER - Please take time this week to write a brief newsy report from your church board, committee, Bible class, auxiliary organization(A.B.M., A.B.W., and A.B.Y.) for the June Church Newsletter to be published for Sunday, June 3. One summer issue will be planned for July/August. And we thank you for your support!

GLENN HARDING

DOROTHE LANNING

Stanza 1 to be sung as refrain after stanzas 1-3-3



1. Lord Tri-um-phant march-ing on we hear Thy clar-ion call,
2. Christ Tri-um-phant go be-fore us set all cap-tives free.
3. Love Tri-um-phant true and joy-ous Je-sus Christ the way
4. Souls Tri-um-phant mov-ing Heavn-ward bear-ing high the flame.



After stanza 4. Thine the king-dom surg-ing thru us Broth-er-hood re-store

FINE



Join-ing ev-'ry tongue and peo-ple thru God's will in all,
 Christ re-deem-er hov-er o'er us make all blind to see.
 Bring-ing us the mes-sage glo-rious for this ho-ly day.
 Truth and light for-ev-er glow-ing glo-ri-fy Thy name.



Thine the pow'r and Thine the Glo-ry Thy will ev-er-more.



Lord take con-trol, O'er heart and soul,
 Take self a-way Teach us to pray,
 Day of the Lord, Ev-er a-dored,
 We fol-low on, From dark to dawn,



D.C. al Fine



Guid-ing each son of God to his true goal.
 For friend and foe a-like thru ev-'ry day.
 When men as broth-ers stand up-on His word.
 Lift-ing all na-tions to the Ho-ly One.



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See what love has been given us...

FORGIVING LOVE

What love God has given to us! We cannot find words to express the height, the width, the depth of God's love. To write God's love story for humanity would be an impossible challenge. It reaches beyond the capacity of tongue, pen or computer storage.

One crucial aspect of God's love is forgiveness. God refused to hold the sins of humanity against them forever. Repeatedly, God opened the door to the renewal of the covenant. When humanity's ability to be faithful failed, God sent Jesus Christ, the only Son. Jesus gave his life to pay for humanity's sin eternally opening the door for forgiveness and renewed relationship.

Christian families are called to model their ways of relating to one another on God's love pattern. Forgiveness should be a crucial aspect of the expression of family love.

There are times in family living when someone feels betrayed by other members of the family. Trust has been broken. The person feeling betrayed begins to question: "Should I ever trust this family again? When is the next time I will be let down? What has gone wrong in this relationship?"

In these situations forgiveness can bring hope. Forgiveness is more than exchanging a word formula. "I'm sorry!" "That's okay. Forget it!" Forgiveness involves the process of rebuilding trust and renewing the relationship.

If genuine forgiveness is to happen the family members must examine what happened and why. They must agree to relate differently! They must recovenant together in trustworthy love.

Living in absolutely trustworthy ways lies beyond the reach of humanity. Families are called to forgive not only once but until a forgiving pattern of relating is established. Through it all the Spirit of God dwells in and among us to empower us. What magnificent love has been given to us!

*Dr. Jan Chartier
American Baptist Churches
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The First Baptist Church
101 N. Franklin St.
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Childrens Day - June 10, 1980

Prelud ————— Tom Weaver
Good morning Announcements
Call to Worship ————— Stefanie Stoner
Hymn "I HAVE A Song THAT" p. 404
"In My Heart There ..."
Invocation And Lord's Prayer Pastor Gillen
Hymn Heavenly Sunshine (see enclosed sheet)
Response we Reading Jarrod Trigg
Special Music "This is The Day" Children's Choir
"Rise, Shine"
Offering ————— Pastor Gillen
Hymn "Fishers of Men" (see enclosed sheet)
Scripture ————— 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-12 Vic Fogle
Skits "Today?"
"Would you Believe?"
Sunday School Recognition & Promotion Pam Faulk
Hymn "Thank you Lord" (words enclosed)
Benediction ————— Pastor Gillen

Participating in the Service today:

Pastor - Gene Gillen
Organist - Tom Weaver
Childrens Choir - Natalie Griffith, Laura Mowery,

Adam Mowery, Emilie Trigg, Evan Trigg, Beth Davis, Richard Davis, Courtney Aleshare, Erin Faulk, Laura Neumann, Mackey Sander.

Accompanist for Childrens' Choir - Alesia Crabbs

Ushers - Micah Stover - Evan Trigg - Richard Davis, Adam Mowery

Presenting the Sunday School Classes and Teachers - Pam Faulk

Skit Participants - Steve Stover, Tim Stephenson, Larry Faulk, Jeff Faulk and Joe Mowery

Please join your church family immediately following the service for an "All Church Picnic" at Blue Horsehoe Park.

...through love be servants of one another.
(Galatians 5:13)

There was a time when I knew a lot more about parenting. I offered advice to parents; I offered workshops and courses for parents and children. Today I wouldn't think of engaging in any of that. What caused that change?

I became a parent. Plain and simple, becoming a father was a humbling experience. My wife and I were apart of the generation that decided to delay having children, and so we were married eleven years before becoming parents.

At first I tried to apply all those wonderful ideas and principles I had been teaching to others. But I found out that parenting is, well, "messy," while these principles and ideas apply to situations that are "clean and neat." The truth is that there is a lot about being a father or mother that is beyond comprehension. Why is it that no one can make you more angry than your child? And no one can as easily bring you to tears of pride? And no one is a greater cause for worry?

Why is it that no one else can say or do things that push my emotions to the extremes? No one else reminds me more of the value, worth, and fragile nature of life than my two children. Most of all, my children remind me that my control has limits — that I cannot ultimately protect them, that I cannot ultimately provide for them, that I certainly cannot make their decisions for them.

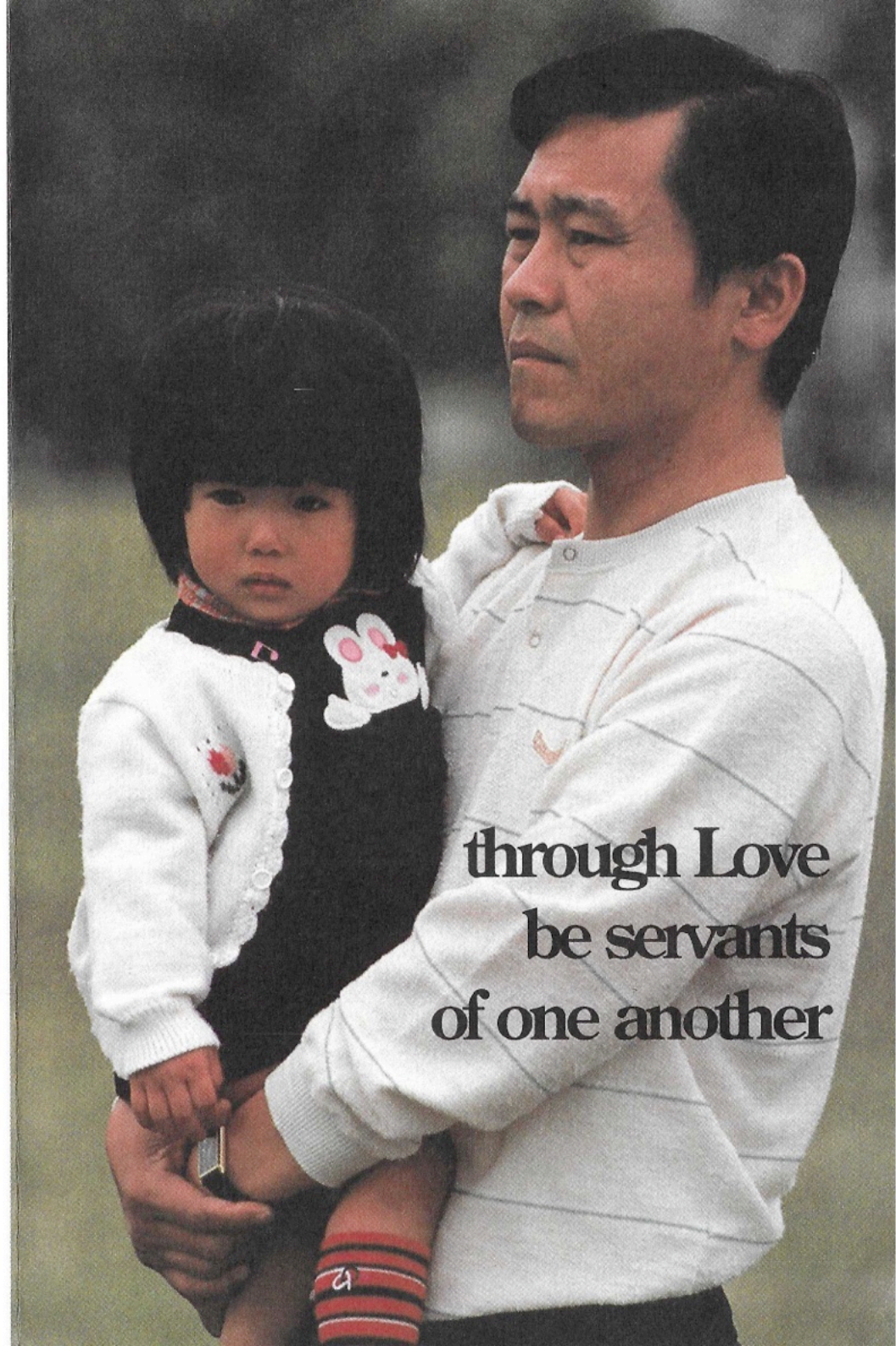
We speak of God as a heavenly Father or heavenly Mother — our Parent! Would God have those same thoughts and reactions? I can only imagine what it means to God when granting us freedom means watching us turn from the Holy Presence to idolatrous addictions of our own choosing.

Yet, in one short verse, Galatians 5:13 offers a lot of meaning to parents: "You, my friends, were called to be free; only beware of turning your freedom into license for your unspiritual nature. Instead, serve one another in love" (*Revised English Bible*).

As a father, I can see the importance of being called to raise my children in freedom, modeling for them the difference between freedom and license. In freedom, "serve one another in love." Those are the enchanted moments of being a father, when I let go of my need to control or to "fix" things for my children and, rather, serve them in love — serve them in the kind of love that exemplifies respect for the freedom God has given to us.

There is still much about parenting that will always hold mystery and trouble and possibility. I have experienced no other role in life more humbling. But, in respect for the freedom given by God, serving one another in love is the basis upon which I enter into the joys of being a father.

*Dr. Stephen D. Jones
Central Baptist Church
Wayne, Pennsylvania*



**through Love
be servants
of one another**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

JUNE 17, 1990

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

Worship is the highest and noblest act that any person can do. When we worship, God is satisfied! "The Lord God seeks such to worship Him." Amazing, isn't it? And when you really worship, you are fulfilled! Think about this: why did Jesus Christ come? He came to make worshippers out of rebels. We who were once self-centered have to be completely changed so that we can shift our attention outside of ourselves and become able to worship Him.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE 526 "God Of Our Fathers"

INVOCATION AND CHRIST'S PRAYER

THE READING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD 624

In Response

THE CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

1990 One Great Hour Of Sharing

Hymn 514 "Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life"

Prayer Of Dedication

In Unison

Lord, we gather in comfort and security today, while many of Your children huddle in fear and suffer in starvation. We know that merely feeling guilty for our comfort does not minister to the needs of others. Lord, we want to be involved in helping, and serving, and healing. Help us day by day to gain more understanding, to feel more deeply the hurt of others, to come to new commitments of ourselves and our money to You. Amen!

Giving Of Tithes And Offerings

A Musical Offering

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

Leader: God has called us to live within the privilege of family life.

People: PRAISE GOD FOR THE GIFT OF FAMILY LIFE!

Leader: Lord, we thank you for older folk who link us with the past and who enrich us with their experience, for the newborn so rich in potential greatness and goodness, for the gifts we see emerging in our children, and for the excitement of living with those on the brink of adulthood.

People: PRAISE GOD FOR THE GIFT OF FAMILY LIFE!

Leader: Eternal Father of us all, enter our homes, not as the occupant of a guest room, but as the senior member of each household, that we may live out your love in the most ordinary parts of life. Keep us human as you make us holy.

People: PRAISE GOD FOR THE GIFT OF FAMILY LIFE!

IT IS ALL YOUR DOING, LORD.

IT IS WONDERFUL IN OUR EYES.

MORNING MESSAGE Luke 15:25-32

Pastor Gillin

"The Sins Of Two Sons"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you wish to take a step of faith with Christ and His Church today, please come forward during the hymn. The Pastor will meet you at the front.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 206 "Faith Of Our Fathers"

DISMISSAL

In Unison

May the Lord take from us all resistance to His will.
May He give to us the fullness of His life and the sufficiency of His practical, daily help.
May the Lord send us during this week to those He can only serve through our unique experience of life and our special abilities.
May the Lord bring us together even when we are apart, as we learn to be supportive of one another in our prayers and our service. Amen!

OUR GOING FORTH

"Alleluia"

POSTLUDE

Be doers of the word...

(James 1:22)

Two friends of mine had an interesting experience recently. They were driving down a busy city street and saw cars ahead of them swerving to avoid something in the road. They assumed it was a branch or an animal, but much to their terror it was an elderly woman lying in the street! They stopped the car to assist her and found out this woman had somehow strayed from a nursing home. She had managed to remove her IV's and wander out of the home. She later collapsed in the street, where my friends found her. They stayed with the woman till the ambulance came to pick her up. If they hadn't stopped, this woman could have died.

How often do we pass a situation or a person that needs help and fail to stop? Perhaps we call on our car phone and trust that someone else will stop and help. We may be thinking only of being late for an appointment, but we as Christians must rise above this kind of thinking! We need to be willing to get dirty for God, to offer a helping hand even when it means personal inconvenience and possible risk. We must put our faith and compassion into action. I'm sure that woman was glad someone took the time to help. Will we be doers of the Word or just comfortable callers?

*Robert G. Ingraham
Seminarian
Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary*

Be doers of the Word



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DELAWARE, OHIO

AUGUST 26, 1990

PRELUDE AND PRAYER

Betty Porter

WORDS OF WELCOME

Deacon Bland

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN 43 "Praise To The Lord"

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Ldr: We will praise you, Lord, as we gather before you with varied thoughts and purposes.

Ppl: Some of us are impatient, and we seek immediate results to our prayers.

Ldr: Some of us are doubtful, and we seek further proof of your spiritual power.

Ppl: Some of us are too busy, and we fail to take time to listen for you to speak to us.

Ldr: Some of us are disobedient, and we fail to follow in the way of discipleship.

All: Together we come into your presence; unite us in our worship and into a common sense of devotion to you.

* INVOCATION

In Unison

Almighty and Everlasting God, whom the heavens of heaven cannot contain, much less the temples which our hands have built, but are ever nigh unto the humble and contrite; let your love be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, that cleansed and enlightened by your grace, we may worthily show forth your praise, faithfully learn your word, render thanks for your mercies, and obtain a gracious answer to our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

* GLORIA PATRI

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In Unison

How blest are those who know their need of God; The kingdom of Heaven is theirs. How blest are the sorrowful; they shall find consolation. How blest are those

of gentle spirit; they shall have the earth for their possession. How blest are those who hunger and thirst to see right prevail; they shall be satisfied. How blest are those who show mercy; mercy shall be shown to them. How blest are those whose hearts are pure; they shall see God. How blest are the peacemakers; God shall call them his children.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Jeanne Ekelberry

THE CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Song 87 "I Love Thee, I Love Thee"

Giving Of Tithes And Offerings

A Musical Offering

A Doxology

* Prayer Of Dedication

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

THE MESSAGE

The Rev. Sandra Heizer

A.B.C.O. Area Minister

THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Let this be a sacred time of response and renewal. Feel free to come forward seeking the Lord, whatever your need. If you would like prayer, or wish to make a confession of faith, please come as we sing.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 83 "Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee"

* CLOSING PRAYER

Ldr: Lord, keep our eyes open.

Ppl: That we may see the needs of others.

Ldr: Lord, make our ears sensitive.

Ppl: That we may hear your call to Christian Service.

Ldr: Lord, unlock our hearts with love.

Ppl: That we may all strive to be the persons that You intend us to be. Amen!

* BENEDICTION

* OUR GOING FORTH

"Alleluia"

POSTLUDE

* Standing In Worship

Take, this is my body

“Take; this is my body.”

(Mark 14:22)

Each time we celebrate Communion we declare a new faith that brought us to baptism, faith in Jesus as Lord of our lives.

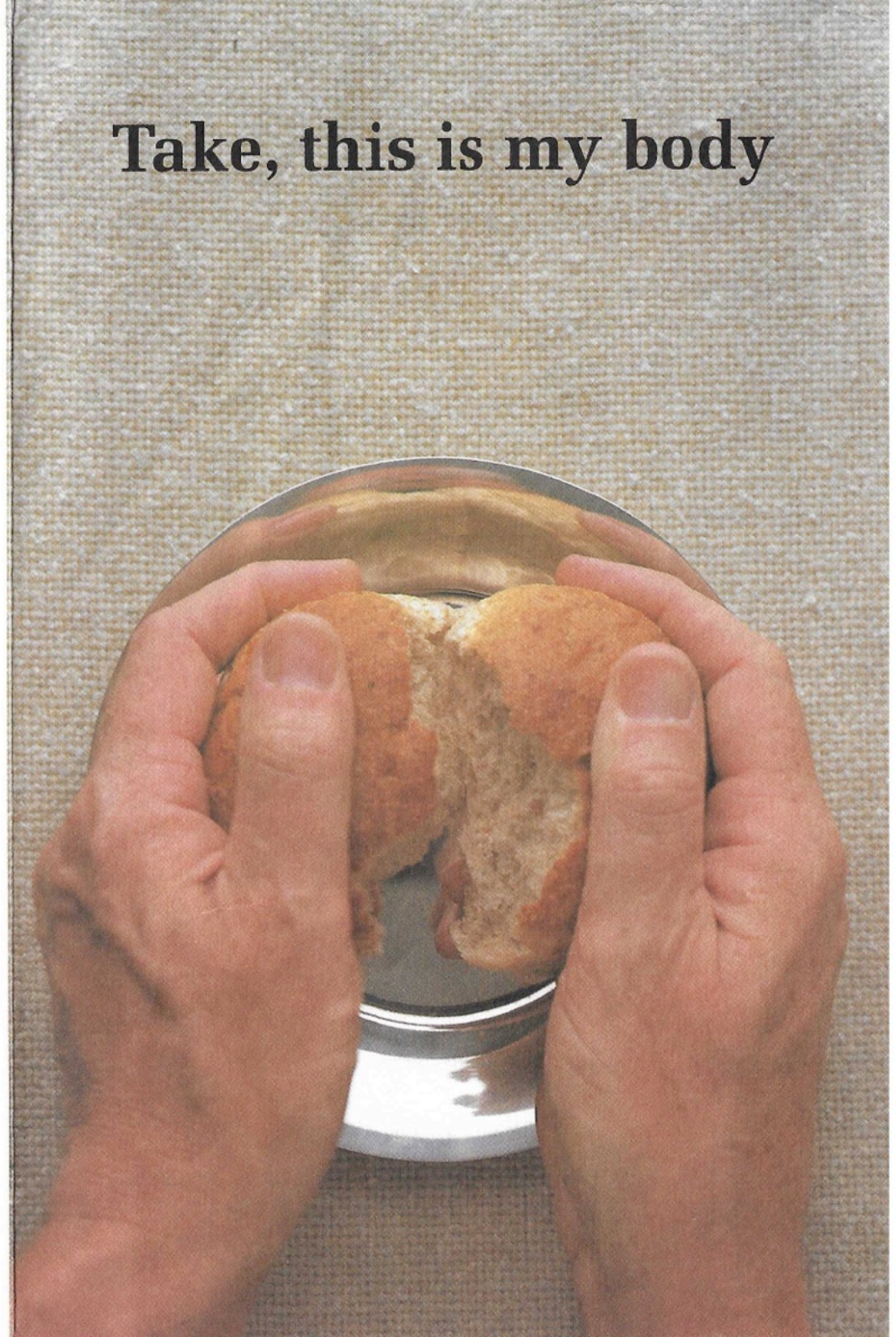
When and where do we commune with God? Recently for me it was in the Garden of the Tomb in Jerusalem. I sat there as tears filled my eyes, one of eight visitors who had just come from the tomb where it is said Jesus had been buried. Of course, his body was not there. He had been raised. Our faith reminded us of that. Sitting there in the garden observing Communion, the impact of Jesus' death gave me a new sense of what he had done for me.

More often than not we connect Communion with the church. That is where we celebrate Communion more often than any other place. What joy we can experience in the breaking of bread with residents in a nursing home, in a camp setting or when visiting with someone who is ill!

A friend described to me what deep meaning Communion had for him one night. He had spent some time with a man as they visited the man's gravely ill wife in the hospital. Following the hospital visit, they had gone to a coffee shop where they were eating doughnuts and drinking coffee. Both were men of faith. Anyone seeing them may not have sensed that they were experiencing Communion. It was not Communion in our traditional sense, but what happened there, at the counter of the coffee shop, was described by my friend as a time of deep communion as they recalled how Jesus gave his body to be broken for them and us.

When and where do we break bread together? Each time we hold in remembrance that our Lord's body was broken for us and when we share that experience with another, surely there is communion.

*Rev. Wade D. Hiltabidel
Quaker Hill Baptist Church
Quaker Hill, CT*



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

September 2, 1990

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Betty Porter

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy

*INVOCATION AND
LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"

SCRIPTURE READING

TIME OF PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE "Doxology"

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

SOLO

W. C. Wickum

MESSAGE

Deacon Larry Faulk

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

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

COMMUNION

*HYMN, #207 "Bless Be the Tie"
(1st verse only)

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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

Pastor: Rev. Gene F. Gillin
Today's Leader: Deacon Larry Faulk
Organist: Betty Porter
Choir Director: W.C. Wickum
Candlelighter: Erin Faulk

Next weekend we will be having our annual
retreat at Judson Hills. There will be no
services at our church in Delaware.

Two weeks from today we will have Rally
Day, beginning with breakfast at 8:30,
Sunday School at 9:00, and morning worship
at 10:45.

The September issue of the newsletter is
available today. Please be sure to get your
issue before leaving.

There will be a time of fellowship in the
Assembly Room after morning worship today.

Notes to take home:

SHARING THE LIGHT OF THE WORD

Never forget these commands that I am giving you today. Teach them to your children. Repeat them when you are at home and when you are away, when you are resting and when you are working (Deuteronomy 6:6-7, GNB).

Other translations of this verse use the words "recite them to your children," "impress them on your children." Whichever words we choose, it is our clear duty to transmit to every new generation the content, the meaning, and the eternal significance of God's Word — and to exhibit daily, as we go out and come in, that the living out of the Word is the only true evidence that it has been heard.

Ministries of church school support, Christian publishing, discipleship education, and leader development are planned and carried out by staff of the Board of Educational Ministries in partnership with regional staff and local congregations. We pray for God's guidance as together we seek to be ever more effective in grounding persons in God's Word and equipping them for service.

For more information about the ministries and resources provided by Educational Ministries, please contact:

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9:23 Rally Day
Answer

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

September 16, 1990

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9-30
10-14/19

People in Need

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "How Great Thou Art"
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #408 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 29

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

OFFERTORY "Panis Angelicus"

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*HYMN, #499 "The Master Has Come"

DEDICATION OF CHURCH SCHOOL

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Leader: Today marks the beginning of a new church school year. Some of you have begun this task many times. Others of you may be wondering if you should have agreed to it. But each of you knows that the task you are beginning is one that is shared by the whole congregation. Each person here has a role to play in the educational ministry. You, standing before the congregation, have a special role. Therefore, I ask that you say together the promise indicating your willingness to fulfill this role.

Teachers: We are willing, with God's help and with the help of this congregation, to prepare carefully and to come each week to teach our church school classes.

Leader: But teachers without students cannot teach. Would all those of every age

Special Olympics
Are Unlimited

ABW
9/13
5:00

Should find
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who will be students in the classes of these teachers stand. Please say together your promise before your teachers and this congregation.

Students: We promise, with God's help and the help of these teachers and this congregation, to be faithful in attendance and willing to learn.

Leader: These teachers and students desire and deserve the support of this congregation. Will all others in the congregation stand now with the students. Please say together your vow.

Congregation: We promise, with God's help to provide the necessary resources and environment so that these teachers and students can fulfill their learning tasks.

Unison Prayer: O God, Giver of Knowledge, we have made our promises to you and to one another. Help us to remember them and to keep them. Remind us that we are to support, not judge, one another in this task. Create in us open hearts and minds, as teachers and as leaders, so we may accept your Spirit as it comes. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17, 11-19

MESSAGE "Failing Vigorously and Joyfully"

Rev. Marilyn Marshall

*HYMN, #504 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Let's Just Praise the Lord"

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Guest Minister: Marilyn Marshall

Organist: Jeanne Harger

Pianist: Margaret Weller

A recent study of six Protestant denominations¹ examined the Christian education program in 561 congregations to determine the effectiveness of Christian education in the lives of adults and youth.

The researchers discovered that "Christian education matters much more than we expected."² A warm congregational climate and quality of Sunday worship, were important to the faith maturity of youth and adults. However, neither of these was as important to an individual's spiritual growth, and loyalty to the church and denomination as being part of an effective Christian education program.

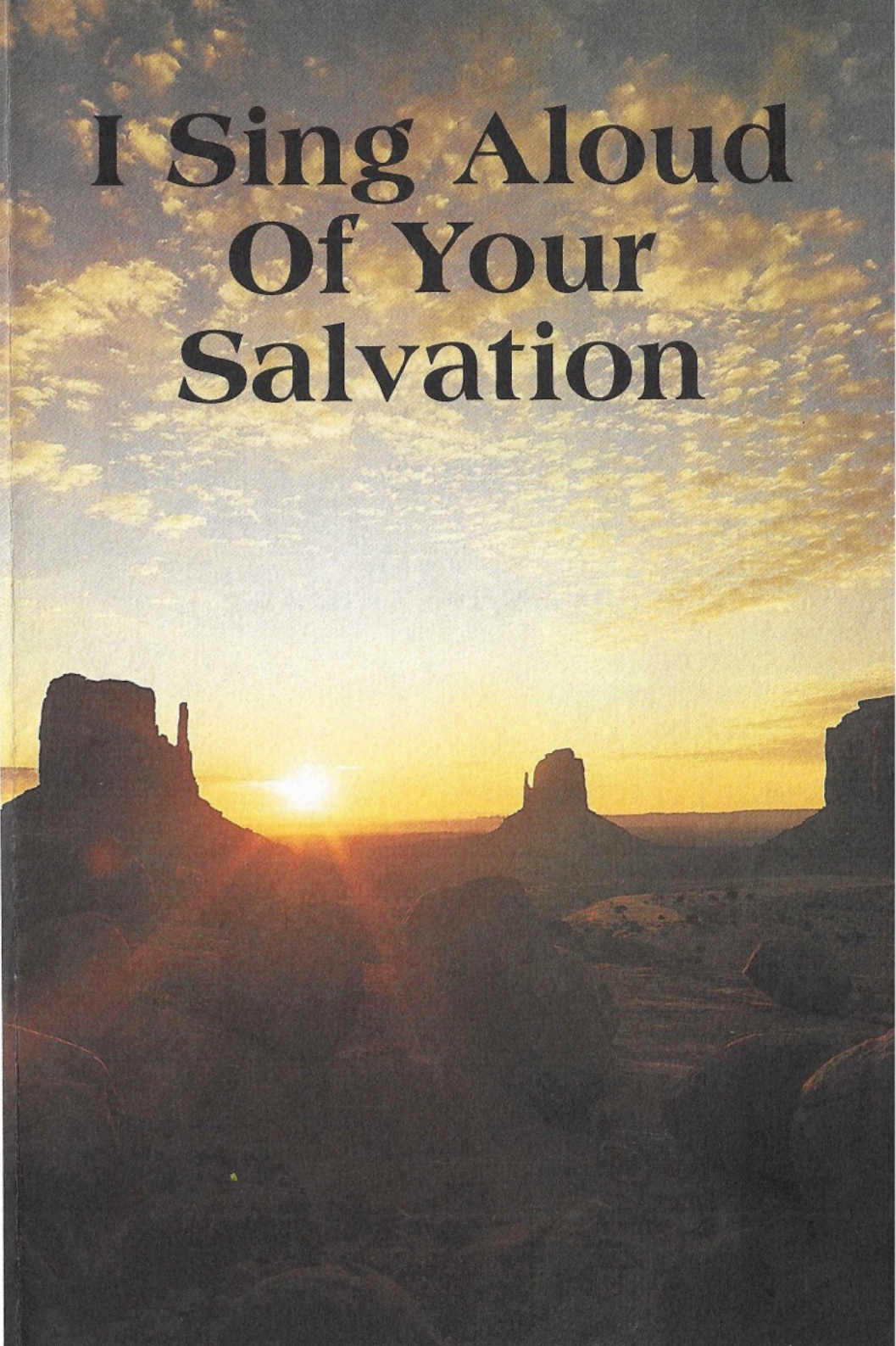
This research is important for the church. It demonstrates how important and influential Christian education can be in the lives of persons. The church's Christian education program is where Christians can read, discuss, practice, play, and, along with the psalmist, "sing of God's salvation."

*Rev. John Pipe
Managing Editor, JBS
Adult Curriculum
Educational Ministries
Valley Forge, PA*

¹ Christian Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church (USA), Southern Baptist Convention, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist Church.

² Benson, Peter L., and Elkin, Carolyn H., (1990) *Effective Christian Education: Cultural Study of Protestant Congregations, a Summary Report on Faith, Loyalty, and Congregational Life*. Published Minneapolis: Search Institute.

I Sing Aloud Of Your Salvation



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

September 30, 1990

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE Mary Lou Lovell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Glory to God" Paxton

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

*INVOCATION

*LORDS PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

RESPONSIVE READING, #651

ANTHEM

WORLD MISSIONS UPDATE Jennifer Turner

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN

*HYMN, #515 "Hope of the World"

MORNING PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns - Silent Prayer - Corporate Prayer

SCRIPTURE

MORNING MESSAGE

Randy Turner

"Making a Difference"

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

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "May The Lord"(tune Edelweiss)

*May the Lord, mighty Lord
Bless and keep you forever.
Grant us peace, perfect peace,
Courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see His face,
And His grace forever,
May the Lord, Mighty Lord,
Bless and keep you forever.*

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director: Jennifer Turner

Lay Leader: Larry Faulk

Guest Speaker: Randy Turner

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

TODAY 9:00 Sunday School

10:15 Fellowship

10:45 Worship

3:00 ABW

7:00 Growth Taskforce

MONDAY 7:00 Nominating Committee

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

8:10 Bible Study -C. Bland

NEXT SUNDAY Holy Communion

October Newsletter Publishes

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American Baptist Women's Sunday

But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (RSV)

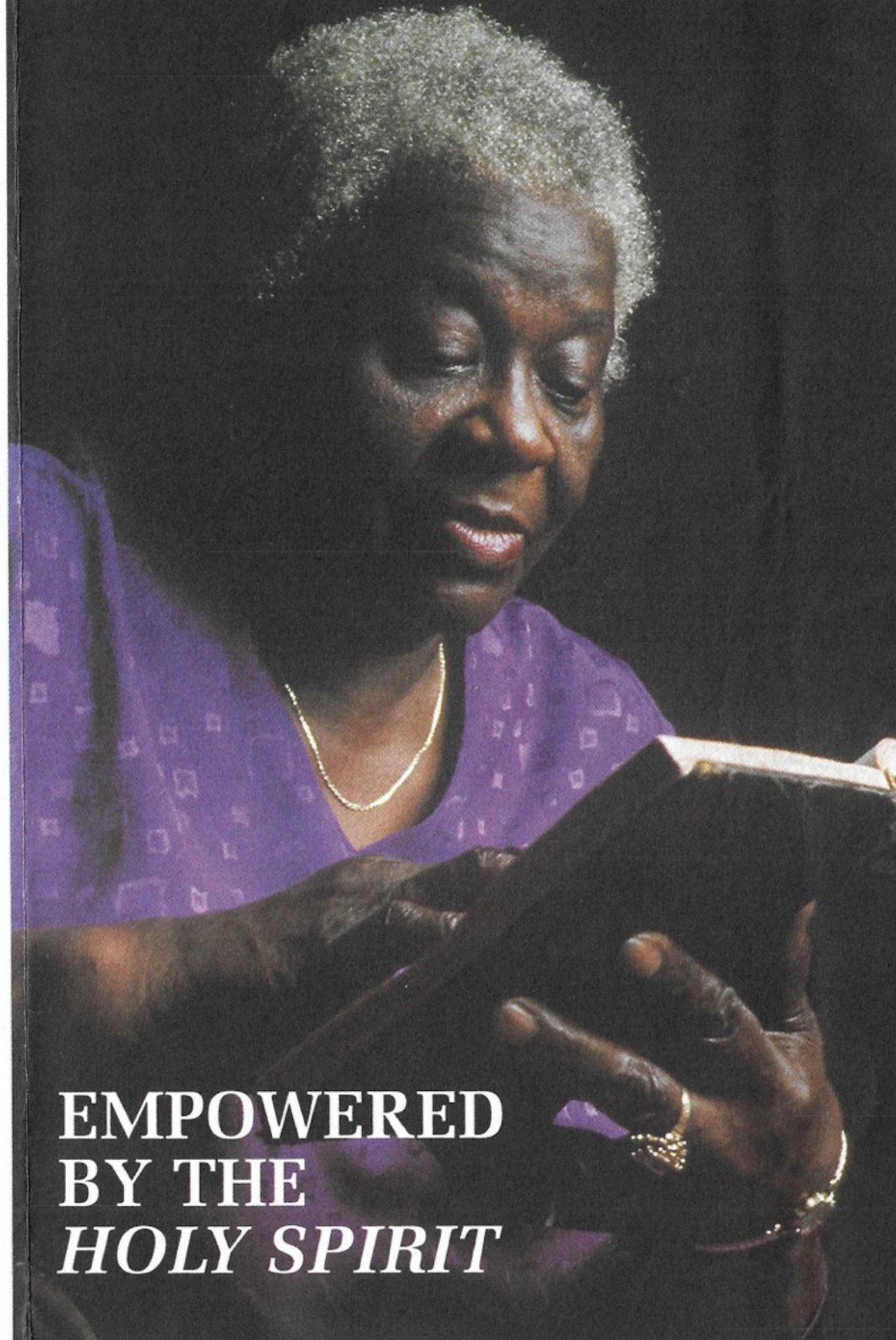
Women today need to sense the power of the Holy Spirit in every area of their lives — family and personal relationships, employment, church, and community. But what does it mean to be empowered by the Holy Spirit? Jesus promised us that the Spirit will be with us and in us. As we become more aware of God's truth and the power and presence of God with us through the Spirit, our own spirit is transformed and revived. The Spirit invites and empowers us to participate in the life of the church as co-workers with God. We are called away from the world's power to proclaim the Good News of freedom, peace, justice, and love wherever we find ourselves.

How do we accomplish this challenge? The Spirit nourishes and brings forth our unique gifts. God gives us these gifts for building up the body of Christ. The variety of our gifts enables us with the Spirit to work together for God. God will give us the vision and direction, but we have to be willing to use our gifts. What are your Spirit-given gifts? How are you using them?

The wonderful part about the Spirit is the manifestation in our lives here and now. We may feel the presence in various ways at different times. The Spirit may be a comforter, advocate, friend, or clarifier of sin. Each way demonstrates God's powerful love for us. But what are we expected to do with that love? God and the Holy Spirit call us and empower us to respond to that love. How do you respond in your family, workplace, church, and community?

American Baptist Women are anticipating the challenge to explore, study, and renew our lives with the 1990-91 program theme, "Empowered by the Holy Spirit." We pray that women across the country will discover the Spirit in their lives in real and new ways. Our theme program packet and the Bible study provide opportunities for groups to become empowered by the Holy Spirit.

*American Baptist Women
Valley Forge, PA*



**EMPOWERED
BY THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

October 14, 1990

ABW Sunday

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "In the Beauty of Holiness" O'Donnell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Teresa Griffith

*HYMN, #530 "Gracious Savior, Who Didst Honor"

*INVOCATION Marge Smale

*LORDS PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

RESPONSIVE READING (insert in the bulletin)

WORLD MISSION UPDATE Jennifer Turner

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS Marge Smale

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "More Like the Master" Gabriel

*Doxology

*HYMN "Come, Holy Spirit" (in hymnal racks)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Rhonda" Jean Wickum
Acts 12:13

DEUT "Near to the Heart of God" Linda White
McAfee Karen Stoner

MORNING PRAYERS AND CONCERNS Mary Lou Lovell

MESSAGE "Women of the Bible and the Modern Woman"
Leader - Betty Porter

*This is a
hot easier if
you have
enough SNACKS.
of course*

"Dorcas" Donna Reed

Acts 9:36

"Mary Magdalene" Cynthia Bland

Mark 16:9-11

"Lois & Eunice" Carolyn Schneeberger

IITimothy 1:5

Jennifer Turner

"Lydia" Beth Trigg

Acts 16:14

*HYMN, #496 "A Charge to Keep I Have"

*BENEDICTION Marge Smale

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE "Hymn of Joy" Grosvenor

(*congregation stands)

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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| TODAY | 9:00 | Sunday School |
| | 10:15 | Fellowship |
| | 10:45 | Worship |
| | | BYF |
| | | Watchcare Discussion Group |
| MONDAY | 7:00 | Parish Council |
| TUESDAY | 7:00 | Pastoral Search Committee |
| WEDNESDAY | 7:00 | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 8:10 | Bible Study -C. Bland |

About Spiritual Gifts

- Leader: And now, my friends, I want to write about the special abilities the Holy Spirit gives to each of you; for I don't want any misunderstanding about them.
- People: Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all.
- Leader: There are different kinds of service to God, but it is the same Lord we are serving.
- People: There are many ways in which God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work in and through all of us who are God's.
- Leader: The Holy Spirit displays God's power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church.
- People: To some people the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; others may be especially good at studying and teaching, and this is their gift from the same Spirit.
- Leader: The Spirit gives special faith to another, and to someone else the power to heal the sick.
- People: The Spirit gives power for doing miracles to some, and to others power to prophesy and preach.
- Leader: God gives someone else the power to know whether evil spirits are speaking through those who claim to be giving God's messages, or whether it is really God who is speaking.
- People: Still other people are able to speak in languages they never learned; and others, who do not know the language either, are given power to understand what they are saying.
- Leader: It is the same and only Holy Spirit who gives all these gifts and powers, deciding which each one of us should have.
- People: All of you together are the one body of Christ and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.

Winter Meeting
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7:00
Meeting - Mon. - ?
American Baptist College Sunday
Tues. -

With 3,00 colleges and universities in the United States, finding the right place can be a challenge. We'd like to help make the choice a bit easier.

Scattered across the country are 15 schools we think are among the best small-college buys you'll find anywhere. Each of these schools is related to the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. That doesn't mean that academics or student life take a back seat to religion or that only the righteous and holy need apply. It does mean that education is viewed in its varied yet interrelated dimensions — intellectually, socially, physically and spiritually.

The following are quotes from several students of these colleges:

"After returning to the United States from a European choir tour, I realized that there's more to life than my own little world. Judson offers a wealth of opportunities for participation and personal growth, whether the activity be academics, choir, sports or most any other area. It's through these practical experiences that I've matured academically and spiritually, being better prepared to serve both Christ and his world."

— Jayme Ripley, Judson College

"Shaw University has helped me to revitalize my mind."

— Countess Charisse Clarke, Shaw University

"Through my William Jewell education, I've found the freedom to grow."

— Steve Roloff, William Jewell College

"I've had the privilege of watching young women grow and mature spiritually — just as I've been able to do at Linfield."

— Kathy Malcom, Linfield College

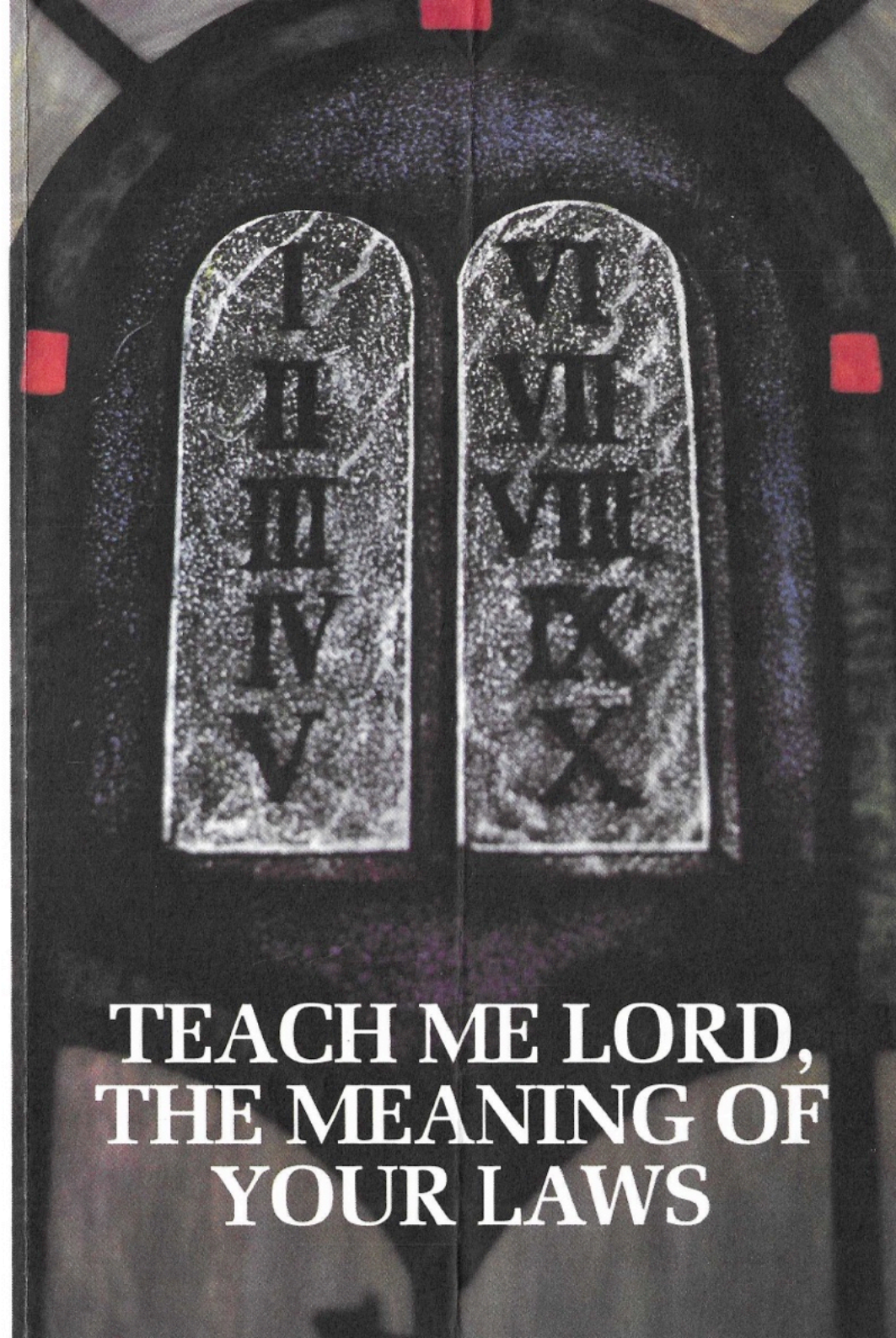
"Eastern has taught me that the best performances come through hard work, that I can't depend on others to motivate me. That attitude has helped me to grow up and think about what is important in my life."

— Keith Wilkerson, Eastern College

For a complete listing of the American Baptist-related colleges and universities, contact Educational Ministries, Department of Leader Development, Post Office Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851

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TEACH ME LORD,
THE MEANING OF
YOUR LAWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

November 4, 1990

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "My Redeemer" Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #37 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*INVOCATION
*LORDS PRAYER
*GLORIA PATRI

SOLO "The Coloring Song" Eden
Kirby Francis

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "Jesus, Blessed Jesus" Gabriel
*Doxology

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MORNING PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns - Silent Prayer - Corporate Prayer

SCRIPTURE

MORNING MESSAGE Randy Turner

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "The Holy Feast" Lysberg

HYMN, #213 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN, #207(1) "Bless Be the Tie That Binds"
(fellowship circle)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "A Trumpet Tune" Denton

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Pianist: Jennifer Turner
Lay Leader: John Richards
Guest Speaker: Randy Turner

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

TODAY 9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Fellowship
10:45 Worship
11:45 Coffee Hour
Crop Walk
7:00 Board of Education
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
8:10 Bible Study -C. Bland
NEXT SUNDAY Stewardship Sunday
Are You Remembering P.I.N.?

His Love is Eternal

— Psalm 118:4

Stewardship Sunday is a special time to reflect on what God has given us. We think of our time, talents, and treasures as precious gifts. But stewardship Sunday also challenges us to think about how we are managing our unique gifts. Are we good stewards of our blessings?

Most of us work hard at being good stewards throughout our lifetimes. We provide for our needs and for those of our families. We purchase insurance to protect them. We buy houses to give shelter. We save and sacrifice to educate our children. We pledge and give regular gifts to our local church and its wider mission in the world.

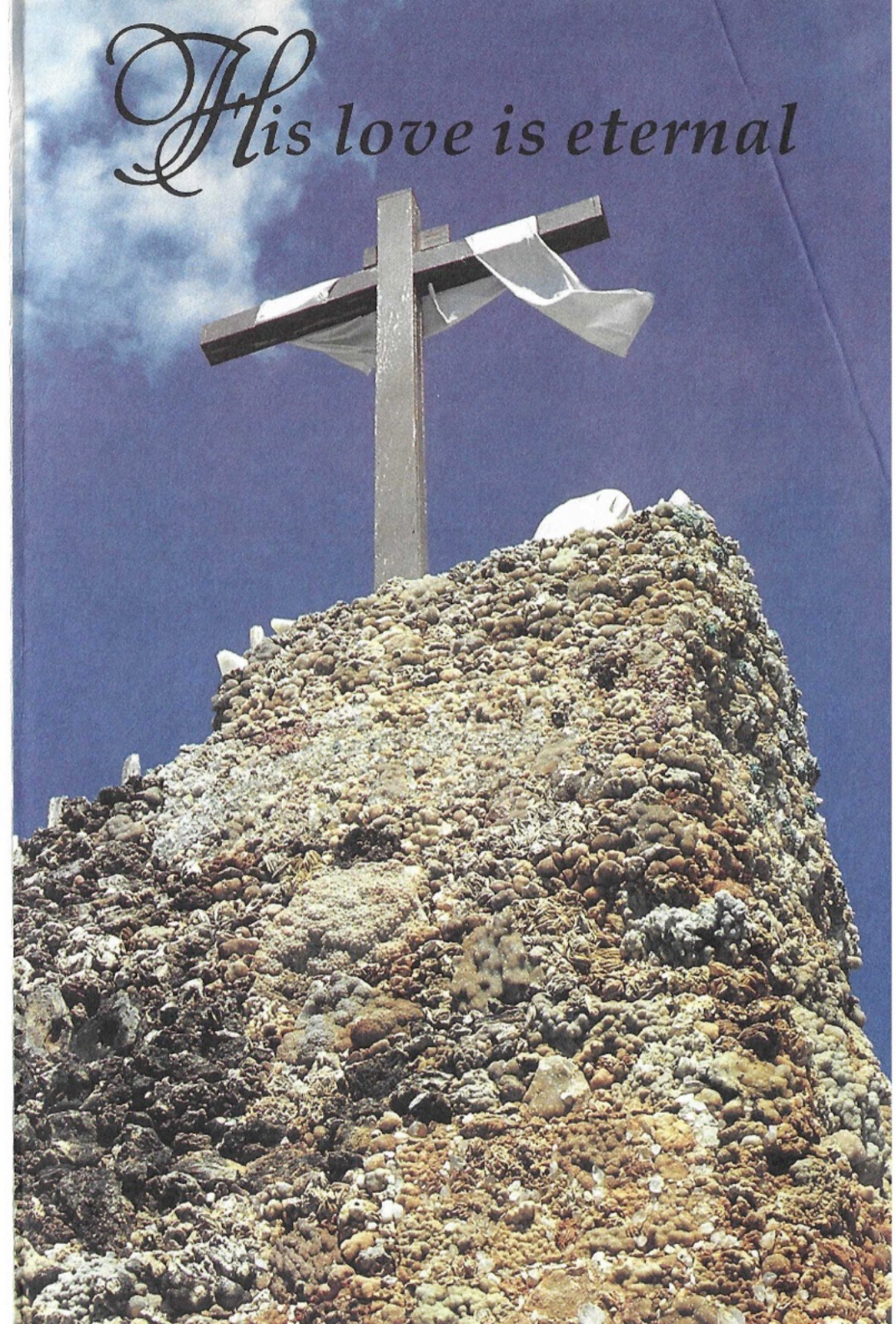
But sometimes in the busyness of trying to fulfill all our earthly responsibilities, we forget to plan for the stewardship of the treasures we will leave behind.

Do you remember the story of the man who one day asked Jesus to divide an estate? Jesus replied that he was not a judge of probate whose business it was to divide an inheritance among heirs. He then told the story of a rich man who worked to accumulate a large estate, retired in ease, and then died. The question that man was first required to answer before God was, "And now whose will all those things be which you worked to provide?" That man was called the rich fool because he had no thought beyond his own retirement.

A will is your answer to God's question, "Now whose shall these things be?" A carefully thought-out and well-planned will is a final statement of one's life work. It is a way to show love and concern for those we care about. It is a means, too, for expressing gratitude to God for the many blessings in our lives.

The American Baptist Foundation is prepared to assist you, without obligation, and to provide you with additional information on planning a Christian will. If you would like a *Will Planning Guide and Personal Inventory* workbook please call or write:

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

November 11, 1990

Stewardship Sunday

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

Betty Porter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN, #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

*INVOCATION

*LORDS PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

RESPONSIVE READING, #600 "Christian Stewardship"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Peter White

*HYMN, #507 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

*Doxology

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE

MORNING MESSAGE

Jean Wickum

*HYMN, #244 "Jesus, I Will Trust Thee"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "May The Lord"(tune Edelweiss)

May the Lord, mighty Lord

Bless and keep you forever.

Grant us peace, perfect peace,

Courage in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see His face,

And His grace forever,

May the Lord, Mighty Lord,

Bless and keep you forever.

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Organist: Betty Porter

Pianist: Peter White

Candle Lighter: Betty Davis

Choir Director: Jennifer Turner

Lay Leader: John Richards

Guest Speaker: Jean Wickum

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

TODAY

9:00 Sunday School

10:15 Fellowship

10:45 Worship

5:30 Deacons - C. Bland

MONDAY

Pastoral Search/Growth

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

8:10 Bible Study - C. Bland

Everyone who makes himself great will be humbled
(Luke 18:14, GNB).

Jesus contrasted the prayers of a self-righteous Pharisee and repentant tax collector: "... for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted" (Luke 18:14, NRSV). In God's logic the last are first, the least become the greatest, and the humble are exalted! God turns the wisdom of this world upside down and the unexpected becomes the expected.

The religious leaders of the first century expected a Messiah with might and power. But Messiah's advent was in a lowly stable among the powerless in an obscure corner of the Mediterranean world. An unexpected Savior was born in Bethlehem.

It is because we follow a God who upends the predictable things of this world that Christians have hope. God can change the political scenarios and economic forecasts. God can intervene in the decay of the environment. God can upset the demographic apple carts of the futurists. And we are partners with God, empowered by the Holy Spirit to "turn the tables," to make the unexpected and unpredictable happen.

One small but important way we can reverse a trend is to care for persons in the process of moving. North Americans are a mobile society with nearly 20% of the population changing residences every year. It is expected that moving persons get "lost in the shuffle," experience the stress of uprootedness, lose the social and moral glue that nearness to family and friends provides, and often drop out of church. American Baptists can help the unexpected happen by calling ABC-Find when church members move. This free ministry assists moving persons in finding a new church home and receive a welcome from a sister Baptist church in a new community.

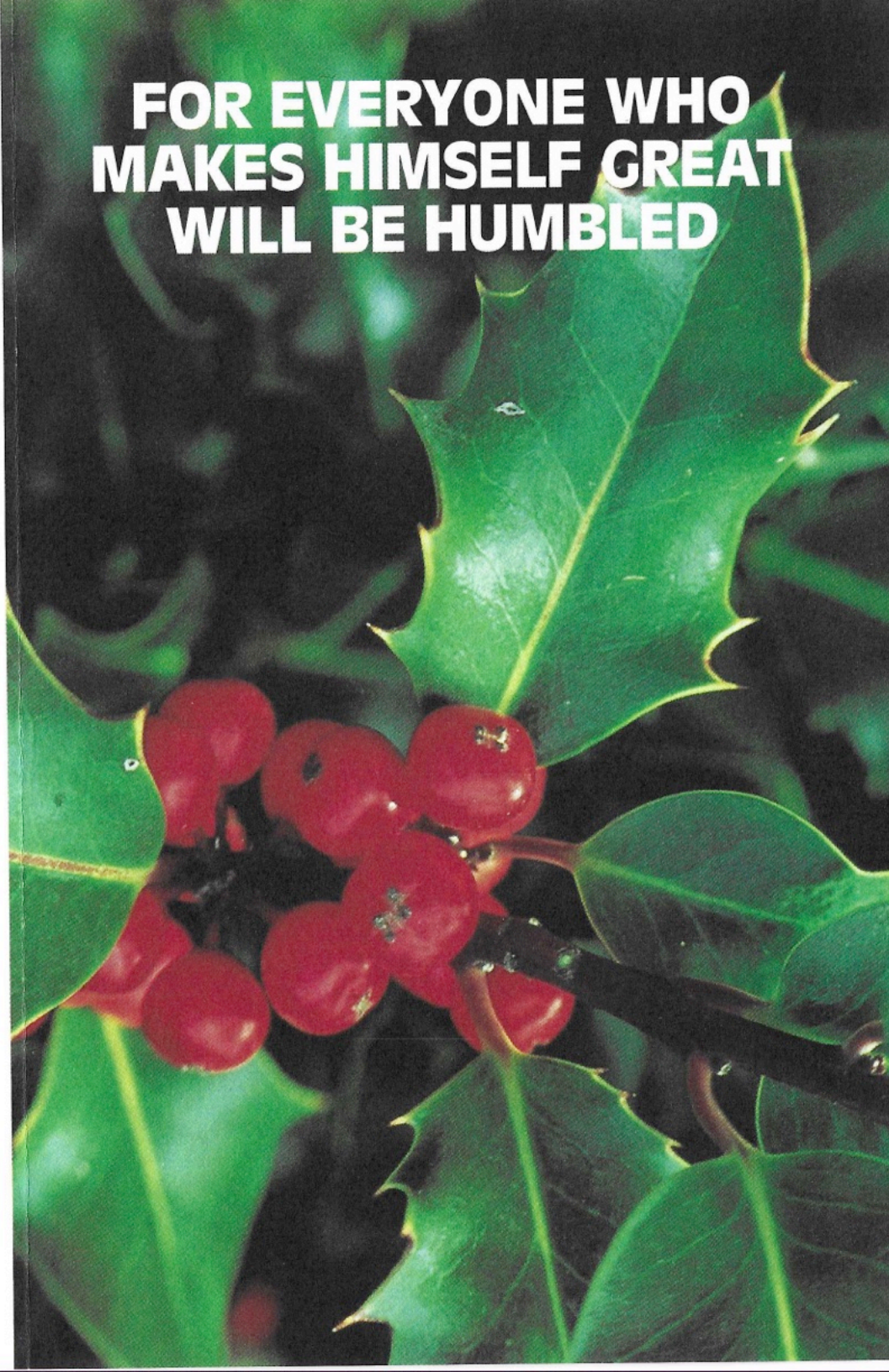
Persons who have recently moved often find the holidays in their new surroundings difficult. You can personally express pastoral concern for moving persons by calling the ABC-Find operator at 1-800-248-3308.



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Evangelism Staff
National Ministries, ABC/USA

**FOR EVERYONE WHO
MAKES HIMSELF GREAT
WILL BE HUMBLLED**



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio

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December 2, 1990

First Sunday of Advent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Come To Us Lord Jesus" Price

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN, #103 "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Jim VanBrimmer

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have
seen a great light...

People: FOR A CHILD HAS BEEN BORN FOR US;
A SON GIVEN TO US...

Leader: He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: HIS AUTHORITY SHALL GROW
CONTINUALLY AND THERE SHALL
BE ENDLESS PEACE...

ALL: O HOLY CHILD OF BETHLEHEM!
DESCEND TO US, WE PRAY;
CAST OUT OUR SIN AND ENTER IN;
BE BORN IN US TODAY.
WE HEAR THE CHRISTMAS ANGELS
THE GREAT TIDINGS TELL;
O COME TO US, ABIDE WITH US,
OUR LORD EMMANUEL!

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40: 1 - 5 p.619 (in unison)

SOLO "Comfort Ye" W.C. Wickum

INTRODUCTION Larry Faulk

THE GIVING OF THE GREENS narrated by Mike Griffith

THE SYMBOLS
THE GREENS Matthew Lovell, Micah Stoner

THE HOLLY
WOMEN'S QUARTET
THE MISTLETOE

Barbara Lovell, Marci Sander
"The Holly and the Ivy"
Jeff Faulk

*HYMN OF PEACE "Lord Be Born In Our Hearts This Day"
(in the pew racks)

THE CHRISTMAS TREE Peter White, Larry Faulk, children
MEN'S QUARTET "Good King Wenceslas"

TITHES & OFFERINGS - M & M OFFERING Jennifer Turner
Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "The Perfect Gift" Moore

THE STAR Jeff Reed
THE BELL Richard Davis
THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE Jim Stephenson

HYMN, # 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verses 1 and 2)

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST Luke 2: 1 - 7 p. 889 (in unison)

HYMN "Away in a Manger" (verse 1)

THE SHEPHERDS Luke 2: 8 - 16 p. 889 (in unison) Vinnie Ministeri
THE ANIMALS Bertha VanBrimmer
THE MAGI Matthew 2: 1 - 11 p. 835 (in unison) Randy Turner
THE HOLY FAMILY Jean Wickum
SOLO "I See Love" Jeanne Ekelberry
THE POINSETTIA Anne Linn
ANTHEM "Lo, How a Rose"

THE CHRIST CHILD

*HYMN, # 102 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (verse 1)

*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE "Laudate Deum" Baumgardner
(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Organist: Betty Porter
Pianist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Director: Jennifer Turner
Candle Lighter: Evan Trigg