



First Baptist Church Bulletins and Order of Worship 1997

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

Delaware, Ohio

363-7021

The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

January 5, 1997

"Epiphany"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

"Jesus Has Come"

Behnke

"New Year's Carol"

Macklin

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, we are so grateful You have opened the door for us to be a part of Your kingdom and ministry in our world today. Soften our hearts that You can use us freely. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come let us know the Lord God Almighty is present this day!

We heard the Good News in the birth of our Lord.

Even the stars in heavens announced the birth of Jesus.

Christ was sent that we might all know of God's love and grace.

Then let us proclaim the birth of Christ for all the world to hear!

ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #110

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Beside the Cradle"

J. S. Bach

Doxology #572

O God, may we who bear your name

by gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare
and your anointing Spirit share.

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #16

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:1-12, page 835

MESSAGE

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #114

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

HOLY COMMUNION

*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "March of the Kings"

Simone

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Deacon Randy Turner

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

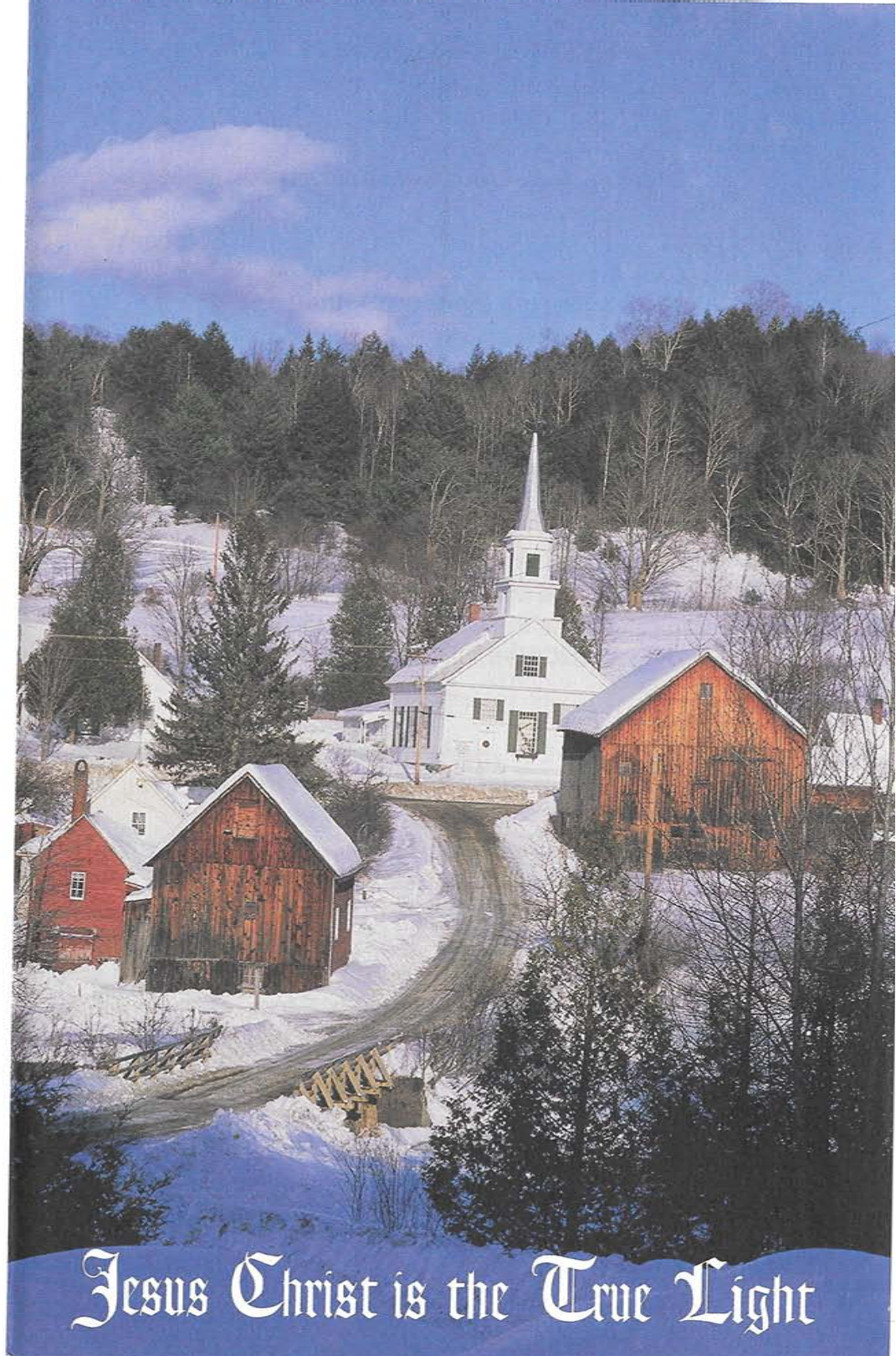
TODAY	3:00	Epiphany Party
MONDAY	6:30	DISCIPLE
	7:00	Boy Scouts
	7:00	Delaware Piecemakers
TUESDAY	7:00	Deacons
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	7:00	Young at Heart
SATURDAY	4:30	Brooken's Wedding

Jesus Christ Is the True Light

The concept of Jesus Christ as the true light gained new meaning when I saw the red brick church building with a lighted billboard on top. The billboard message declared: "JESUS SAVES! JESUS LOVES YOU!" At 10:30 P.M., when I was returning from my student intern site, that message atop the church in the heart of Oakland dissolved my anxiety. That church and its billboard and message became a living testimony to the Christ who lights our way in the darkness.

Our churches, with or without a lit billboard, are visible reminders that Jesus Christ is the true light. When one enters our churches, there is hope in knowing that Jesus is still piercing the darkness and calling people into the marvelous light of God's love and forgiveness.

*Valentine B. Royal
Director, Women in Ministry
Educational Ministries*



Jesus Christ is the True Light

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio
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The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

January 12, 1997

"2nd Sunday After Epiphany"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

"Magnificat I & III"

Guilmant

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Almighty God, You speak and the earth trembles, yet You call to us in a still, small voice heard best in the stillness of an obedient heart. We praise and worship You, O Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE #224

"How Firm A Foundation"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Magnificat II"

Guilmant

Doxology #572

O God, may we who bear your name
by gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare
and your anointing Spirit share. Amen.

ANTHEM "How Sweet the Name of Jesus"

Ritter

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #359

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 1:4-11, page 867

MESSAGE "Stamp of Approval"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #373

"I Surrender All"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God,
or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church,
you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE

"Magnificat IV"

Guilmant

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett
Lay Leader: Deacon Jim Van Brimmer
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 12:00 A.B.W. Ministries Meeting
MONDAY 6:30 DISCIPLE
7:00 Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir
FRIDAY 11:30 Church Women United

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Church Women United will meet at the William Street
United Methodist Church Friday, January 17, at 11:30 a.m. We
will share a potluck lunch together. Please bring your own
place setting. Baby sitting will be provided.

The program will feature a presentation by Mrs.
Glendora Steed on "Mission and More, Number Four." She will
tell us about her visits to home mission sites sponsored by the
Mennonites and American Baptists.

*Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.
—Psalm 5:8*

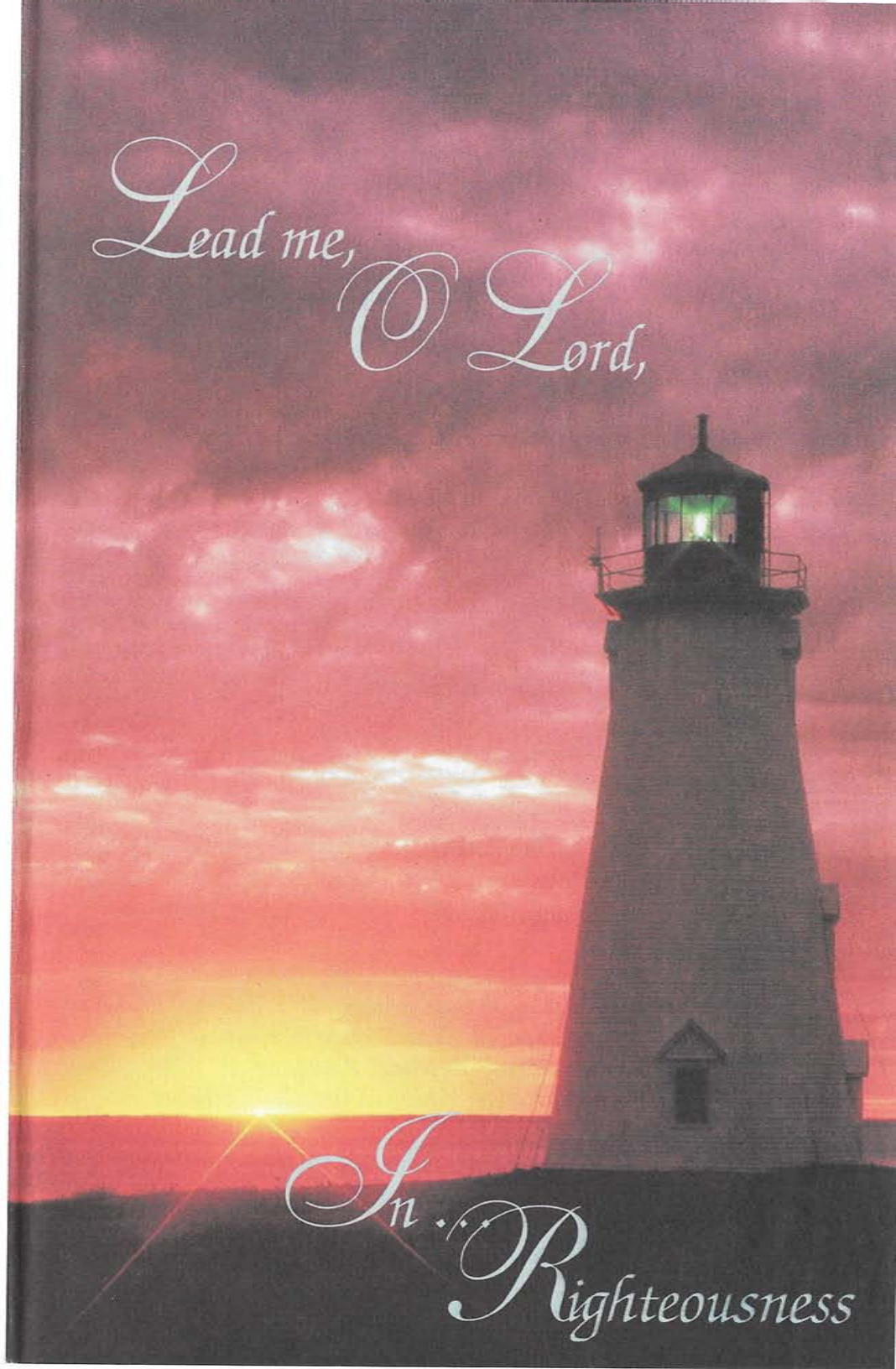
First there was the KKK march. Then there were a couple of racial incidents in the two local high schools. Racial graffiti was splashed across the front of the largest African-American church in the racially mixed town, the seat of one of Pennsylvania's more affluent rural counties.

Alarmed, the pastors of the town's two American Baptist churches — one mostly African-American, the other mostly white — scrambled to see how they could defuse the situation. They decided to begin with their own congregations to break down the alienation and suspicion that occur when people do not know each other.

- The pastors exchanged pulpits on a semi-regular basis.
- The choirs sang together with special programs open to the community.
- Deacons of the two churches began holding quarterly meetings to discuss their visions of the church and its community responsibilities.
- Intergenerational and family events were held: talent shows, craft exhibits, and picnics.
- Families were encouraged to visit each other's homes.

And it's working. The congregations are moving to build unity and become a model for the community. "There's a long way to go," said one deacon, "but we are getting there. It was about time for us to pull together and 'let our light shine' so the world can see that we are one in the Spirit."

*Owen Owens
Director, Ecology and Racial Justice
National Ministries*



*Lead me,
O Lord,*

*In...
Righteousness*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
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The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

The Rev. Barbara Carriere, guest preacher

January 19, 1997

"2nd Sunday After Epiphany"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

"Send the Light"

*Livingston
Blake*

"The Faithful Shepherd"

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O Lord, in Your merciful wisdom You have chosen to call us into Your Holy Kingdom to serve the risen Christ. We praise Your Holy name and offer to serve according to Your will. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather together and sing praises unto the Lord!

Let us rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us gather together into God's house with thanksgiving.

Placing our hearts and lives into the service of our Lord.

And let our voices declare the wonders and mercy of God!

ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #466

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, page 994

923GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Sinfonia in B flat"

Handel

Doxology #572

O God, may we who bear your name
by gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare
and your anointing Spirit share. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:43-51, page 923

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #350

"Open My Eyes, that I May See"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Samuel 3:1-10, page 236

MESSAGE "Consider Your Calling"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #385

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

*(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God,
or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church,
you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune in G"

Lasky

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Barbara Carriere

Lay Leader: Deacon Jim Van Brimmer

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 12:00 A.B.Y.

6:30 Board of Christian Education

MONDAY 6:30 DISCIPLE

7:00 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

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PRAYER CONCERNS:

Our SHUT-INS: FRANCES BRANDUM, Marge Smale's sister, at Delaware Court Health Care Center; EDITH HALL, at home; ELIZABETH HEIZER, at Union Manor Nursing Home in Marysville; and FRANCES JOHNSON, at Wintersong Village Nursing Facility; and JOHN LINN at The Arbors.

Those in need of our PRAYERS include: A.B.C. of OHIO STAFF; PAUL ALLEN; LAURA ANDERSSON, 11 year old daughter of Helen and Bruce Andersson, members of St. Peter's Church; BONNIE ARMSTRONG, Sue Elfner's cousin; GLADYS AYERS; HELEN BAKER; CARRIE BELL BROWN, director of Dayton Christian Center; KATHRYN CLAPPER; CRAIG DAWKINS, friend of the Turners; JACK EDWARDS, friend of the Mercers; KITTY GILLETTE, Mary Gillette's sister-in-law; IRENE HUGHES, Tammy Francis's grandmother; JEANETTE JONES; JOAN LOCKHART, friend of Barb Reed; the LOVELL Family; JUDY MERCER, Phil Mercer's Mother; MARTHA MOFFETT, Jean Wickum's Aunt; MARY ANN & JOHN MURDAY; JEAN OSBORNE; BERTHA VAN BRIMMER; GREG WALKER; the WERLING family; and JEAN WICKUM.

Those in the MILITARY include: VICTOR FOGLE, in the Marines; ED & JENNIFER LINN, in the Air Force; and ARIC MOMPHER, in the Navy.

Those in COLLEGE or AWAY AT COLLEGE include: ERIN FAULK, at Hope College; DEBBIE LOVELL, at Baldwin-Wallace College; MATTHEW LOVELL, at O.S.U.; NATALIE MOWERY, at O.S.U.; CHRISTINE REILLY, at O.W.U.; MARCIE SANDER, at O.S.U.; MICAH STONER, at DeVry Institute; and JARROD TRIGG, at Eastern Michigan University.

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Pastor Brummett will be at the Bartlett Preaching Conference in Rochester, New York from Tuesday through Friday. If you have any emergency or pastoral need please call Alison Mowery (369-3314) or any deacon.

Next Sunday, January 26, we will have a guest preacher, Dr. C. Jeff Woods, the new Executive Minister for the American Baptist Churches of Ohio.

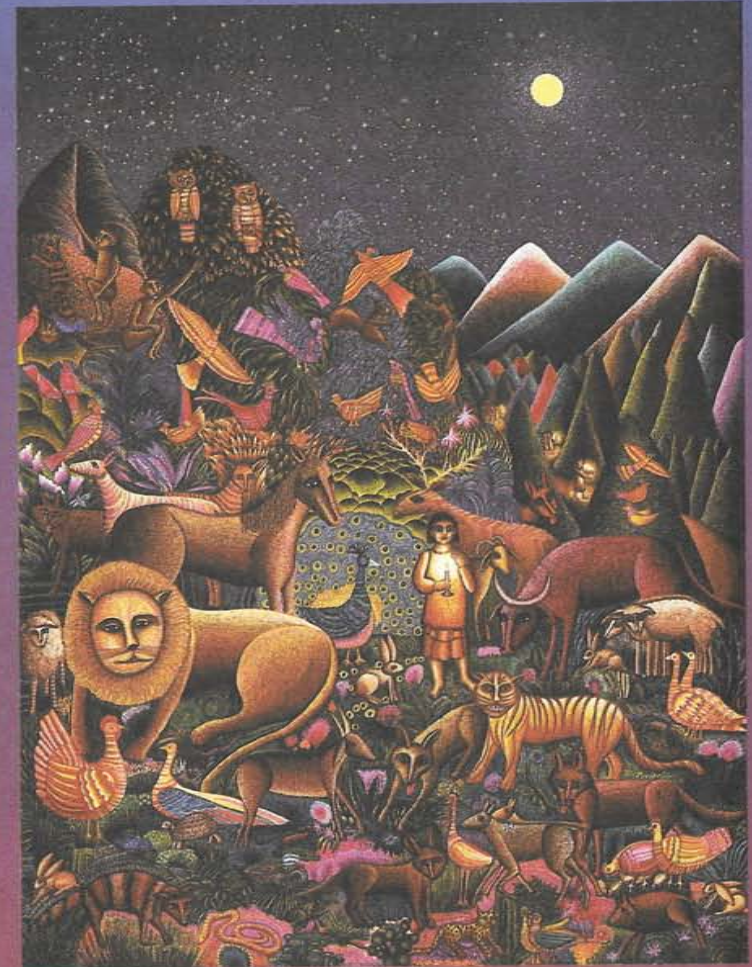
Be reconciled to God.

(2 Cor 5:16-21)

Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute
PO Box 300, Graymoor, Garrison, NY 10524-0300

Be reconciled to God.

2 Cor 5:16-21



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1997 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 North Franklin Street
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The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor
Dr. C. Jeff Woods, guest preacher

January 26, 1997 "3rd Sunday After Epiphany"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE Fantasia on "Sing Praise to God" Hughes

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Graceious God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, who in compassion for the helpless and harassed crowds, sent out his disciples with words of hope and deeds of love. We look around us today and see the same depths of human need; we know that you send us out with good news now. We humbly and joyfully accept your mission, trusting in Jesus Christ to give us courage and strength. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts, for we are sent to give witness of our Lord!

To tell of God's forgiveness and mercy and power.

For we are not of the world, but sent to it as Christ was sent.

Sent to bring hope and life where once was only darkness and despair.

Let us lift our praises to God for Christ's true message of love.

ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #483

"We've A Story to Tell to the Nations"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 6:33-44, page 873

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Alla Siciliana"

Handel

Doxology #572

O God, may we who bear your name

by gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare
and your anointing Spirit share. Amen.

ANTHEM "Lord Triumphant"
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lanning

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #220

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 8:1-9, page 875

MESSAGE "Bread Enough for the World"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #473

"Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE "Allegro"

Vivaldi

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Guest Preacher: Dr. C. Jeff Woods

Lay Leader: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 3:30 Peace Camp, 1st Presbyterian

6:30 DISCIPLE

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY 7:00 Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY 6:30 Annual Meeting, covered-dish

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Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

—Romans 12:2

Green Lake Sunday A Place for Your Renewal

For 53 years the American Baptist Assembly has provided for American Baptists

- a family gathering place for our denomination
- a beautiful conference center on the deepest lake in Wisconsin
- an experience of learning and inspiration.

But most of all, Green Lake has been for countless people “A Place of Renewal.”

People come onto these grounds needing physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual renewal. Here on these holy grounds many have found what they needed most. Instead of being molded to this world, they have had their minds renewed and been transformed in nature (Romans 12:2).

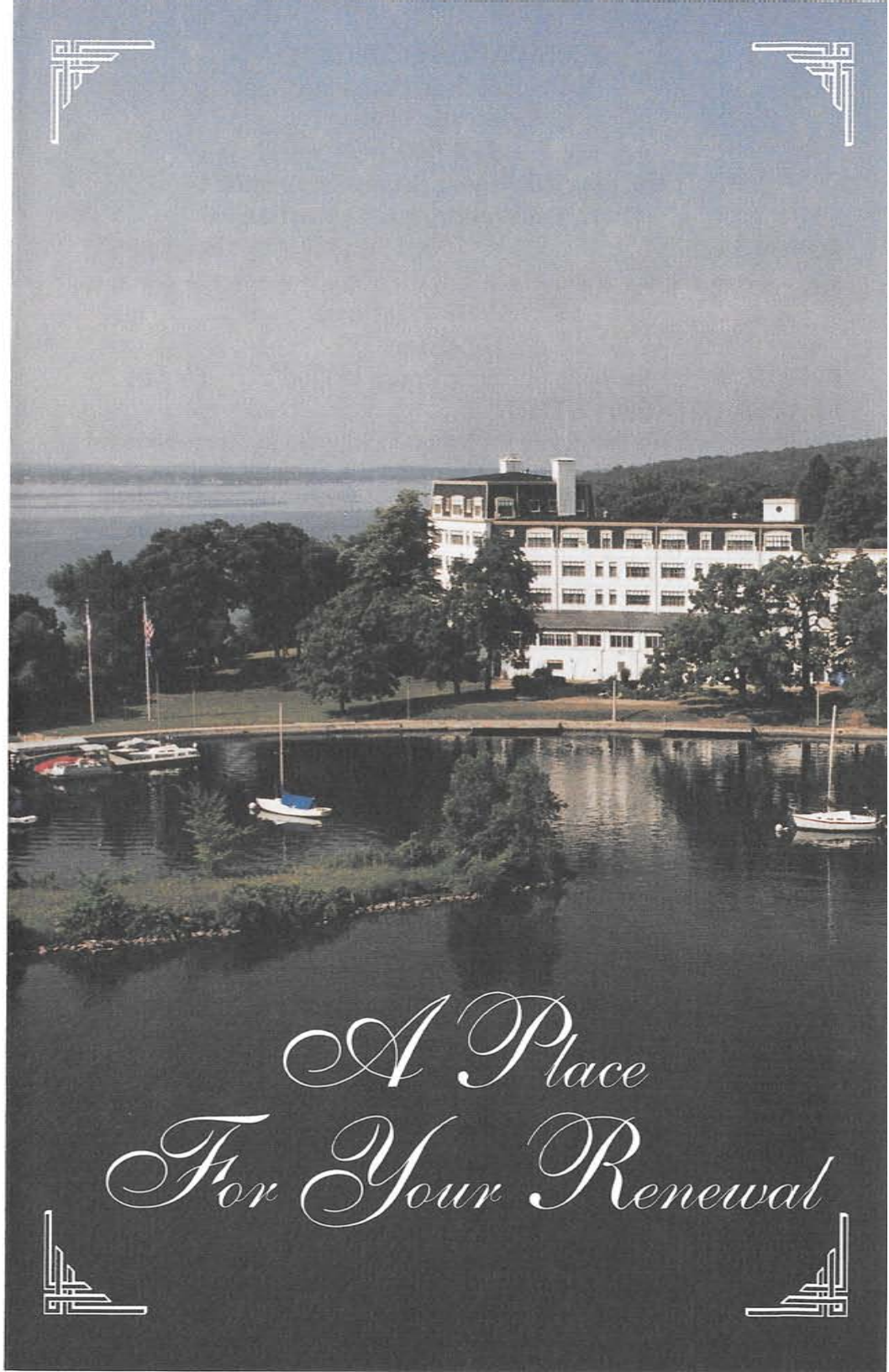
Last year a woman entered our Rose Garden. Her mind and her life were in disorder. Confusion reigned. She did not know which way to go. As she looked at the beauty and order around her, God spoke to her with the message that her life could have that beauty and order. She left the garden renewed!

We invite you to consider a “renewal” trip to Green Lake. It is a place of natural beauty, hospitality, and acceptance. But beyond that, we ask that you pray for our ministry here. Pray that what we provide here will leave persons refreshed, renewed, and transformed for their journey of life and service.

Jan DeWitt

Vice President of Program

American Baptist Assembly/Green Lake Conference Center



*A Place
For Your Renewal*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

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The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

February 2, 1997

"3rd Sunday of Lent"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "Romanze" from 3rd Horn Concerto *Mozart*

French horn solo by Jenna Weakland

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshiping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, in the cross You moved us from believing that the temple building was the only place of worship to accepting that our hearts and lives are Your temple of true worship. We praise You, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, let us come into God's house with humble hearts!

For in Christ God has shown us the foolishness of human wisdom.

Yet God's love for us is so great, Christ calls us into God's family.

Righteous not by our wisdom, but by the cross and the wisdom of God,

Let us be humble, but let us also proclaim loudly the mercy of God.

ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #14**

"Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart"

***INVOCATION**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (*Trespases*)

***GLORIA PATRI #575**

MISSION MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Offertory in G"

Handel

Doxology #572

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were are present far to small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands soul, my life, my all. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #350**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 2:13-22

MESSAGE "Spring Cleaning"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING "A Lenten Psalm" *Hutson*

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #210**

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"

HOLY COMMUNION

***FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Great God, We Sing Thy Mighty Hand"

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Alison Mowery

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 6:30 Lenten Study 3: Ritual and Symbol

MONDAY 6:30 DISCIPLE

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY 7:00 Deacons

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

THURSDAY 10:00 Sewing Group

FRIDAY 9:30 Church Women United, 1st Pres.

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us.
—Ephesians 5:2 (RSV)*

America for Christ

When I was a child, my father would often remind me that I must “be good” because in whatever I did, I would be representing him. That was a heavy responsibility to carry. I knew that if I tried anything, I might bring embarrassment to my father, and I knew that I would hear about it when I got home.

As Christian disciples, we are linked with Christ as I was linked with my father. Jesus in his ultimate act of love on the cross showed us a way to live today. Paul writing to the Ephesians said, “Live in love, as Christ loved us....” (5:2, NRSV). Jesus first loved us and thus made his “offering and sacrifice to God.” And because Christ loved us, we must today live and walk in love in the name of Christ.

“Walking in love” is no easy task. It means that we both speak about God’s love and become involved actively in making God’s love known and available to everybody. At the 1996 National Senior High conferences, youth were challenged to live out their faith as world changers. They believed that as young people, they, too, could make a difference in the world, at home as well as in other countries. Youth were able to study about and recommend ways that mission projects could serve their communities better. At the end of the experience, the youth were excited and empowered to return to their own communities to be world changers. They learned that they can “walk in love as Christ loved us.” A youth from West Virginia said, “Not only was the conference a wonderful opportunity to meet people from all over the country, but it also allowed the Spirit of the Lord to work through us and bond us together.”

The America for Christ Offering provides you with one way to “walk in love,” by supporting Educational Ministries, National Ministries, and your regional ministries. This is an opportunity for you to extend your personal Christian service in your community to all parts of the United States. You, too, can make a difference in the world we live in by giving to the America for Christ Offering.

*Donald T-M Ng
Director, Department of Education for Discipleship
Educational Ministries*

*Walk in
Love...*



*as Christ
Loved Us*

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February 9, 1997

"Transfiguration Sunday"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Mighty God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Your glory shines in the face of Christ. Shine in our hearts and lives. May your name be praised, glorious God! Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE #75

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Kings 2:1-12, page 319

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Doxology #572

O God, may we who bear your name
by gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare
and your anointing Spirit share. Amen.

ANTHEM "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Paxton

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #439

"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:2-9, page 876

MESSAGE "A Glimmering Glimpse"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #344

"Be Thou My Vision"

*(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God,
or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church,
you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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TODAY	12:00 ABY's Everything Chocolate
	2:00 Board of Christian Education
	6:00 Festival of Praise, Trinity
MONDAY	6:30 DISCIPLE
	7:00 Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	6:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
WEDNESDAY	7:00 Ash Wednesday Service
	7:30 Choir
THURSDAY	12:00 Young at Heart

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*Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!
—Psalm 130:2*

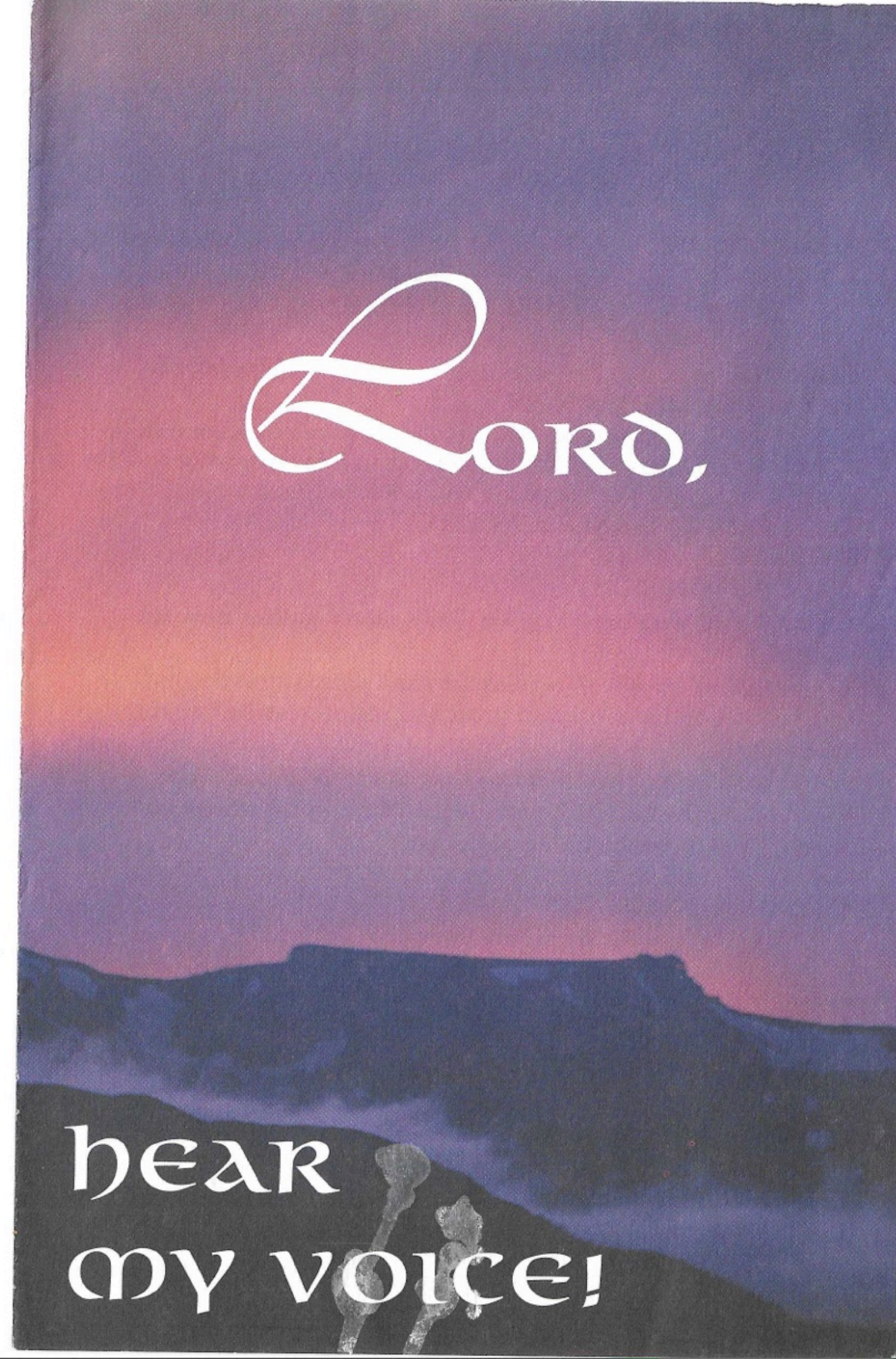
A small church in Kinshasa has a ministry for persons with AIDS. On a recent Sunday morning, Miriam and I listened spellbound to the testimony of a Zairean army captain:

"I grew up in this part of Kinshasa. I knew every bar and most of the pretty girls. After finishing high school, I joined the army and soon became a captain. I married and had two children—who both died before reaching the age of two. In 1985 my wife and I became ill. We had frequent infections; we could not eat. My weight dropped to 100 pounds—and my wife, less than 80! In 1986 we were both diagnosed as having AIDS. I couldn't eat or sleep—I wanted to die quickly.

"But some of you came and visited us. You prayed with us and told us about Jesus, who saves and heals. On that day I accepted Christ. I slept soundly that night for the first time in two months. In the morning our appetites had returned. We began gaining weight and soon our health returned. We then wondered if we could have more children. You prayed with us that God would hear our prayers. God has since given us three lovely children—all of whom are healthy and HIV negative. I now weigh 155 pounds and continue as an officer. Thank you for having introduced us to Jesus."

Medical science is now showing what Proverbs 14:30 has told us all along: A heart at peace gives life to the body (NIV). The power of the living Christ in the heart of a person has physical as well as psychological and spiritual effects. We have Good News to share with sick persons, and there is hope even for those with AIDS. The Lord does hear our prayers.

*Daniel Fountain
Missionary Doctor, Zaire
International Ministries*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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February 16, 1997

"1st Sunday of Lent"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

"Sacred Song"

Mendelssohn

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Almighty and merciful God, You could easily have laid upon us rejection for our sinfulness, yet You chose to call us into repentance and the joy of Your acceptance. We praise You, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let all who have known God's mercy gather now for worship.

God sought us out even though we were still unworthy and sinful.

God is indeed merciful and great and restores us before our enemies.

For we are a witness before all who have eyes to see of God's love.

Then let our hearts and voices be lifted in joyful praise and song. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #57

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Reflections"

Macklin

Doxology #572

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far to small;

love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

ANTHEM "Lead Us, O Father"

Ritter

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Randy Turner

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #53

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 9:8-17, page 7

MESSAGE "Reaching for Rainbows"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #48

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

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you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE "Psalm of Glory"

Saxton

(*congregation stands)

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Lay Leader: Alison Mowery

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 6:30 Lenten Study 1: Transformation

MONDAY 6:30 DISCIPLE

7:00 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

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And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?

—Romans 10:14-15

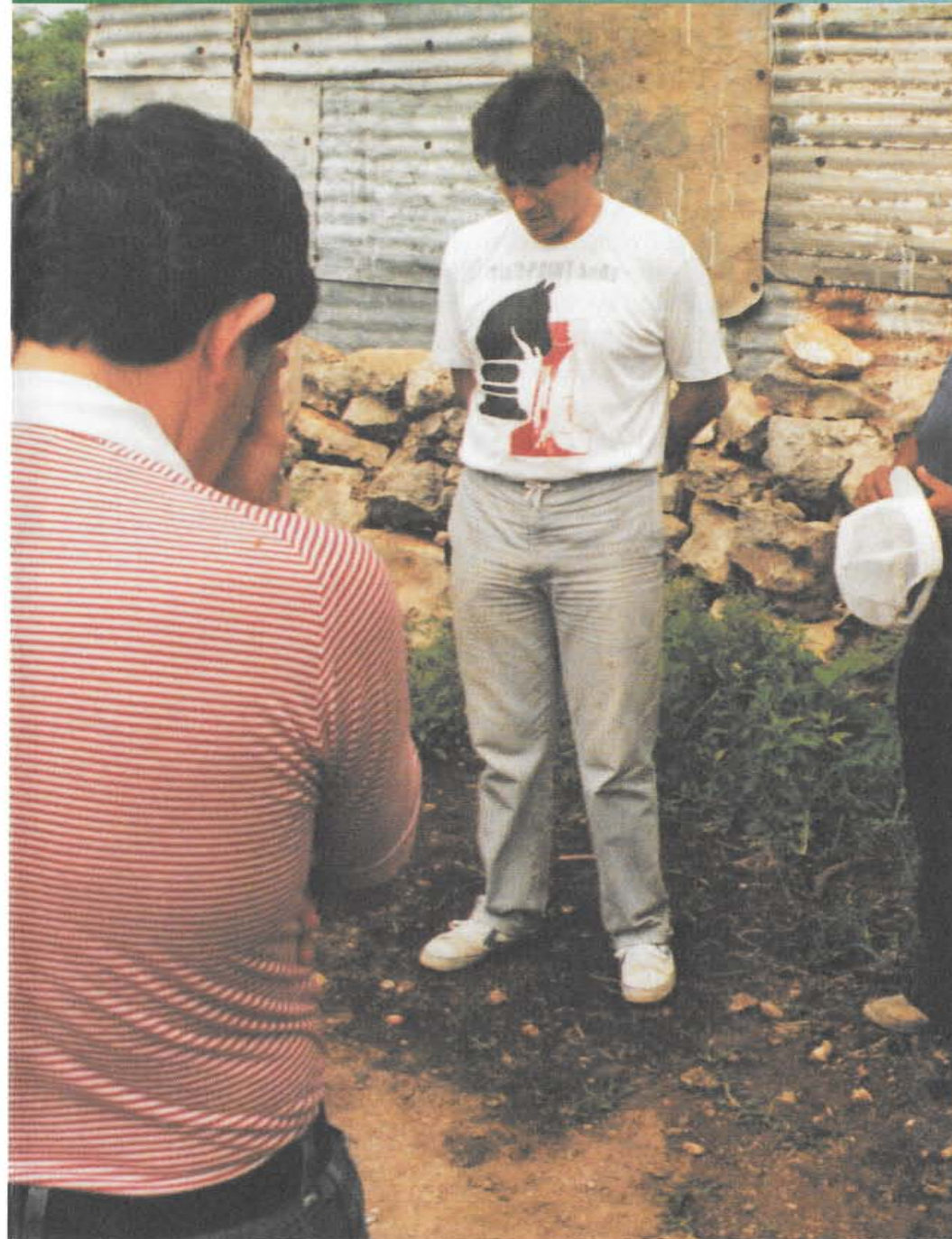
Church Vocations Sunday The Challenges and Celebration of the Call

Annually American Baptists lift up the importance of church vocations and the role of the local congregation as the sending agent. Vocational leaders are the ordained and the nonordained who serve as pastors, educational specialists, chaplains, pastoral counselors, and workers in other specialized ministries. The source of such leadership is the very churches that benefit from these ministries, directly or indirectly.

The local church has an important place in the calling and support of women and men through the calling process. First, there is the *identification* of those who have the potential for and may show interest in giving leadership in ministry. They may be youth or mature leaders who are questioning their vocational direction. Second, there is the *challenge* to consider the call. Through activities such as worship, service projects, and Bible study, vocational ministry is lifted up. There are those congregational encouragers who support persons as they consider God's call. Finally, there is the need to provide *support* to those who respond to the vocational ministry call. Throughout the journey into ministry, there is the need for words of encouragement and prayer and for financial support during the training period.

*David P. Ludeker
Director, Church Vocational Leadership
Educational Ministries*

The Challenges & Celebration of the Call



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The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

February 23, 1997

"2nd Sunday of Lent"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "The Light of the World is Jesus" Miles

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, in Your infinite wisdom You have given us the witness of Christ to teach us Your will for our lives. We will stand boldly for You, Lord, and proclaim Your Good News to the world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

We follow Christ

Who says, "Take up your cross."

We follow Christ

Who bids us come and die.

We follow Christ

Who summons us to new life.

Come, let us worship our Creator.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #36

"The God of Abraham Praise"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Prayer of Penitence"

Tchaikowsky

Doxology #572

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Randy Turner

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #504

"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 8:31-38, page 875

MESSAGE "Step By Step"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #451

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE Little Postlude in "G" Bach

(*congregation stands)

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Organist: Betty Porter

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 6:30 Lenten Study 2: Breaking Down Barriers

MONDAY 6:30 DISCIPLE
7:00 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

THURSDAY 7:00 Parish Council

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"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said."

—Luke 1:38

Single Adult Awareness Sunday A New Attitude

Before Mary became the mother of Jesus, she and Joseph planned to be married. Like most young women, Mary probably wanted the traditional life, to fall in love, be married, and live happily ever after with her husband. But God interrupted Mary and Joseph's plans, transforming their lives—and ours—forever.

God's invitation for Mary to become the mother of Jesus did not reflect tradition. Surely, her pregnancy and the postponement of their marriage created a major stir in their community. It is easy to understand Joseph's confusion and compassion when he heard the news. Faced with an unprecedented dilemma, Mary and Joseph were compelled to take on *a new attitude*.

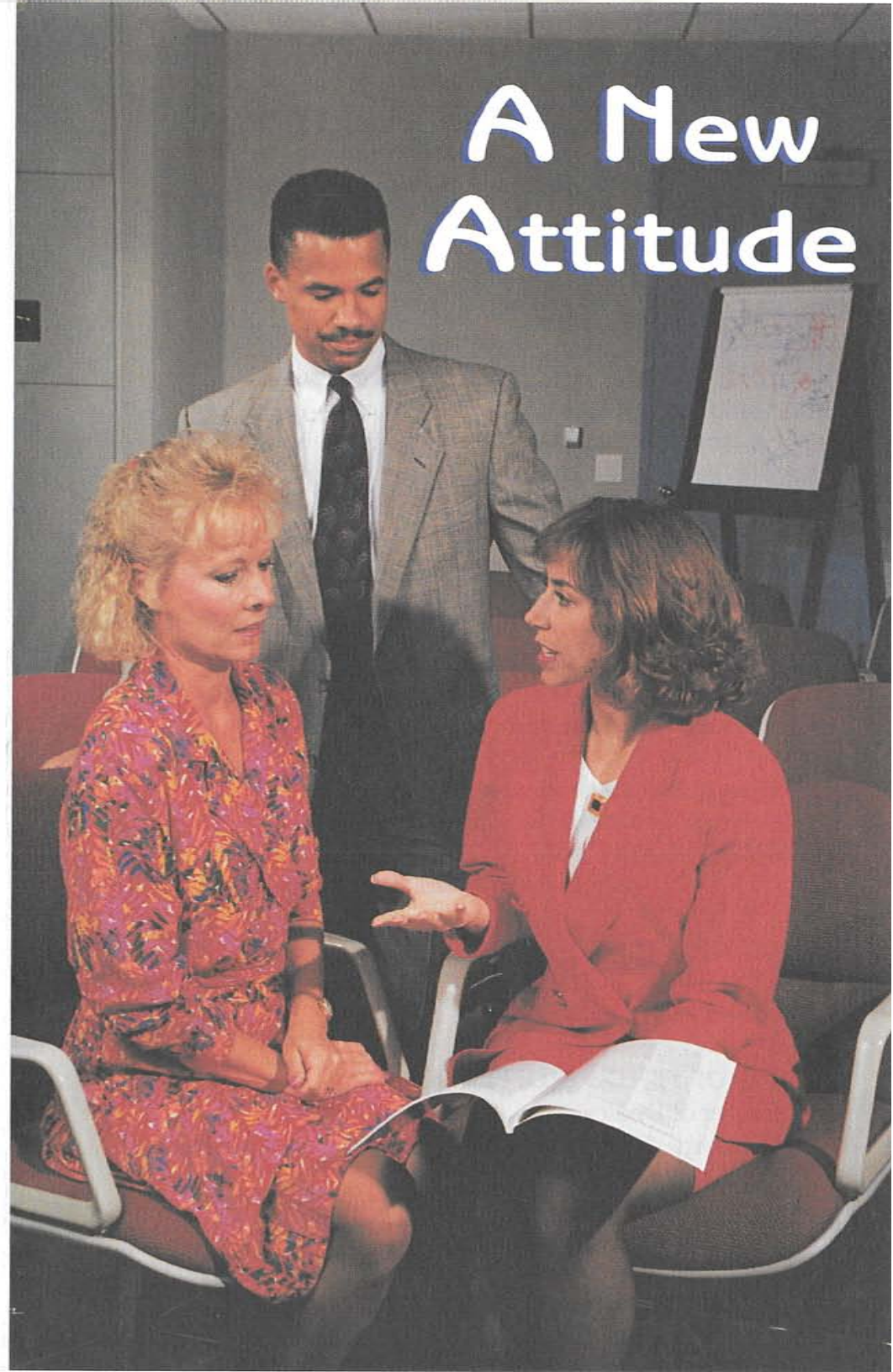
This new attitude is found in seeing our lives through God's eyes and allowing God full access to our lives: "Not my will but yours be done" (Luke 22:42).

Many singles want to be married, have a family, and live happily ever after, but they are faced with the reality of living alone—and the reality that God may have other plans for their lives.

Today is a good day to try on *a new attitude*, one of total surrender to the will of God, fully knowing that God may have other plans for our lives.

Valentine B. Royal
Director, Women in Ministry
Educational Ministries

A New Attitude



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March 9, 1997

"4th Sunday of Lent"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE "O, Jesus I Have Promised"

Smith

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Holy God, we come before you thankful that you love us as we are. We are creatures of your hand; we are a community formed by your Spirit. You are the potter; we are the clay. With your sure and loving hands, shape us, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness

Have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

On them has light shined.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #40

"To God Be the Glory"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

MISSION MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Lord Jesus, Think On Me"

Southbridge

Doxology #572

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

ANTHEM "Give Us a Vision"

Choplin

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #288

"Amazing Grace"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:14-21, page 924

MESSAGE "The Halftime Show"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #233

"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

(If you feel called to make a public statement of your commitment to God, or to rededicate your life to God, or to join formally with this church, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

SERVICE OF MEMBERSHIP

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE "Recessional"

Koury

(*congregation stands)

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Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 6:30 Lenten Study 4: The Light Way

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

THURSDAY 12:00 Young at Heart

7:00 Prayer Service

SATURDAY 8:30 Men's Breakfast

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Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries.

—1 Corinthians 4:1

American Baptist Seminary Sunday Preparing Servants for Ministry

The preparing of men and women for servant ministry in the church is a special responsibility given to those schools that are a part of the American Baptist family. Those prepared are persons who have come from our churches, identified and called, nurtured and supported.

It is this partnership between the churches and schools that guarantees the ministerial leadership for our churches in the future. Do we as churches and leaders encourage and challenge those who show promise for vocational ministry to consider Christ's call? Do we financially support the American Baptist schools that are called to prepare our future leaders? Without this partnership between the churches and the schools, where will we find leadership for our congregations in the future?

*Servant churches
working together
with servant schools
to produce tomorrow's
servant leaders.*

American Baptist Seminary of the West
Andover Newton Theological School
Central Baptist Theological Seminary
Colgate Rochester Divinity School
Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico
Morehouse School of Religion
Northern Baptist Theological Seminary
Virginia Union University, School of Theology

*David P. Ludeker
Director, Church Vocational Leadership
Educational Ministries*



Preparing

Servants for Ministry

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March 16, 1997

"5th Sunday of Lent"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Source of our being, when Jesus speaks in paradoxes, we have to struggle to comprehend their meaning: the one who loves life will lose it; the one who hates life here will gain eternal life. We want to love life, not to hate it. Plant us again in the love of Jesus Christ, so that we will understand the mysterious relationship between love and hate. Show us how perceiving life through his eyes will reveal what we could not see alone. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE #141

"Lift High the Cross"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Evelyn Lee

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Randy Turner

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Doxology #572

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Worthy is the Lamb"

Beery

Jenna Weaklan, French horn

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #372

"Have Thine Own Way Lord"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 12:20-33, page 936

MESSAGE "The Road Less Traveled"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #506

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 6:30 Lenten Study 5: Facing Death

MONDAY 6:30 DISCIPLE 2

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY 7:30 Board Of C.E., at White's

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

THURSDAY 7:00 A.B.W. Ministries

FRIDAY 6:30 Marion Assoc. Celebration Banquet

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The rose on the alter is in honor of the birth of Jacob Todd
Bradford, son of Alison (Grubbs) and Todd Bradford.

*Although he was a Son, he learned obedience
through what he suffered.*

—Hebrews 5:8

Comfortable Christians do not often contemplate the suffering endured by Jesus to secure our redemption. Nor do we often remember the obedience that resulted in the suffering of the martyrs of the early church, or of Chinese Christians during the Cultural Revolution, or of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, or of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Obedience, suffering, discipline, and submission are not words we hear often and are not the aspects of the Christian life we most want to cultivate. We prefer to concentrate on the abundant life Jesus came to bring, looking for that abundance in the material and physical areas of our lives rather than in spiritual depth and richness. In this season let us live in a spirit of gratitude for the great love that led Jesus to suffer for us. With Jesus as our example, let us become more obedient to God, whatever the cost, following God's call and trusting God's faithfulness.

*Jean Kim
Executive Director
Educational Ministries*



he learned obedience

through
what he suffered

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March 23, 1997

"Palm Sunday"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

"Palm Sunday"

Hughes

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O merciful and gracious Lord, only in Your infinite wisdom could such horror and pain as death on a cross be turned into one of the most redeeming events of history. Thank You, O God. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Echo Reading)

(Pastor reads expressively; congregation "echoes" each line)

Hosanna!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Glory in the highest!

Our King is coming!

He is humble, mounted on a donkey!

Who is this?

This is Jesus! The prophet of God!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Who comes for our salvation!

Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #131

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER *(Trespases)*

*GLORIA PATRI #575

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "On the First Day of Spring"

Broughton

Doxology #572

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far to small;
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Hosanna in the Highest"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #132

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 15:1-47, page 884

MESSAGE "Turn the Other Cheek"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #63

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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*BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE "Hail the King Triumphant"

Blake

(*congregation stands)

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*Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
"Hosanna!"*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

—Mark 11:9

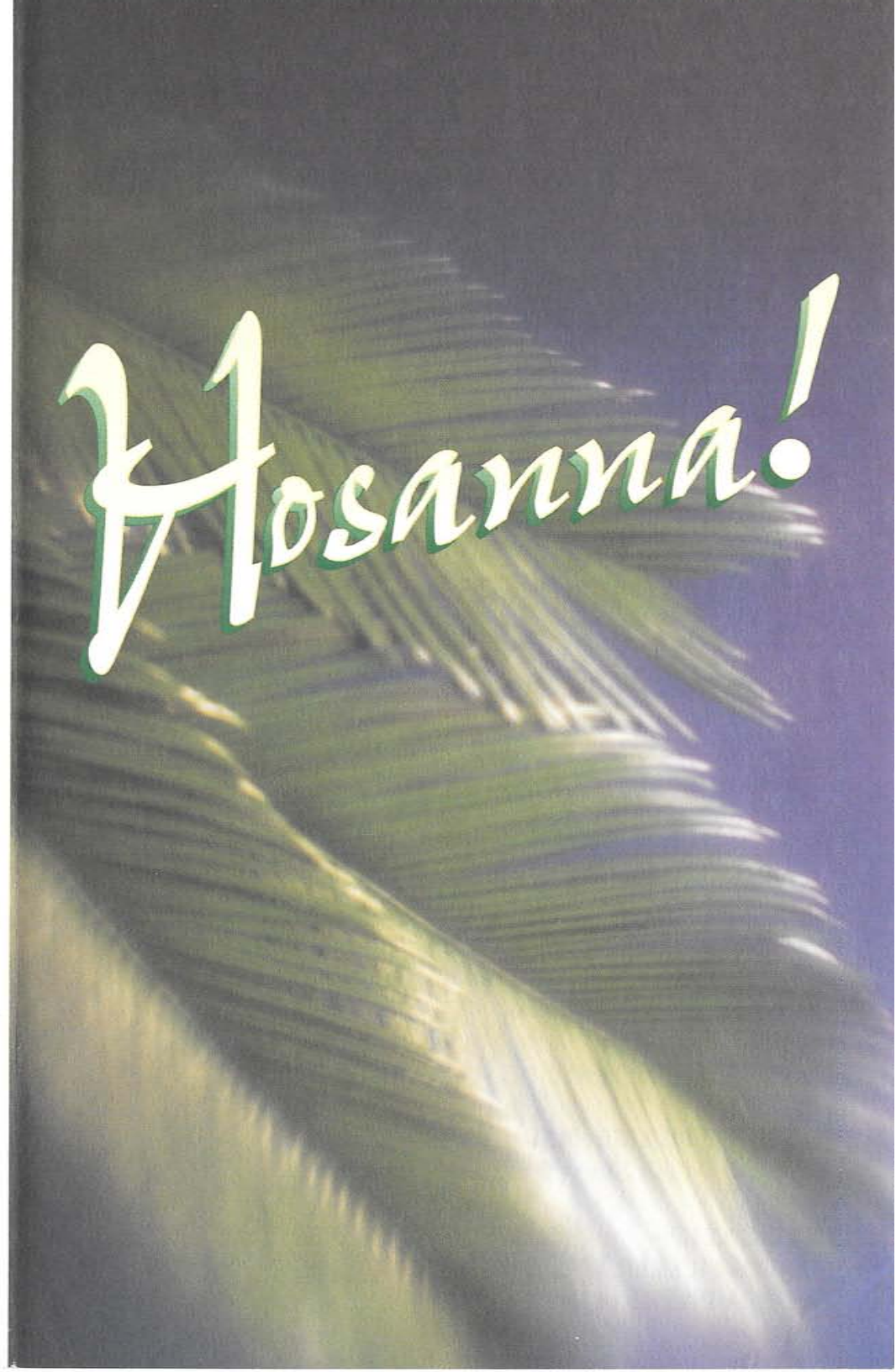
As the music of "How Great Thou Art" filled the sanctuary, guitars and maracas joined with piano and pipe organ. It was Palm Sunday, and members of Iglesia Bautista Hispana El Calvario and Calvary Baptist Church were worshiping together. There were more than 300 people of 25 different nationalities praising God in many languages.

Although we began sharing the church building in 1974, this was only the second time that we had worshiped together. It was an opportunity to write a golden page of our history together. Calvary's interim pastor, the Reverend Richard V. Dutton, and I had become close friends, often praying together for our ministries in Providence.

Although palms were a part of our service, we know that palms don't have the Spirit. God is looking for worshipers who will praise him and serve him in spirit and in truth.

We are all part of God's family. It is natural for a family to get together. When we love and listen to each other, we will collaborate and do things together.

*J. Francisco Litardo
Pastor, Iglesia Bautista Hispana El Calvario and
American Baptist Home Missionary
Providence, Rhode Island*



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March 30, 1997

"Easter"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45am

PRELUDE

"He Is Risen"

Ritter

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, in the resurrection of Christ You opened the door so that all can once again have hope and joy in their lives. Lead us back into the true ways in which You will have us serve You. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Echo Reading)

(Pastor reads expressively; congregation "echoes" each line)

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

In a LOUD voice, we cry out:

Salvation belongs to God!

We worship God, singing AMEN!

Glory be to God!

All wisdom and honor; all power and might,

Forever and ever. AMEN!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #163

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #575

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Bells of Easter "

Paxton

Doxology #572

O Jesus, risen now to bless,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give you all our days
the willing tribute of our praise!

ANTHEM "Jubilate Deo"

Spevacek

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #164

"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 16:1-8, page 886

MESSAGE "Playing It Safe"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #158

"I Serve A Risen Savior"

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you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE "On Our Way Rejoicing"

Smith

(*congregation stands)

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Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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CALENDAR

MONDAY 6:30 DISCIPLE 2

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY 7:00 Deacons

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

—Mark 16:8

Easter Sunday

The Easter lily reminds us of the glorious joy that is ours because of the resurrection of our Lord. The flower both looks beautiful and smells wonderfully sweet!

Dr. Clay Woodbury, who has a passion for Bible storytelling, once recommended that I consider telling the passion story from the Gospel of Mark as I worked in Japan. If your Bible was printed recently, it probably notes that in the earliest, most reliable manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, chapter 16 actually ends with verse 8. That verse reads, "So they [the three women] went out and ran from the tomb, distressed and terrified. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid" (GNB).

Dr. Woodbury suggested that Japanese Christians might relate well to this "ending," since the history of the church in Japan is so troubled, and it is so tough for Christians there to express and maintain their faith in a 99 percent non-Christian culture.

I'm reminded of my Japanese Christian friend Mr. "E," a physics professor. Although he had considered himself a Christian for many years, he harbored private doubts about the truth of the resurrection of Christ. He felt ashamed and afraid that he was still incomplete in his faith. Yet, he shared with me the new freedom and sense of hope he gained when, by faith, he came to a place of total confidence in God's power and love as expressed in the resurrection miracle!

For Mr. "E" the Easter lily is a reminder of the joy of God's perfect love and mercy shown to us through Jesus Christ.

*Peter Beckwith
Missionary, Japan
International Ministries*

Alleluia!



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April 6, 1997

2nd Sunday of Easter

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" *Livingston*

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshiping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Lord of peace, how many chances you have given us to believe. For some of us, it has been easy to know you as the Messiah. Some of us have struggles against all the evidence. We know that you love us both, faithful traveler and uneasy doubter alike. All of us, though, are mere beginners. We are still students, seeking with minds and hearts those things that we do not yet know. Reveal yourself through our closed doors. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #222

"Wonderful Words of Life"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Meditation"

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

Saxton

ANTHEM

"Easter Jubilate"

Wagner

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #160

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

MORNING MESSAGE

"Christian Skeptics"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

"Quiet Reflection"

Mansfield

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #211

"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"

HOLY COMMUNION

*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Christ Hath Triumphed, alleluia!"

Hughes

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

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Lay Leader: Deacon Dave Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY	6:30	DISCIPLE II
	7:00	Boy Scouts
	7:00	Delaware Piecemakers
TUESDAY	7:00	Deacons
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	12:00	Young at Heart
	7:00	Prayer Service

*For now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
—Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

The child's brown eyes were moist as she said, "I wish things didn't have to be this way." She meant her home and extended family, devastated by another alcoholic binge that had gone on for several days. "It doesn't have to be," Julie assured the little girl, whose lip quivered. "Things can be different for you."

Spring is God's testament that things can change by the power of the Resurrection. Christians need to announce hope just as robins signal the arrival of spring. Kodiak Baptist Mission has been a place of hope for Alaska's children for more than one hundred years, announcing spring in the midst of their "winter."

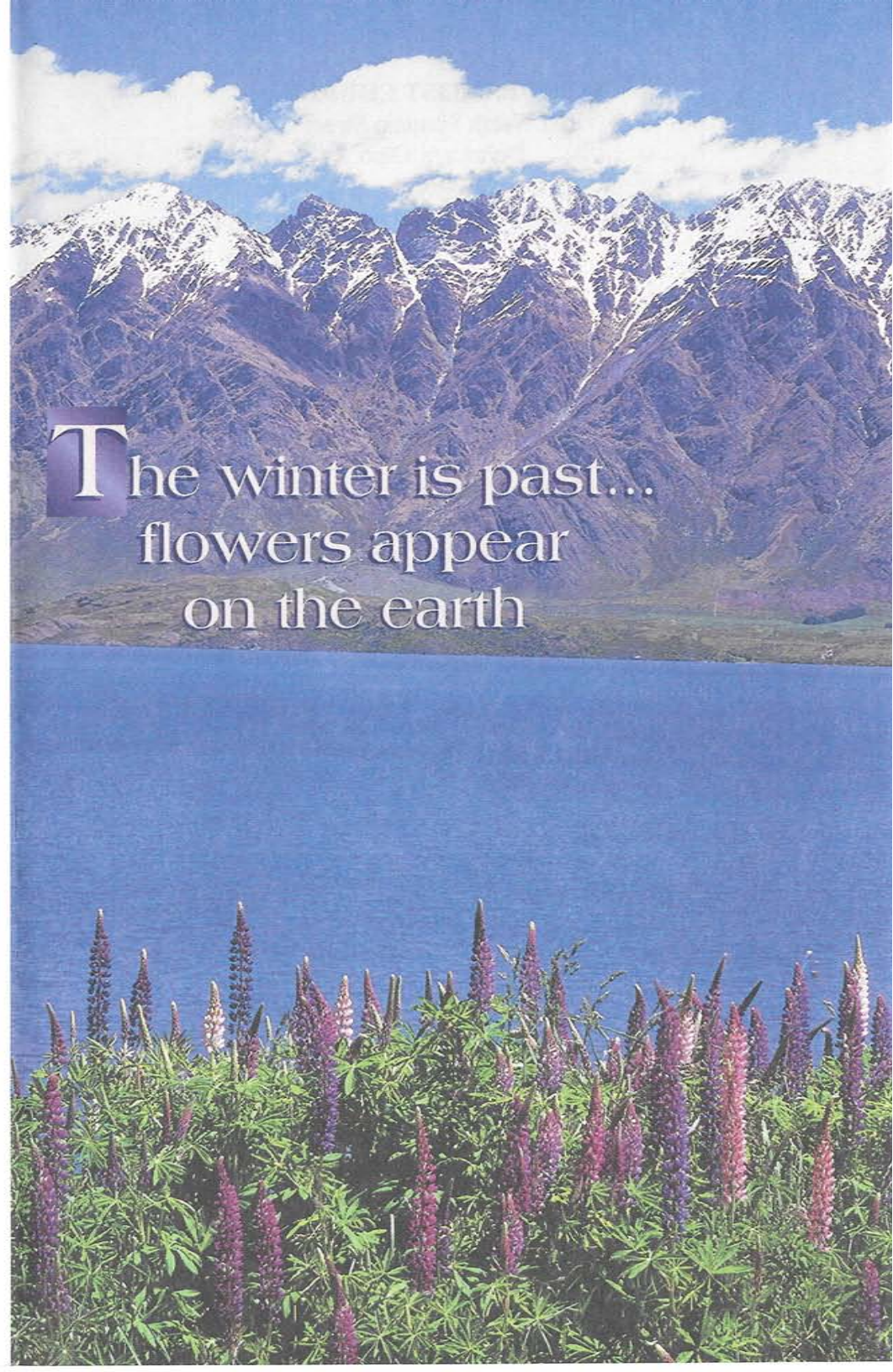
In 1996 the Board of Directors of Kodiak Baptist Mission voted to decline state funding for residential treatment of troubled youth and to explore new directions for mission. With the funding, the state had placed restrictions on Kodiak's Christian ministry. In a bold step of faith, new ministries are being launched to help children in dysfunctional families.

Beautiful it is to see spring's hand embracing the mountain side, pushing back the snow until once again Kodiak is an emerald isle with only a patch of snow here and there to remind us of winter past.

Beautiful it is to see God's work in a child, melting despair and bringing hope with God's promise — "See, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

Evan J. Jones

*Former Director of Alaska Ministries for American Baptist
National Ministries and Interim Director of Kodiak Baptist Mission
Kodiak, Alaska*



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April 13, 1997

3rd Sunday of Easter

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE "In A World Where Love Abides"

Simone

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

As the risen Christ was revealed to the disciples, O God, reveal to us in the preaching of the word, your will for us in Christ. Grant that your promises in Christ may be fulfilled in us, and that we will become promising people, for Christ's sake.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF PRAISE, #51**

"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"

***INVOCATION**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Trespases)

***GLORIA PATRI #576**

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Moment by Moment"

Hughes

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6)

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #378**

"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

MORNING MESSAGE

"It Takes a Church"

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #505**

"Out in the Highways and Byways of Life"

***BENEDICTION**

***ALLELUIA**

***POSTLUDE**

"Unto God Be the Glory"

Martin

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Deacon Kirby Francis

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 6:30 DISCIPLE II

7:00 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

NEXT SUNDAY 12:00 A.B.W. Ministries, Lunch Meeting

2:00 Board of Christian Education

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The rose on the altar is in honor of Jane Catherine Mercer, born on Thursday, April 10, at 4:08 p.m. to Phil and Melissa Mercer and brother Michael.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

—John 13:34

From the time he can remember, Naresh Singh realized he was poor, orphaned, and the victim of a crippling illness—polio. When he was just a youngster, the mysterious forces of life brought him to the Government Juvenile Home for Delinquent Boys in Ranipet, a small town in South India. These tragedies prompted him to look at life with vengeance and to become the most difficult child in the "home" of 600 boys.

But that's where Naresh came in contact with the Reverend Paul Narayana Rao, then the moral and religious instructor of the home and now a member of the chaplaincy department of CMC Hospital, Vellore. Rev. Paul's ministry of love to the children at Ranipet sowed seeds of Christ's transforming love in Naresh's heart. It took some years and the compassionate caring of others, together with Rev. Paul, for those seeds to germinate. Eight years ago, Naresh opened himself fully to Christ and was baptized, taking the name of Peter.

Wondrously, the highlight of the annual Christmas celebration at the Government Juvenile Home a few years ago was a message given by Peter Naresh Singh, who had by then become a seminary student. CMC's current head chaplain, the Reverend George Isaac, was deeply touched by the message of the former resident of the institution.

On his way back to Vellore, Rev. Isaac prayed, "Lord, I thank you for having given me one of the most memorable Christmas experiences of my life through this celebration with the children of the Ranipet Home. These children need our love, Lord. Help us to love them by sharing our time, talents, and resources with them that they may experience your love through our ministry."

*Bob and Lu Carman
Missionaries, India
International Ministries*



*Love one another...
as I have loved you*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

Delaware, Ohio

363-7021

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

April 20, 1997

4th Sunday of Easter

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE "At the Hour of Worship"

Broughton

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O Living Christ, as the good news of Easter energized your first disciples to establish dynamic Christian communities, so energize us to dynamic life within our church. As your Spirit gave them courage to stand tall before the powers of this world, so empower us to proclaim your gospel and struggle for justice and peace. By your presence with us now, make us one in love and mission. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is our hope and our salvation. Let us praise the Lord!

Even though we rejected Christ and crucified him, He loved us still.

Let us remember our salvation and glorify the Lord who forgave us.

But others still reject the stone which God has chosen even today.

Let our voices be raised in song and praise for all who will hear.

ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #313

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "With Peace in My Soul"

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

Paxton

All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #80

"I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

MORNING MESSAGE

"Politics as Usual?"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #200

"The Church's One Foundation"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

"God of Everlasting Glory"

Peterson

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett
Lay Leader: Deacon Kirby Francis
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	12:00	A.B.W. Ministries, Lunch Meeting
	1:30	William Street U.M.C. Baptism
	2:00	Board of Christian Education
MONDAY	6:30	DISCIPLE II
	7:00	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir
FRIDAY	7:00	Breece/Hatfield Rehearsal
SATURDAY	10:00	Women's Sunday Rehearsal
	2:30	Breece/Hatfield Wedding

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One of the biggest hopes of children at Neighborhood Ministries is to go to camp. Each year the number of children who can go depends on how much camp scholarship aid we receive. I believe some people think, "Sure, camp is fun for kids. But I want to support a ministry that's making a real difference." I used to think the same way—until I became a camp counselor and met "Ben."

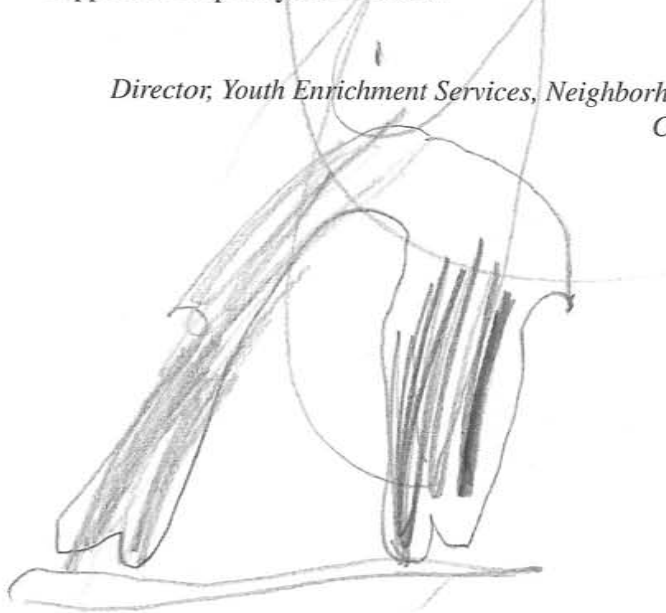
Ben had just come through a program for children in the Chicago area who had served time in a youth correctional facility and were ready to move to a foster home or youth shelter. Ben was in my group and put me to the test every minute of every day. I did my best to show Christian love (and restraint), but those attempts were always met with defiance and indifference. When Ben left camp at the end of the week, neither one of us said good-bye. I felt utterly defeated, believing the week had been useless.

That feeling stayed with me for a whole year until I returned the following summer to work as a program coordinator. As I was registering families, a young man ran up to my table. Ben gave me a big hug (in front of his friends) and told them I was his buddy.

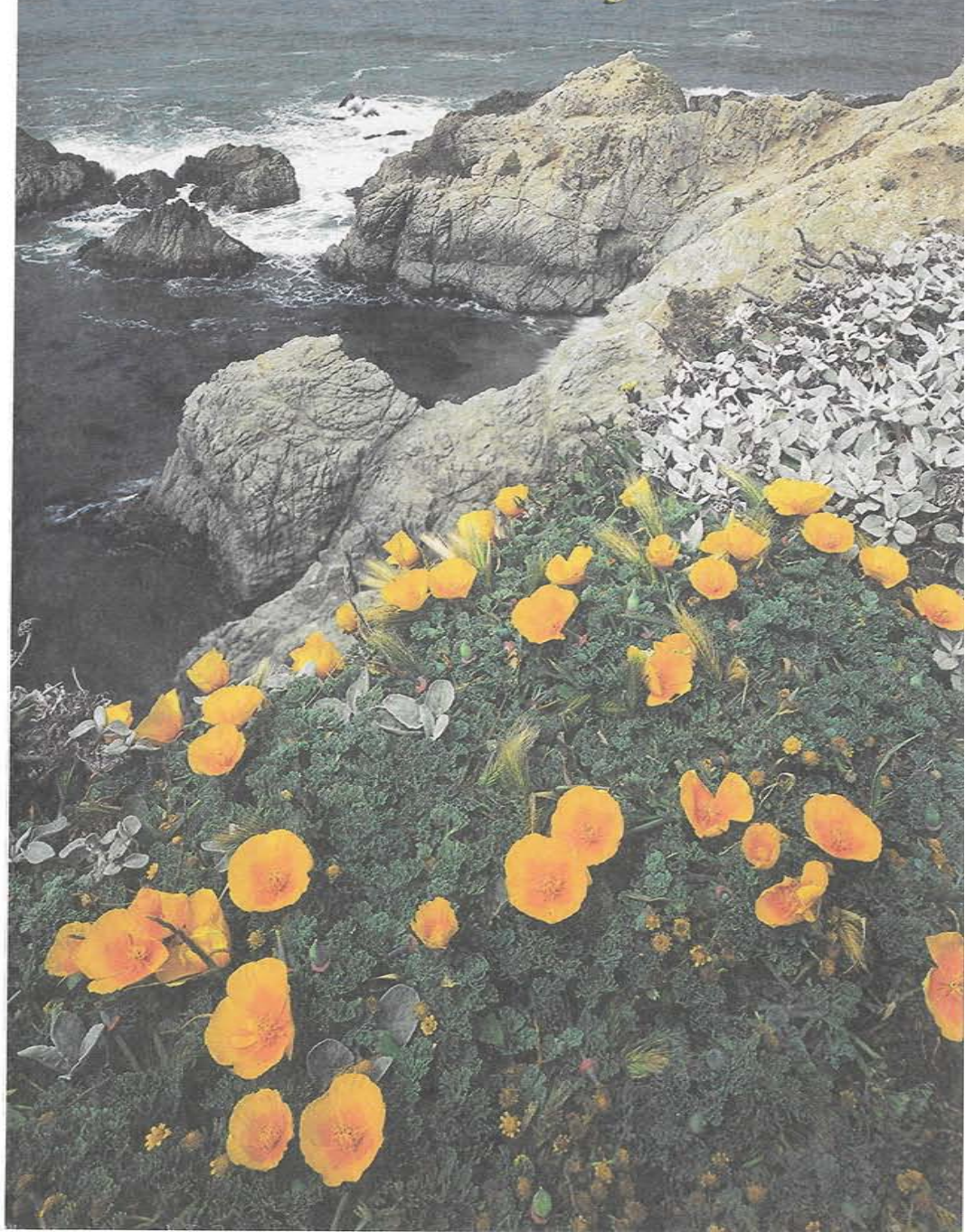
The camping week I thought had been a waste, God had meant for good. It was a time when Ben received much-needed attention. He was a new person.

Many of our children have similar stories. The changes that happen at camp truly are miracles.

*Mark Samuel
Director, Youth Enrichment Services, Neighborhood Ministries
Campbell, Ohio*



*There is a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

Delaware, Ohio

363-7021

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

April 27, 1997

Women's Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE "Aria Semplice"

Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

The worship service today concerns the church and lepers and the good news. It's about the Christian's responsibility to share the good news. It's about the Christian's responsibility to share the sunshine with the "untouchables"-the poor, the captives, the blind, the oppressed. It's about wholeness and life abundant, for that's what Christ said he came for. Join us!

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF PRAISE, #90**

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Chanson"

Scott

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

MORNING MESSAGE "The Church and Lepers"

The Church Members Gather

The Lepers Enter

ANTHEM"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

Broughton

The Church Responds

HYMN #482 "Lonely Voices Crying in the City"

The Dancing Leper

The Church Condemns

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 23:13-39

LITANY OF CONFESSION (Insert)

The Church Welcomes

HYMN #331 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

***BENEDICTION**

***ALLELUIA**

***POSTLUDE**

"Morning Hymn"

Beethoven

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:

The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Choir Director:

Jim Stephenson

Organist:

Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY

6:30

DISCIPLE 2

7:00

Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY

6:30

Quarterly Business Meeting

FRIDAY

11:30

Church Women United

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

—Isaiah 6:8

American Baptist Camps and Conferences Sunday

Here am I, send me!

As the director of a camping ministry, I am often witness to the power of God to change lives. The unique setting of our camps, combined with faith-challenging leadership, helps to quickly forge strong Christian communities. A pastor recently shared a story that reminded me of just how much God makes use of these seemingly average encounters.

At an area pastor's breakfast, a young man approached a retired pastor, calling him by name. "You don't remember me, do you? You were my counselor at camp fifteen years ago. I was the one who kept asking you all the questions. You stayed up late at night listening and helping me find answers. Through that camp experience, I heard the Lord calling me into Christian service and, eventually, into the ministry."

When I asked the retired pastor if he remembered anything special about the time, he said he did not. It had seemed like the usual teenage questions—a youth struggling to fit in somewhere and to better understand his world. Through these seeds planted, a strong Christian faith blossomed and grew.

Each year thousands of searching people, youth and adults, take part in our camp ministries. They are crying out to be heard and understood. Strong, committed leadership is critical to our programs. Without good mentors and role models, the seeds will never be planted. When you hear the call for camp leadership, remember the words of Isaiah: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8).

Your unique gifts are valuable! God is waiting for the opportunity to turn chance encounters into lifelong commitments. You may be exactly the person needed for God's life-changing work this year!

*Christine Roush
Executive Director of Outdoor Ministries
American Baptist Churches of New York State*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

May 4, 1997

Holy Communion

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE "Chorale Prelude on 'Crusader's Hymn'" *Smith*

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

We forget, precious Savior, that when you tell us to love one another, you are giving us a command. Love is not an option. It is the very core of life together. Without love, we are all lost. You do not command us in order to lord it over us. You tell us what we must do because you know that if we do what you will, we shall know a joy unmatched by any other endeavor. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ calls us friend.

He has chosen us to use friendship well.

To choose justice and mercy as companions.

And to drink from the cup of kindness.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #25

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Andante Cantabile"

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We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

ANTHEM "As Breathes the Wind"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #364

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 15:9-17

MORNING MESSAGE "Just Do It"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

"Christ My Lord, My Heart's Delight"

J.S. Bach

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #512

"Lord Whose Love through Humble Service"

HOLY COMMUNION

*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "The Joyful Morn"

Blake

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

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Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

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"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

—Matthew 5:44

Our church has been one of the leading groups in "Vigil Against Violence," a grass-roots antiviolenence movement of churches and community organizations. Among the means we employ are candlelight vigils, held on the first Sunday of each month, at which we gather and read the names of those killed on the South Side of Chicago during each year. In 1994 we read 451 names; in 1995, we read 504 names.

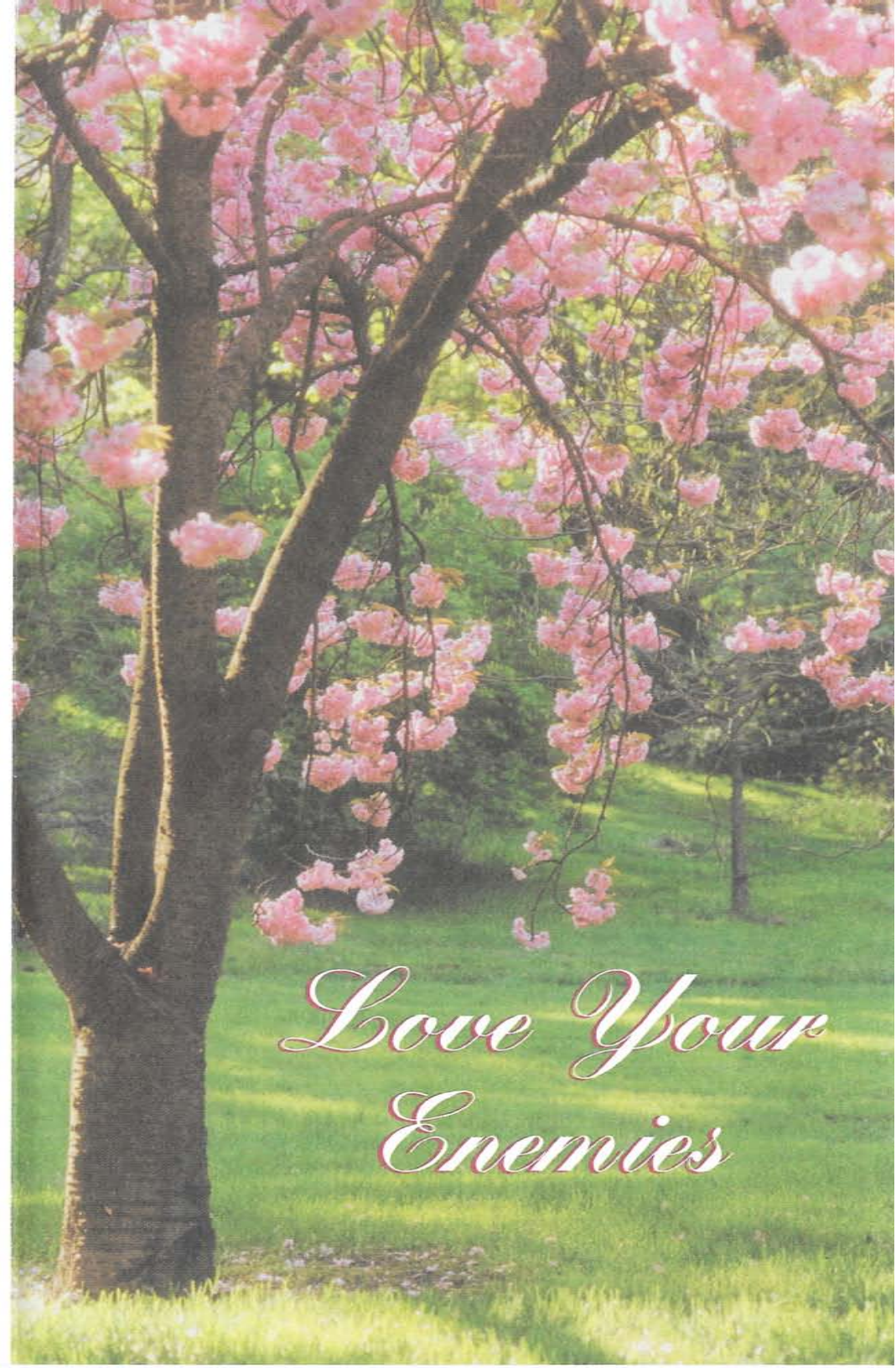
We are trying to help one another — and our society — to wake up. To wake up to levels of violence that are intolerable yet are tolerated. To wake up to the ways violence and fear poison our relations, corrupt our institutions, and diminish our lives.

The vigils are occasions for making visible our resistance to these patterns of violence. They are occasions for private reflection, and they provide a vehicle for building relationships among individuals and groups seeking to develop nonviolent strategies for recovering our communities from violence.

Our vigils have embraced a day-care center that was under siege, a high school where a shooting had taken place, and a public park reclaimed from gangs. We work all day on Saturdays to restore public spaces lost to violence and decay, cleaning up vacant lots, planting gardens, and creating parks. We take very locally Isaiah's call to be "the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in" (Isaiah 58:12).

*Susan B. W. Johnson
Hyde Park Union Church
Chicago, Illinois*

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*Love Your
Enemies*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

May 11, 1997

Mother's Day

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God who has called us into this congregation in common devotion to you. Thank you for the gift of music, the lilt of song; thank you that you have set some to sing, some to play instruments, and some to savor the notes in the silences of their beings. Thank you for the rich gift of music. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98:4-9)

Sing for joy to God, all the earth;

Worship with songs and shouts of joy!

Sing praise to God! Play music on the harps!

Blow trumpets and horns, and shout for joy to the Holy One of Israel!

Roar, sea, and every creature in you;

Sing, earth, and all who live on you!

Clap your hands, you rivers; you hills, sing together before God.

God comes to rule the earth, and to govern the peoples of the earth with justice and fairness.

ALL: Sing for joy to God, all the earth.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #59

"All creatures of Our God and King"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Cherry Hill Brothers Quartet

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

DEDICATION FOR BLANKETS

ANTHEM

Cherry Hill Brothers Quartet

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #388

"God Who Touches Earth with Beauty"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 150

MORNING MESSAGE

Cherry Hill Brothers Quartet

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #55

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:

The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader:

Deacon Jean Wickum

Choir Director:

Jim Stephenson

Organist:

Mary Lou Lovell

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY

6:30

DISCIPLE 2

7:00

Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY

7:00

Choir

Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

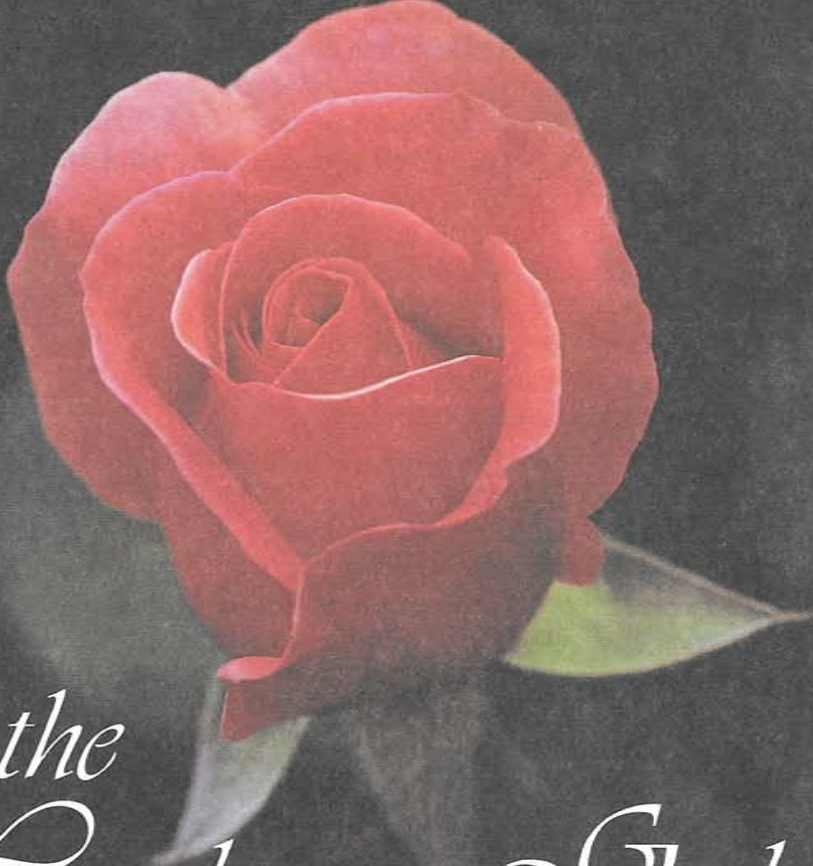
—Deuteronomy 5:16

On this Mothers' Day, we can honor mothers of the world's children by praying for them. The following prayer requests from Mexico are examples of the needs of mothers everywhere. The beloved American Baptist missionary physician the Reverend Marian Boehr, M.D., says it so simply, "Mission flies on the wings of money and prayer." Will you take an hour during the next few days to pray through this list?

- Estela accepted Christ on April 11; she asks for prayer for her husband's salvation.
- The wife of a pastor has been suffering for months from debilitating pain in her back, stomach, and right foot.
- Adela is a widow and mother of four. She made some mistakes, embarrassed herself, and now has stopped attending church along with her children.
- Pray for Soyla and the church. Her son has returned home with a serious drinking problem and a fixation on avenging the theft of his father's cattle.
- Our new women's ministries coordinator is having problems adjusting to her ministry role and the style of the church organization.

We have no doubt that your prayers will be powerful and effective. Mexico is a real place, and the churches we serve are full of real people whose joys and sorrows, needs, fears, hopes, and failures are not unlike yours.

*Charles and Ramona Shawver
Missionaries, Mexico
International Ministries*



*Honor...
your mother,

as the
Lord your God
commanded you*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

May 18, 1997

Pentecost

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Simplify our desires, O God. May our only desire be this: to enter wholly into your presence and to live with the power of your Spirit to guide us. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of God moved upon the earth.

And the waters were given substance.

The Spirit of God descended upon the people,

And they were transformed.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #190

"We Are Gathered for Thy Blessing"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #204

"There's A Quiet Understanding"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

MORNING MESSAGE

The Divine Hearing Aid

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #187

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

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Lay Leader: Deacon Jean Wickum

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	2:00	Peace Camp meeting
MONDAY	6:30	DISCIPLE 2 at Heizers
	7:00	Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	7:30	Board of Christian Education
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	7:00	Parish Council
	7:00	Wedding Rehearsal
SATURDAY	2:30	Wedding
	4:30	Shower for Ty and Tracy Breese

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Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
—Proverbs 3:3

American Baptist Heritage Sunday

Write Them on the Tablet of Your Heart

Nathan Brown was born in New Hampshire in 1807. He was nurtured by his faithful Baptist family and proved to be a gifted scholar. He entered Williams College in 1824 and was inspired by its missionary tradition. After four years as a teacher and editor and preparation at Newton Theological Institution, he set sail for Burma with his wife, Eliza. His service there lasted only two years because the Mission Society chose him to begin a new work in Assam.

In 1835 the Browns set out with a printing press for a remote outpost on the Assamese frontier and plunged into linguistic and evangelistic work. Brown stood at a high, broad shelf with a quill pen to do his translating. At times he worked in a canoe on the river. He completed the New Testament in 1847. He translated several other books, wrote the first Assamese grammar book, and edited the first Assamese news magazine, the *Orunudo*. By 1851 he had published 8,250,000 pages, including works of other missionaries.

These were years of great accomplishment and great hardship. An attack by a neighboring tribe in 1839 decimated the village. The Browns later lost two children, and Eliza had to return to the United States. In 1855, after 23 years as a missionary, Nathan returned in very poor health. He edited *The American Baptist* for fifteen years and was a strong advocate for abolition. He was one of a committee of three that met with President Lincoln just before the Emancipation Proclamation was issued.

Eliza Brown died in 1871. In 1872 Japan was opened to the West, and Nathan set sail. At 65 he embarked upon a new career. Within three months he was conducting worship services and Bible studies in Japanese. In 1879 he completed the New Testament and began a hymnal. At his death in 1886, seven churches had been established with 300 members.

Nathan Brown completed two New Testament translations, opened two pioneer mission fields, and gave over fifty years of service to American Baptists. In his biographical sketch of Nathan Brown, Albert Bennett referred to him as "Nathan Brown the loyal." He said that the key to Brown's success lies in the word *loyal*. It was indeed bound about his neck and written on his heart.

Beverly Clark Carlson
Archivist/Administrator
American Baptist Historical Society



Write Them
on the
Tablet of your
Heart

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

May 25, 1997

First Sunday After Pentecost

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Sanctify us with your word of truth that we will be both your holy people and wholly your people. Consecrate us with your truth so that your purpose for us will come to fruition and our joy may be complete. Grant that we will make the life you promise in Christ our own as we live it for others. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts, for we are sent to give witness of our Lord!

To tell of God's forgiveness and mercy and power.

For we are not of the world, but sent to it as Christ was sent.

Sent to bring hope and life where once was only darkness and despair.

Let us lift our praises to God for Christ's true message of love.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #317

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

MISSION MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #313

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 17:6-19

MORNING MESSAGE

"Blessed Assurance?"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #222

"Wonderful Words of Life"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:

The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader:

Deacon Jean Wickum

Choir Director:

Jim Stephenson

Organist:

Mary Lou Lovell

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY

12:00

Special Business Meeting

MONDAY

7:00

Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY

7:00

Choir

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In Christ shall all be made alive.

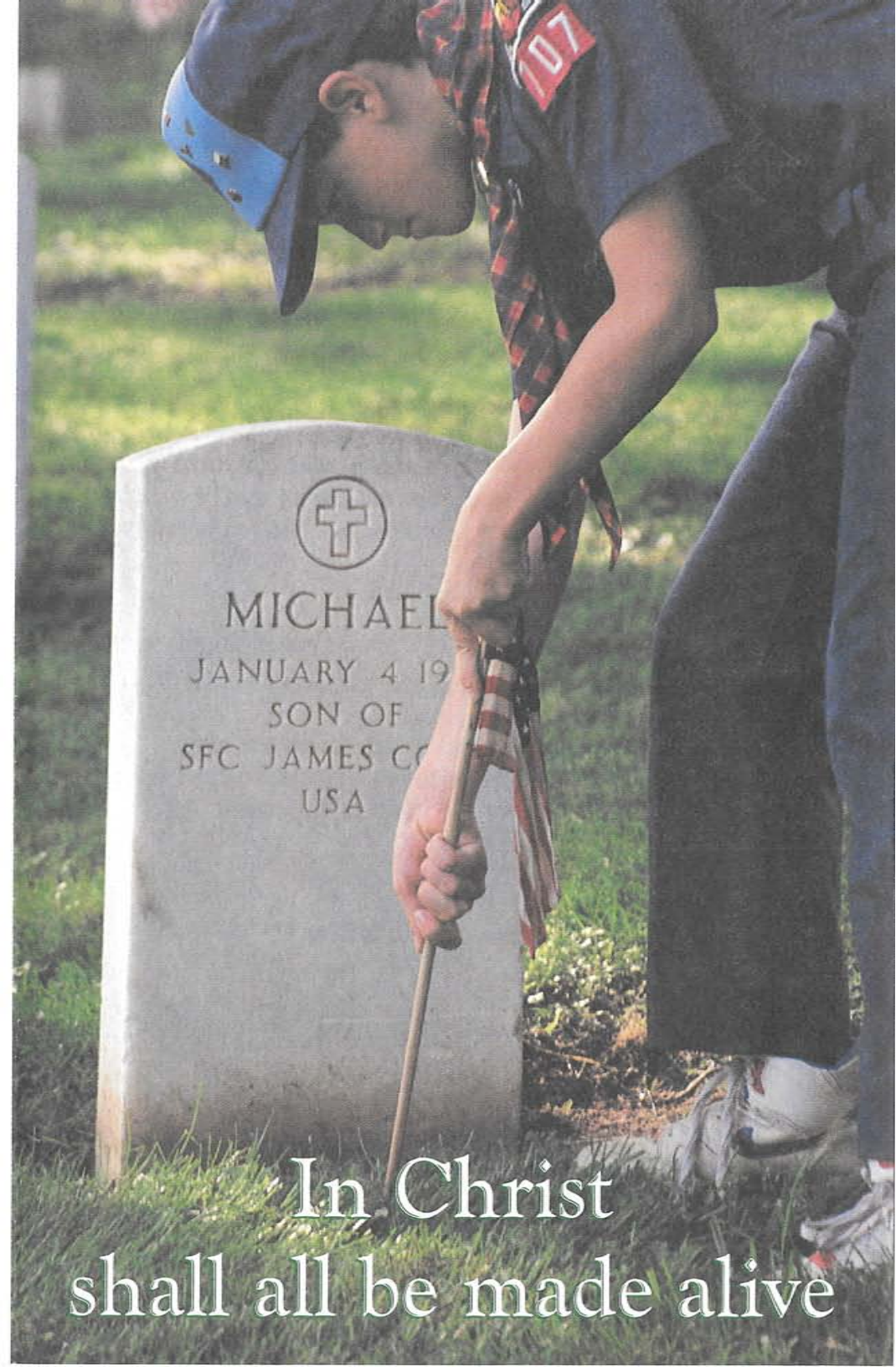
—1 Corinthians 15:22 (KJV)

I remember twelve years ago this day. It was rainy and grey, just like it is as I write these words. Despite the weather outside, there was a song in my heart. But, like the distance between one raindrop and another in a downpour, the song and the sadness soon became intertwined. This is the anniversary of the day my father died.

I didn't know Jesus very well when Dad died in my early twenties. In a moment, I was told that someone I loved, and from whom I received love, was dead. A mistake. I was sure it was a mistake. But my own eyes proved to me that indeed his breath had been suddenly stolen. His life had been unexpectedly exhausted. Though my ability to inhale and exhale continued, I felt as though I, too, had died.

As I began to turn to Jesus with my grief and return to Jesus my celebrations, I soon became able to appreciate both life and death in a new way. When I think about my own life and inevitable death and recall my father's life and death, I am comforted. When I look at a picture such as the one on this cover and see a young life and a memorial to a life now gone, I can't help but wonder if these people, too, are Christians. I imagine that they are, and when I do, I discover that both the boy scout and myself as well as the service person and my father are very much alive. They are very much alive because of Christ, because of our faith in Christ's life, death, and resurrection! We are very much alive because of the promise that "in Christ shall all be made alive."

*Debra L. Sutton
Director of Adult Ministries
Educational Ministries*



*In Christ
shall all be made alive*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

June 1, 1997

Holy Communion

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE "Communion"

Blake

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Lord of the Sabbath, time and again you broke through the letter of the law to teach its deeper meanings. You were uncompromising when you came upon suffering, and you were unafraid of the power of the oppressor. Show us how to recognize when priorities have been skewed in our culture. Lead us to the places where suffering is at the mercy of power. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

How shall we keep it holy in our day?

By seeing the need that crosses our path

And opening our hearts to do good.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #19

"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

MISSION MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Lyric Piece"

Brahms

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #507

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 2:23-28; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

MORNING MESSAGE "Slaves R Us"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

"O How He Loves You and Me"

Kaiser

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #499

"The Master Has Come, and He Calls Me"

HOLY COMMUNION

*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Johnson

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Deacon Jean Wickum

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts

7:00 Delaware Piecemakers

TUESDAY 7:00 Deacons

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

*Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.*
—Psalm 86:11

“**A**re you going to have a good day today?” That is the question I was asked by a day camper as she took the time to greet me one morning.

The wish for a “good day” is what I often give to parents and children as they are leaving Dayton Christian Center. Or I will ask parents when they come to pick up their children after a busy work day, “How was your day?”

The psalmist said, “This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24). Each day is God’s day, and we are a part of his plans for that day. Sometimes the day may go smoothly; at other times, it can be stressful. It is often what we make of it.

So the question from the little girl was a good one. It was theological. How was I going to take responsibility for what happened that day? A positive attitude has much to do with how I function in my ministry. I begin each day by asking God for guidance and blessings for the day. The rest depends on how I choose to make my day.

*Carrie Bell Brown
Executive Director
Dayton Christian Center
Dayton, Ohio*



*Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

Delaware, Ohio

363-7021

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

June 8, 1997

Children's Day

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Eternal Creator and Redeemer of all, we praise your name above all others, giving you thanks for the gifts of life and love. Though we were born children of earth, you have taken us up in your arms and made us children of heaven. Let your spark of divine love glow within us once more, that through our lives others will come to know your grace, power, and love. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chrissy Hopkins

Then Jesus began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

(Matthew 5:2-9)

***HYMN OF PRAISE, #19**

"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

***INVOCATION**

Betty Davis

***LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)**

***GLORIA PATRI #576**

PRESENTATIONS

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Michael Maher

Offertory

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Deanna Weakland

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #334**

"More Like Jesus Would I Be"

CHILDREN'S DAY LITANY

Adam Mowery

MORNING PRAYERS

Barbara Lovell

MORNING MESSAGE

Elizabeth Hopkins

Jenna Weakland

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #321**

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

***BENEDICTION**

***ALLELUIA**

***POSTLUDE**

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:

The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Choir Director:

Jennifer Turner and Carol Grubbs

Organist:

Mary Lou Lovell

Greeters:

Betty Davis

Mike Maher

Ushers:

Betty Davis

Laura Mowery

Emilie Trigg

Deanna Weakland

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY

12:30

Peace Camp Meeting

MONDAY

7:00

Boy Scouts

THURSDAY

12:00

Young at Heart

7:00

Prayer Service

My child, give me your heart,
and let your eyes observe my ways.
—Proverbs 23:26

As Christian adults, we are called to serve Christ in the world so that children can see Christ in us. May our actions and words reflect love for God's children. We are called by God to be good examples and to love unconditionally. Let us love our children and put them first in our hearts and deeds.

If we are to be examples for children, we must live so that we can lead them to be strong, confident, and responsible and to live healthy, happy, moral lives. We must challenge children to learn and to love learning. We must always exhibit a sense of trust, that they might trust us.

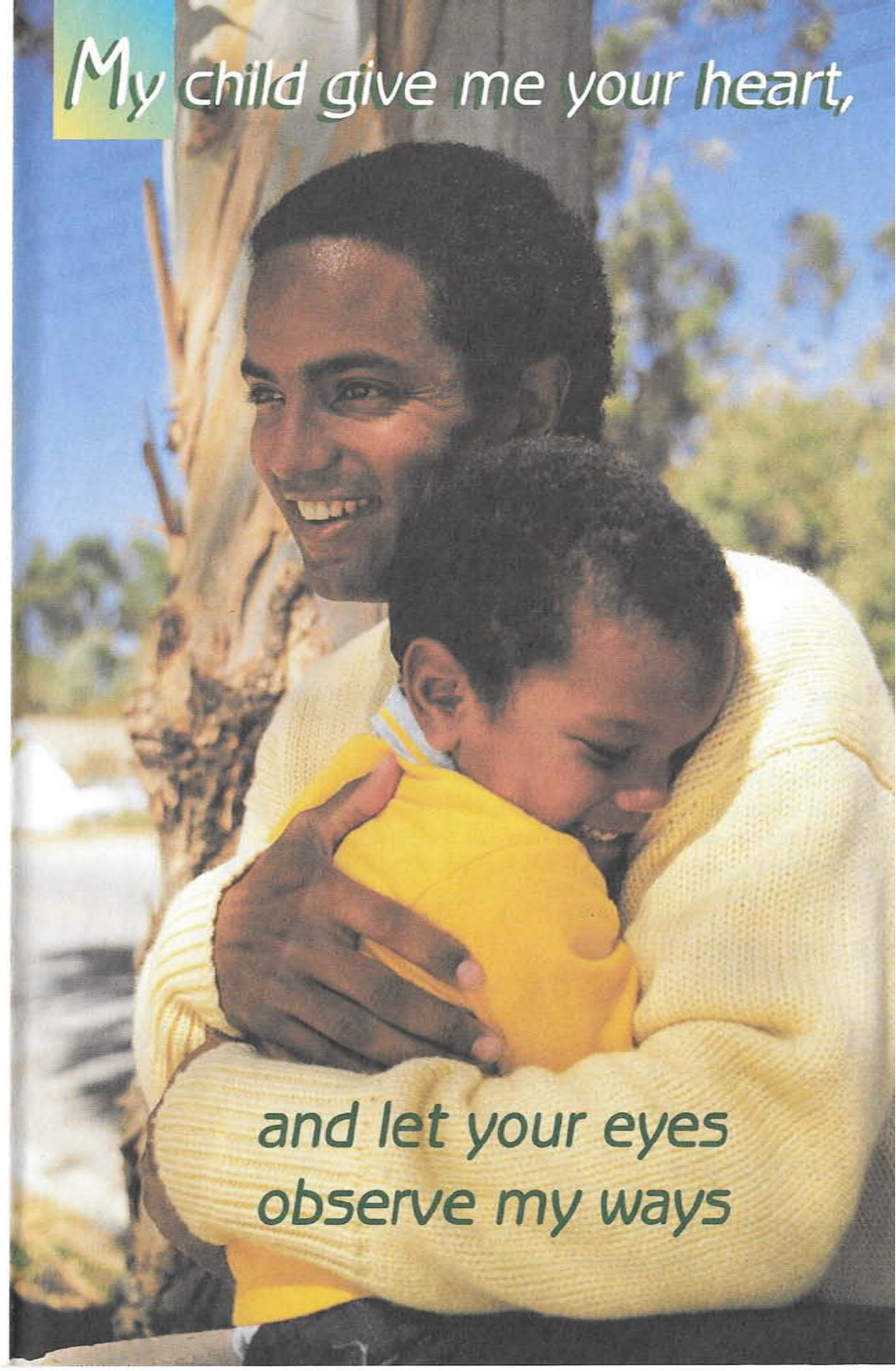
As true examples, we are called to raise our children, to share their lives, to mold their minds, to nurture them and enrich their spirits, and to help them attain their hopes and dreams. We are to recognize their worth and help them to develop their gifts. We are to encourage them and give them support, to mentor children in our congregations and our communities, and to be a voice for children and advocate for them in society. We are to be informed, get involved, and seize new opportunities.

There is an old adage: "Don't do as I do, do as I say." We cannot expect our children to respond to this model. We have to be role models, examples that *show* them the way. Children learn by doing, by imitating. They *do* what they see adults do, and they *say* what they hear adults say. The future of our children is in the hands of adults, who are called to lead them to become faithful followers of Christ. If we are to be true examples, we must love them and let them see love through our actions and our words.

I challenge you to show love to a child on this Children's Day through your words and deeds.

*Brenda D. Tribett
Director, Children's Ministries and Black Church Education
Educational Ministries*

My child give me your heart,



and let your eyes
observe my ways

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

Delaware, Ohio

363-7021

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

June 15, 1997

Father's Day

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, in Your wonderful mercy You have called Your people throughout history to stand true as witnesses to the world. Help us, O Lord, to be the true witnesses You would have us be. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has given us a prophetic vision, a vision of shalom, a vision of peace.

It is a vision where children can grow up to their full potential.

It is a vision where adults can enjoy their elder years in health and security.

It is a vision where wolves and lambs lie down together.

It is a vision where laughter is heard rather than weeping.

It is a vision of the peace God is at work to create.

Let us be nurtured by this vision as we worship so that God will make us a visionary people, eager to work for God's peace.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #457

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

MISSION MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own,
What-e'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

TOOLS OF HOPE

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #58

"This is My Father's World"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Samuel 15:34-16:13

MORNING MESSAGE "Hurray for the Underdog"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #519

"Peace in Our Time, O Lord"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Deacon Beth Trigg

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY	6:30	Teacher Appreciation Dinner, at White's
	7:00	Boy Scouts
THURSDAY	6:30	A.B.W. Ministries Picnic, at the parsonage
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Breakfast

“Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom” (James 3:13).

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22).

In these texts, gentleness is seen as a “fruit of the Spirit” or as “come down from above” (James 3:15). Gentleness is an incarnation of God among the activities of our daily lives.

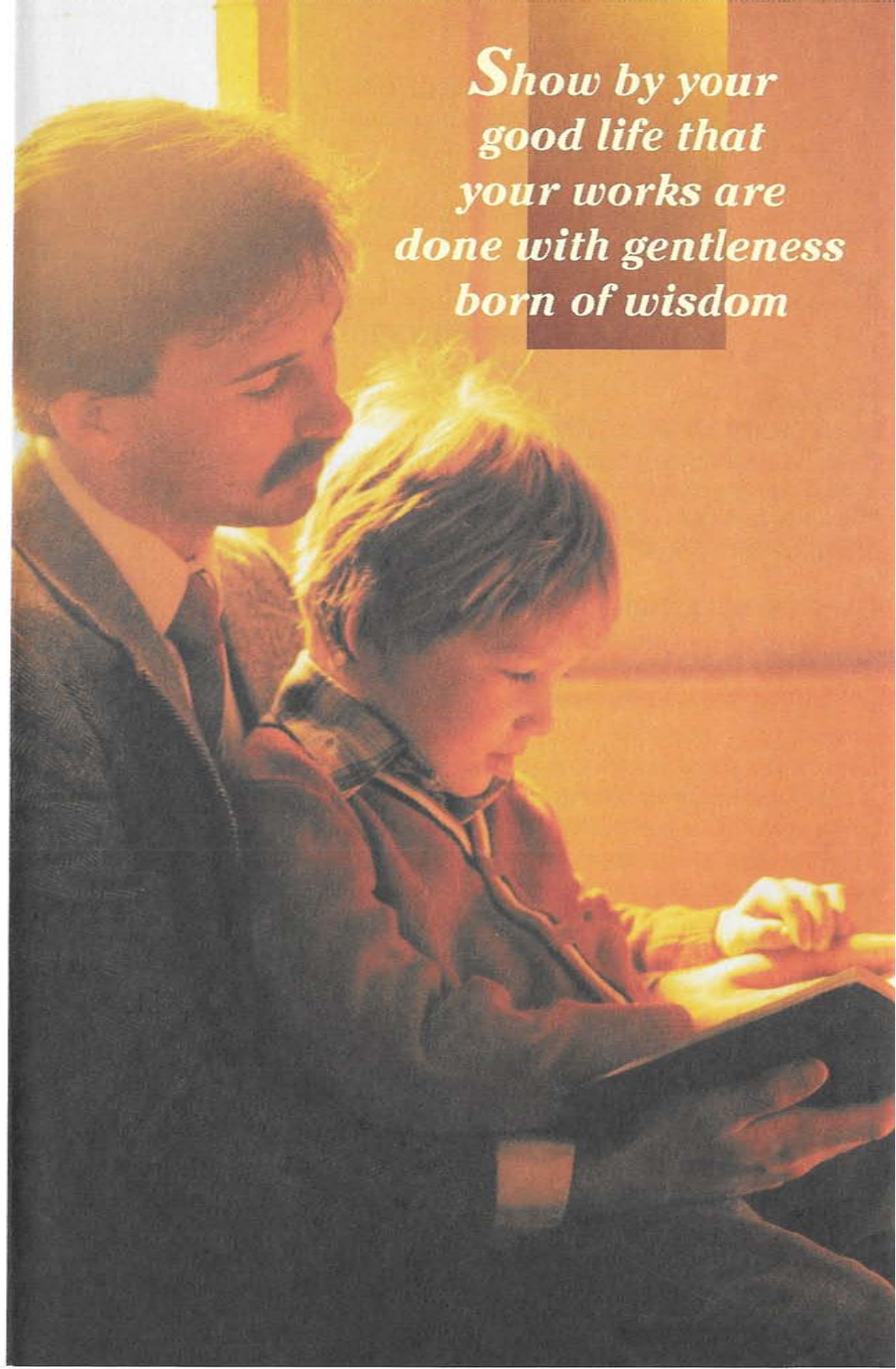
When we think of fathering, gentleness probably is not one of the first characteristics that comes to mind.

The text from James says that gentleness is “born of wisdom.” Wisdom is not knowledge alone. It is the ability to appropriately use knowledge for the good of self and others. The gentleness that is born of wisdom is the discernment that knows how and when to restrain oneself in proportion to the needs and dignity of the other person.

For fathers, this may mean the gentle touch of wiping a tear without giving advice or problem-solving. Men, often trained by culture to be hard and firm, truly can find new life in Christ as the gift of gentleness is bestowed by God in their lives.

*Richard D. Sutton
Director, Family Life Ministries
National Ministries*

*Show by your
good life that
your works are
done with gentleness
born of wisdom*



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June 22, 1997

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Fill Me Now"

Smith

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Almighty God, in Your loving wisdom You have made the weak strong and brought the strong low so that we will all learn in our hearts to follow Christ and love each other. We praise You, O Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #177

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

DEDICATION OF OUR HANDICAPPED ACCESS PROJECT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Offertory in D Minor"

Bach

We give thee but thine own,
What-e'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #417

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Samuel 17:32-49

MORNING MESSAGE "Fairy Tales or Faith Tales?"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #503

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE "Joy Unceasing and Infinite Praise" *Birchwood*
(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett
Lay Leader: Marge Smale
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	3:00	Bridal Shower for Debbie Lovell
	6:30	Peace Camp at 1 st Presbyterian
MONDAY	9:00	Peace Camp
	7:00	Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	9:00	Peace Camp
WEDNESDAY	9:00	Peace Camp
THURSDAY	9:00	Peace Camp
	7:00	Parish Council
FRIDAY	6:30	Peace Camp Picnic at Blue Limestone

Pastor Brummett will be at the ABC/OHIO Biennial Meeting in Indianapolis from Monday, June 23 through Friday Afternoon, June 24. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please call the Chairperson of the Deacons, Alison Mowery at 369-3314 or your watch-care deacon.

And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 4:19

The New Testament is full of verses restating the meaning of this one. Jesus himself said he had come to give abundant life (John 10:10). It's humbling when we recognize how often God blesses us in our everyday living.

Paul's letter to the Philippians is really his testimony to beloved friends. His willingness to share his experiences of God's work in his life helped others to live life in what Paul viewed as the Christian way: one's immediate circumstances should not determine one's actions and attitude toward life.

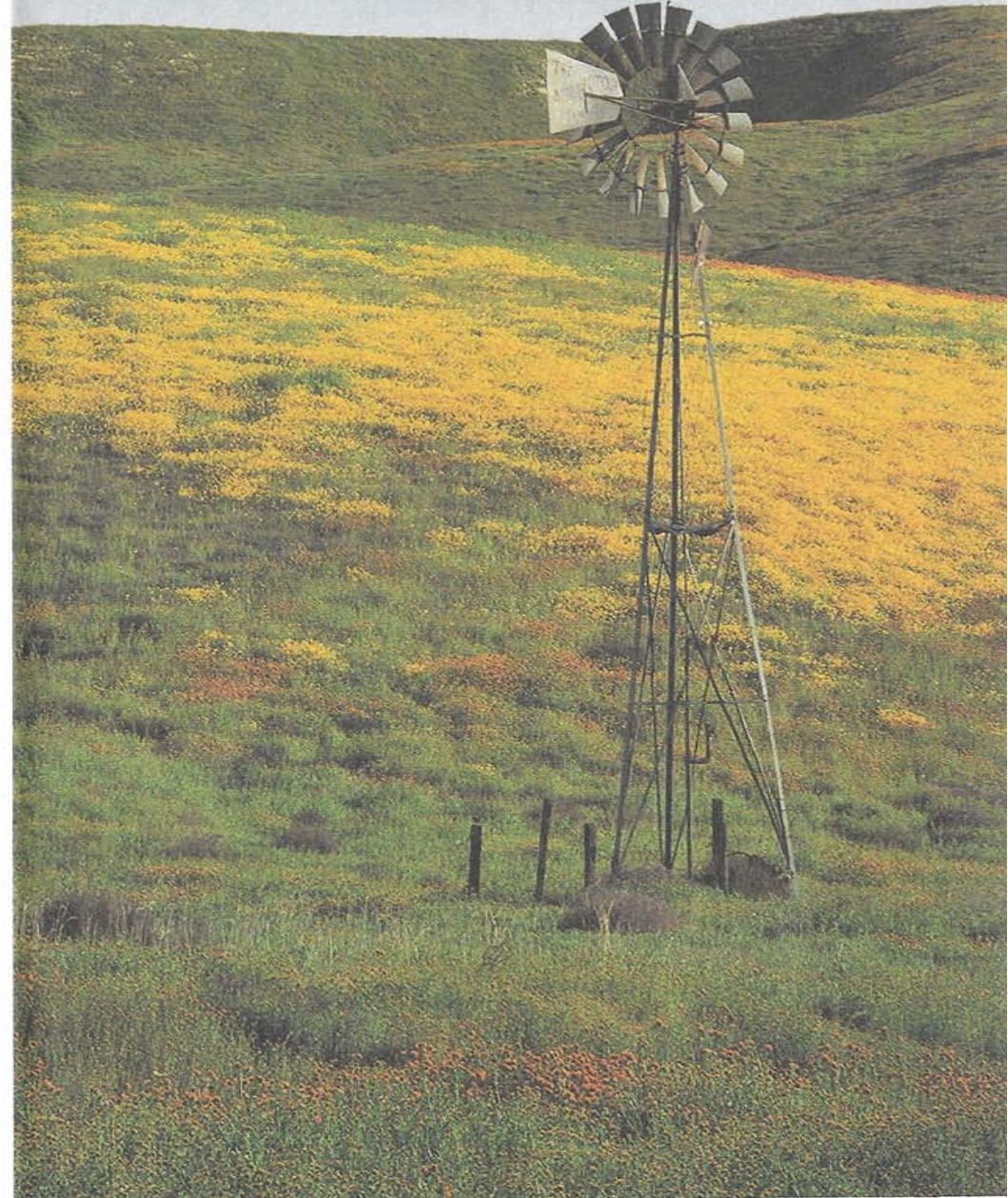
Mike was a young volunteer last year. He came from West Virginia to work in the prison ministry, but he knew no Spanish. Mike told us of his desire to be a missionary, of the circumstances behind his arrival in Bolivia, and of the abundant way in which God had supplied all of his needs, including funds for his trip.

Mike arrived in Bolivia and made his way to Cochabamba without getting a visa stamped in his passport! God's fulfillment of Mike's needs continued. Mike received a call after one week in Bolivia and was told that his home church would pay for his Spanish lessons. He was also told that they wanted to support other young people so that they, too, could experience missions firsthand. His church is starting a fund to send one youth per year somewhere in the world as a volunteer missionary.

How many times this week has God satisfied your needs according to the riches and glory of Christ Jesus? And how many times have you told another person about the wonderful things God is doing in your life? Paul was in prison when he wrote his letter. Don't let the immediate circumstances in your life blind you to what God is doing for you and through you. ¡Dios les bendiga!

*Kristina Gutierrez
Missionary, Bolivia
International Ministries*

*God will fully
satisfy every need*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

June 29, 1997

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Tranquility

Lasky

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, Creator of the universe, we give You our praise for You have heard our pleas and given all who will believe the gift of prayer so that we will pray for one another to make a difference. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us gather this day in worship and let Christ's love be seen in us.

The way of the world is to care for oneself and one's own interests.

But in Christ we are called to care and provide for the needs of others.

Working together, God's people can touch many by sharing God's mercy.

Then let our voices be in praise as we share God's blessings with others.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #233

"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Boyles

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Deborah Lovell - violin

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #318

"Trust and Obey"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 5:21-43

MORNING MESSAGE "Tender Mercies"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #337

"I Would Be True"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in F

Lasky

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Deacon Beth Trigg

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY 7:00 Board of Deacons

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

THURSDAY ~~5:00~~ Fogle/Lovell Rehearsal

SATURDAY 1:30 Fogle/Lovell Wedding

Pastor Brummett will be on vacation from Monday, June 30 through Monday, July 14. If you have any pastoral need or emergency, please call the Chairperson of the Board of Deacons, Alison Mowery at 369-3314 or your watch-care deacon.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness
did not overcome it.

—John 1:5

As they grow in their faith, Hong Kong youth involved in church cell groups are finding friendship and help to be very important commodities for life in their chaotic and changing environment.

Nobody knows what life in Hong Kong will be like after the British colony comes under China's rule on July 1, so no one can reassure the youth. But youth in some churches get help in cell groups. They worship with everybody else, but they also have their own groups of no more than twelve members each. They feel comfortable in these groups and invite non-Christian friends to participate. Under one young person's leadership, they all eagerly take part. They share their joys and problems, study the Bible, and pray. They have fun, too.

One young man, Maurice, went for the first time. "I don't know much about the Christian religion," he said. "I'm just here because my friend invited me. I want to have a good time, and I don't want to be a Christian if I can't do whatever I want to. I don't want to miss anything."

The others looked at each other knowingly. They had been there! But they have learned that the only real satisfaction in life comes from knowing Christ. This is what they are sharing with their friends. Their Christian cell groups give them light to help them see their way in a world that sometimes looks pretty uncertain.

From *China Plate*,
International Ministries' study packet on Hong King and China



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darkness,

and the
darkness
did not
overcome it...

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July 6, 1997

Holy Communion

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

At the Lord's Table

Smith

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshiping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

God, your changes touch our lives with mystery and hope. We come to this place today, ready to see your power working through us. Help us to be open to your Word, and to answer your call among us. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen, for the voice of God comes near!

Listen, for God's voice is not obtrusive.

We come to worship the God who became one of us,

Who calls us by name,

Who is Love Incarnate,

Who is.

Let us gather together in joy and hope-

Let us worship the God of Love!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #219

"O Word of God Incarnate"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory According to Thy Gracious Word

Martin

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #200

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

MORNING MESSAGE "Truth Vs Fact"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING A Canticle of Peace

Ritter

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #349

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

HOLY COMMUNION

*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Echo Fanfare

Smith

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Guest Preacher:

Tom Weakland

Lay Leader:

Deacon Beth Trigg

Choir Director:

Jim Stephenson

Organist:

Betty Porter

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*Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty.
—Psalm 24:8*

When we arrived at dry and hot Sunburst Farm near Camp Verde, Arizona, our first thoughts were, "Why, Lord, did you send us here?"

But after meeting some of the ranchers, we knew why. They are the most friendly and loving people you can imagine, ranging in age from their early 20s to late 50s, with various degrees of developmental disabilities.

We learned that since 1974 Rainbow Acres has provided a Christian atmosphere with the goal of helping people realize their fullest potential. When Sunburst Farm was purchased in 1980, the combined capacity grew to eighty persons.

Elsie worked in the Learning Center doing one-on-one teaching when each rancher came one day a week for an hour of learning. Bill assisted with vehicle maintenance and worked in the wood shop, where ranchers make craft-type projects for sale.

One day we took three ranchers to a movie and dinner in Sedona. The scenery on the way was breathtaking and awesome. One of the red cliffs of rock looked like a huge castle in the sky.

Being at the ranch was a great experience as well as a real blessing for us. One rancher came up to Elsie, put his arms around her, and asked, "Can I call you Mom?" She told him, "I'd consider it an honor."

We knew why God had sent us there.

*Bill and Elsie Collings
Home Mission Volunteers
National Ministries
Easton, Maryland*



WHO IS THE
KING OF GLORY?

THE LORD,
STRONG AND MIGHTY...

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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July 13, 1997

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sunshine in My Soul

Sweeney

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

God of Love, you have loved us first and continue to love us. We come before you a people longing to love you in return. We hunger for your healing love in our lives, for we long to love ourselves and our neighbors. Come to us this day and fill our longing. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us praise God.

Let us praise the One who has filled the earth with blessings.

Let us sing to the Creator who has filled our lives with joy.

Sorrows befall us;

Troubles besiege us;

The prophets of God disturb us,

Yet we live supported by God's love. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #48

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

*INVOCATION

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Trespases)

***GLORIA PATRI #576**

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Blessed Savior of All

Ritter

We give thee but thine own,
What-e'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

My Lord Is Like a Shepherd

Jeanne Ekelberry

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #324

"Be Still My Soul"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Judges 19:27-30; Mark 8:1-3

MORNING MESSAGE "Fragments"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #325

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

***POSTLUDE** Lord of All Life

Broughton

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Sandie Heizer

Lay Leader: Deacon Jim Van Brimmer

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Betty Porter

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All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

—Ezekiel 17:24

Among the Native American culture that is tied to tradition, we as American Baptists have helped create another tradition—White Cross.

After World War I ended, two Baptist women suggested that Red Cross efforts continue to support missionaries in the United States and other countries. Today White Cross provides more than \$750,000 annually for this purpose.

At Sunlight Baptist Mission, we use White Cross supplies with every age group—for children's church, youth group, vacation Bible school, and women's sewing groups. The sewing women of Sunlight Baptist Mission seek to help others with their creations. Last year we made lap quilts for elderly dialysis patients, who travel for treatment one-and-a-half hours each way, three times a week, in a van that is not quite warm enough. We also sewed quilts for three families whose homes had burned.

As our sewing groups use the quilt blocks, cut by loving hands of American Baptist women in churches across the United States, our leadership training plan is enhanced. Sunlight has three sets of mother-daughter teams, so the tradition will be carried on.

White Cross supplies provide us with much joy, which we in turn can share with others.

*Roger and Loretta Ramsel
Sunlight Baptist Mission
Second Mesa, Arizona*



All the trees of the field
shall know that
I am the
Lord

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

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The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

July 20, 1997

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

God of grace and glory, make your presence known to us as we worship this morning. Jesus our Christ, may your name be praised from the rising of the sun to the midnight hour; may your name always be honored among us. Spirit of Holiness, breathe on us all and bind us in Christian love and servanthood. O God, Creator, Christ and Holy spirit, be known to us today. Transform our lives and our community into the image of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.

We are here because we want to be God's people.

We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.

We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

ALL: Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit, and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #466

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own,
What-e'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #389

"Purer in Heart, O God"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 6:1-13

MORNING MESSAGE "The Call to Conflict"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #469

"Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Deacon Jim Van Brimmer

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

TODAY AT NOON: Please join us at the back of the church as we celebrate in a Groundbreaking Ceremony to begin the building for our Handicapped Access Project. The ceremony will be followed by a pot-luck lunch in the fellowship hall.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Meals on Wheels of Delaware City will be holding their annual pie and ice cream social (with food for a complete meal) on Friday, July 24, from 5 - 8 at Asbury United Methodist Church. All proceeds will benefit the Meals on Wheels program which has been delivering meals to homebound persons for 25 years.

For he is our peace.
—Ephesians 2:14

A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep (Matthew 8:24). How interesting! The dark waves crashed against the boat and swayed it side to side. The people in it were probably being tossed to and fro by the erratic movement of the sea. Chaos was evident. There were those perhaps who trembled and in vain dumped water from the vessel; others cried out in panic. They were perishing. And Jesus was sleeping!!!

Many times in our lives we feel that our boat is being rocked: a loved one is hurting, family problems arise, our job is on the verge of becoming nonexistent, economic resources are scarce. We are unable to make sense out of the circumstances of our lives and therefore have no peace.

It is during these times that we call upon God and let it be known that we also are perishing. Is Jesus sleeping? The thought crosses our minds that God is not in tune with our needs, that our prayers are not getting past the ceiling. We fail to realize that God's agenda is different than ours, and we also fail to recognize that God is very interested in our lives, although not perhaps in the way we think we would like.

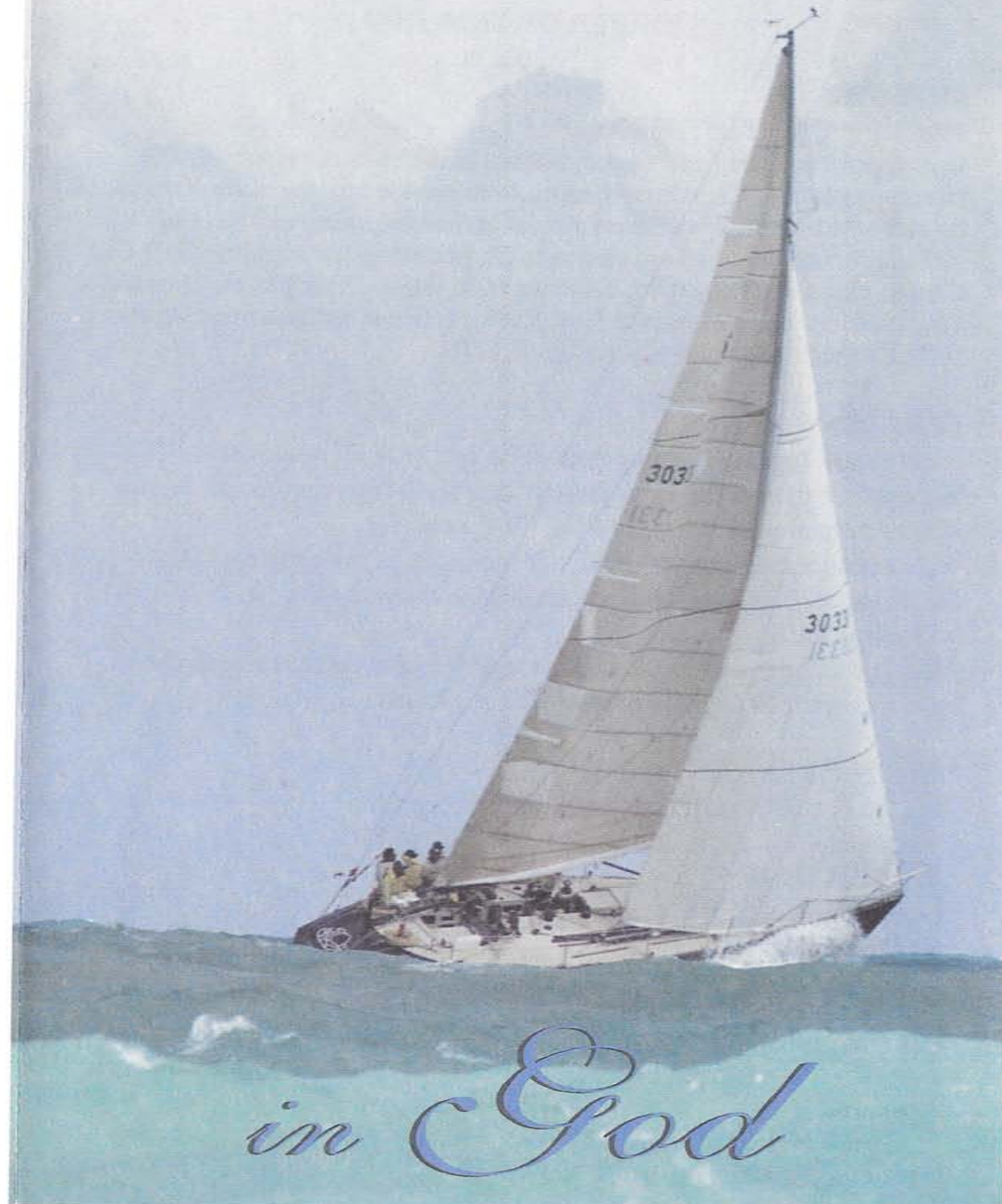
In the Gospel account, Jesus was sleeping, yes, but in no way was he disinterested by what was occurring around him. Of course, as the Son of God, he had the power to change the circumstances. Don't we? Does not the Holy Spirit that dwells in us provide us with power to overcome even the most difficult times? What has happened to our faith?

From time to time we need to be reminded that God has provided us with a constant companion who will never allow us to feel alone. It ought not worry us to think that Jesus is sleeping, because the promise of the presence of the Holy Spirit still stands and will bring peace to our seemingly complex lives.

J. Miriam Chacón-Peralta

*Director of Hispanic Christian Education and Young Adult Ministry
Educational Ministries*

Put your trust



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

Delaware, Ohio

363-7021

The Reverend Jody Lynn Brummett, pastor

August 3, 1997

Holy Communion

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Mighty and gracious God, we praise you for your gracious hand leading us. With your hand you feed us the bread of life. Give us grace to enlarge upon your glory with hearts and minds and voices, above all, and through all and in all. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lead lives worthy of the calling to which you have been called

With all lowliness and meekness, with patience

Forbearing one another in love

Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

ALL: Let us worship God as one body in Christ.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #448

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Followed by Jr. Church for grades K-6)

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #220

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 6:24-35

MORNING MESSAGE "Sibling Rivalry"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #515

"Hope of the World"

HOLY COMMUNION

*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. William R. Nirote

Lay Leader: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
	7:00	Delaware Piecemakers
TUESDAY	7:00	Deacons
THURSDAY	12:00	A.B.W. Ministries Planning Meeting, at the Parsonage

Every summer on the grounds of the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wisconsin, children enrolled at the Children's Center celebrate Christmas in July. They listen to Christmas stories from the Bible and other sources, sing carols, and have a wonderful time observing the birth of Jesus.

A few months later, when the leaves have begun to change their colors but snow is not yet falling (at least not much), three families that used to live near each other but now have moved to different parts of the country also come to Green Lake to celebrate Christmas. They stay together in one of the furnished houses and just enjoy being together. They trim a tree, gather around the piano to sing carols, and revel in the joy, sounds, tastes, and smells of the season.

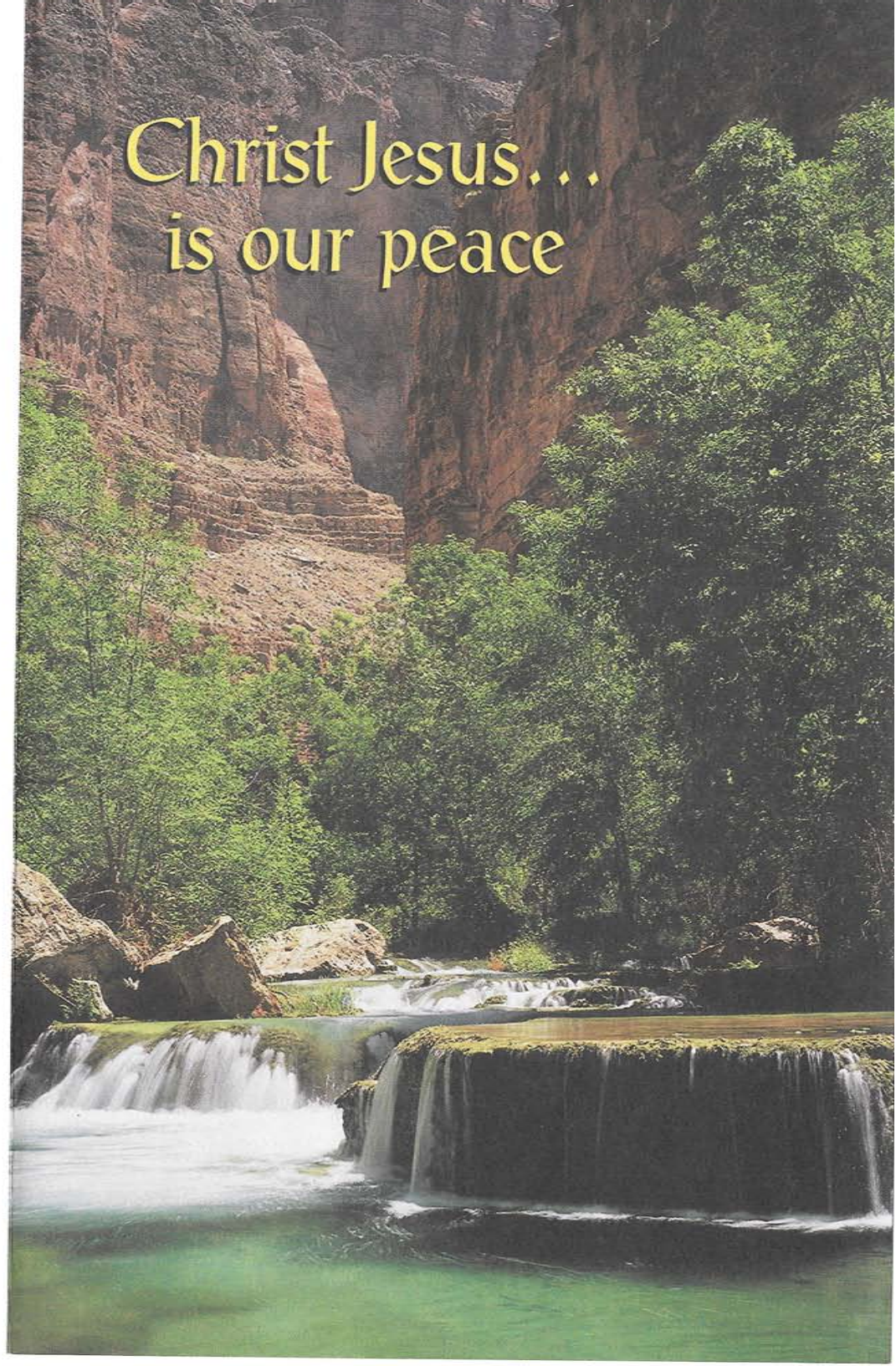
In some churches as well, groups celebrate Christmas in July or October as they collect and bring gifts for people near to home or around the world in preparation for Christmas sharing. Although the temperature may be high, they celebrate a bit of Christmas and wrap and tie packages, getting them ready to mail. The activity of sharing some of God's love with people who need it lifts their spirits.

All this helps me feel that my family is not far off base. We like to sing Christmas carols all year long.

Even if it is July, perhaps you will want to sing or hum a bit of "Joy to the World." The Lord, the Savior of the world, the Prince of Peace, has come! And as you think of the words of the song, pray for peace both within yourself and throughout the world.

*Nancy Gage
Communications Department
International Ministries*

Christ Jesus...
is our peace



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August 10, 1997

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Your steadfast love, O God, exceeds our need. Your glory covers the earth. Your wonderful works astound us. Lift our souls to you. Fill our hearts with your praise. Give us your good spirit that we may worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"O taste and see that the Lord is good."

Come, gather to savor the Lord.

Let us exalt God's name.

Come, gather to offer praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #55

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #222

"Wonderful Words of Life"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33

MORNING MESSAGE "The Heavier Side of Life"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #503

"Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Deacon David Lovell

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	12:00	Christian Education, at the parsonage
WEDNESDAY	11:30	Young At Heart, Delaware Hotel
THURSDAY	12:00	A.B.W. Min. Planning, at the church
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Breakfast
	2:00	Brummett/Hagans Shower

VISITING MISSIONARY

On Friday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m., missionary David Brown will be giving a presentation on his ministry in Europe. Please bring a dessert to share. We still need someone who's willing to provide housing for David for Friday night. If you are able and willing, please call Randy Turner at 363-2169.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

—1 John 1:5

When Ricardo and I travel to remote areas to give workshops, we enjoy every part of the trip. Even some Sundays after worship services, workshops are part of the life and growth of churches in Limón, Costa Rica. The focus is always to enable the churches to become “salt and light” in their communities.

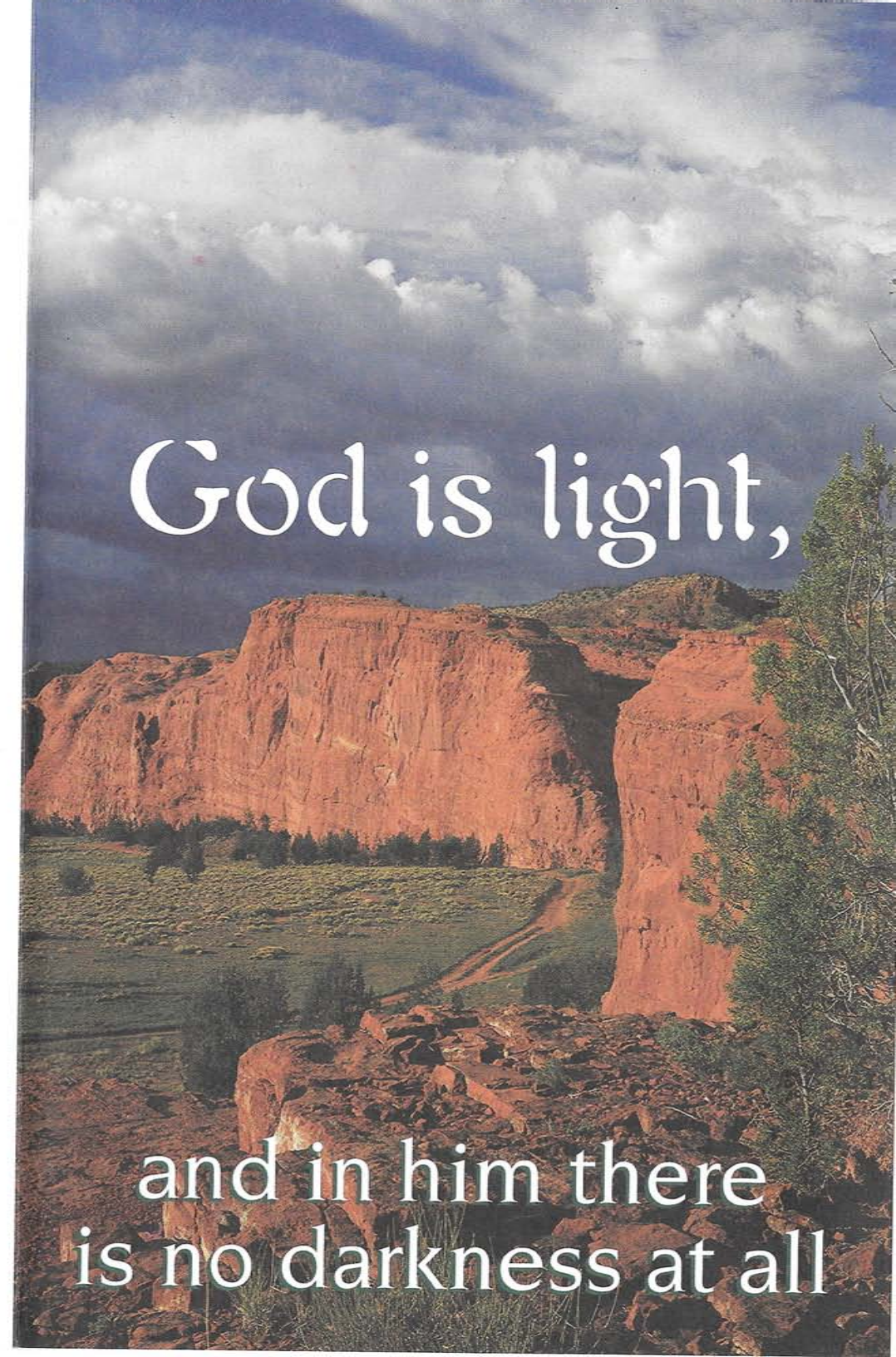
One night Ricardo came home after a workshop in Sixaola. The road had no lights, and it was very dark. Suddenly the whole car was virtually swallowed by an immense hole in the road! It was so deep that the car ended in a vertical position. A huge excavation covering more than half of the road had been left without signs of danger or warning. We praise the Lord that neither Ricardo nor his companion suffered major injuries.

If the road had been lighted, Ricardo could have avoided the hole. How important light is in our lives. Light also points toward the life and work of the church. No work can be done in darkness—without light, we cannot see the way.

When light shines, darkness has no space in which to be. The effect of light is not only to enable us to see but also to enable us to do and to be. To be in the light of God means to be actively engaged in the lighting process, reaching out to our communities and beyond. It means to be deeply engaged in love that shines so strongly that it brings about life and hope.

God is light, and in God light is everywhere.

*Doris Mayol
Missionary, Costa Rica
International Ministries*



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August 17, 1997

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O Holy Wisdom, you have called us to walk in the ways of the wise and in all things to be taught by you. Grant this day that we will be so filled with your Spirit and with your desire for us that, in everything we do, we can will what you will, and, thus, be your presence manifest in this place.

Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #28

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #360

"Speak, Lord, in the Stillness"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 6:51-58

MORNING MESSAGE "To Have and to Hold"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #564

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Deacon David Lovell

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts

VISITING MISSIONARY

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DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, August 31, after church for anybody interested in taking part in DISCIPLE. A class being led by Jim Van Brimmer will begin in October. The class lasts for 34 weeks and involves 2 ½ hours of class time each week, plus 1

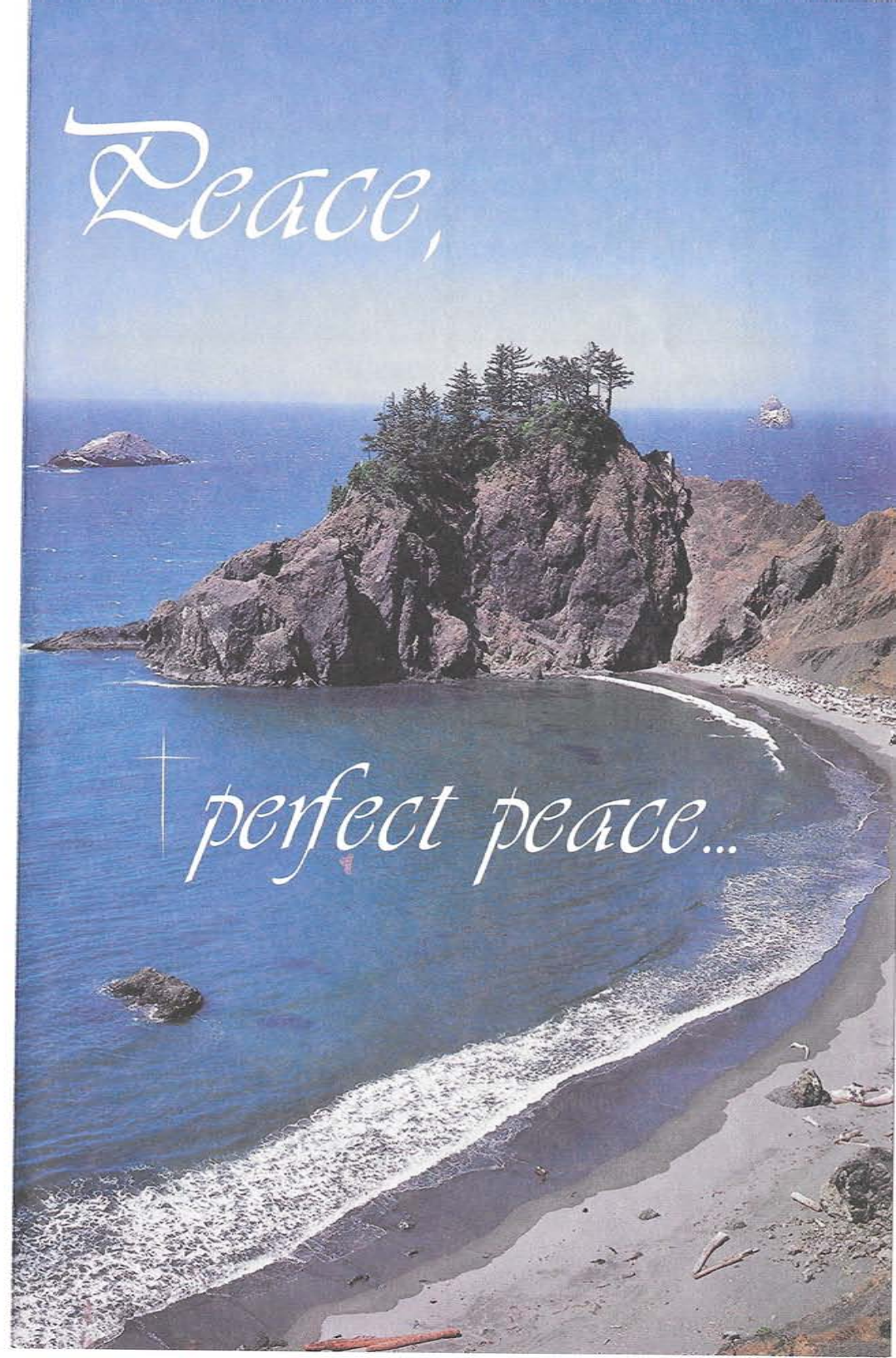
My grandmother loved to sit in a particular place in the dining room of the home where I grew up. The place became known as “momma’s window.” When I was a child, my grandmother would comb my hair at the window while she imparted stories of faith and words of wisdom.

Thinking back on those times, I see myself as Mary of Bethany sitting at the feet of Jesus as I tried to absorb all the knowledge that flowed from my grandmother’s memories. Today I know that much of my understanding about faith came from those moments at the window, as my grandmother interpreted life through a Biblical lens. My grandmother taught me about faith in Jesus Christ and nurtured a love for God’s Word as a sustaining force in my life.

My mother died at my birth, so my grandmother became the only mother I knew. When my grandmother, at 94, passed over to be with the Lord, I realized that she had taken on the awesome task of raising my brother and me when she was 70 years old.

After the birth of her great-grandson and some precious moments with him at “momma’s window,” she decided that her job was done and that I was ready to walk in faith on my own. Today as I reflect on that special time in my life and how God sustained my family, I am filled with such gratitude to God and joy that at times I can only express in tears.

*Brenda Halliburton
Home Missionary
and Director of Community Evangelistic Strategies
National Ministries*



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August 24, 1997

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Prelude in G* *Rimbault*

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Sustaining God, we come before you today in our belief and in our unbelief. We come before you wanting the easy way and knowing that the strength you offer will only come through our struggles to be faithful to the hard way. Grant us courage, O you who are our redeemer and sustainer, to follow where you lead, even when we are tempted to turn away. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #225

"Standing on the Promises"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

MISSION MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory *Prayer*

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #359

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20

MORNING MESSAGE "Turkey or Tortillas?"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #458

"Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE *Farewell Will I Thee Give* *Teschner and Bach*
(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett
Lay Leader: Deacon David Lovell
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Organist: Betty Porter

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 7:30 Educator's Worship - William St. UMC
MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir
THURSDAY 7:00 Parish Council
7:00 Pastoral Relations
FRIDAY 7:00 David Brown, bring a sundae topping

RALLY DAY

Next Sunday, August 31 is Rally Day. Please remember that Worship will begin at 10:45 a.m. Please join us for the celebration, beginning with a covered-dish breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by Sunday School at 9:15. Sunday school classes will be offered from nursery through adult.

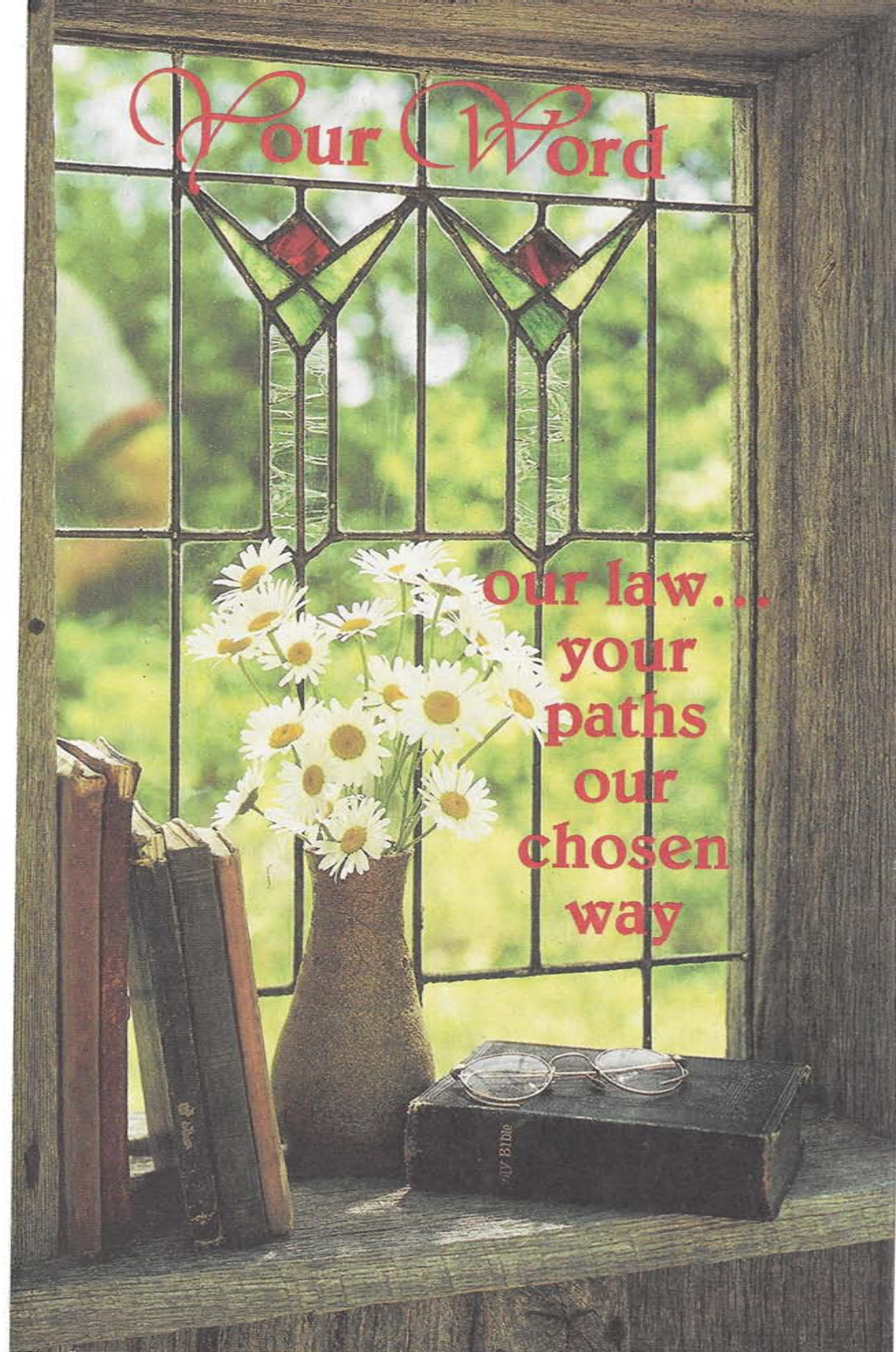
“Unbelievable!” remarked Laurent Gabundu, the superior court justice of Zaire. He was visiting our hospital, the Evangelical Hospital at Vanga, and had been invited to our Saturday morning prayer breakfast and Bible study with medical staff and residents.

“You mean you start each hospital day with Bible study and prayer?” he asked. “If this is important to you who toil merely in the mechanics of medicine and surgery, how important prayer should be to one like me who must make decisions daily which affect the affairs of state and thousands of its citizens.”

And so it went that morning when this distinguished visitor, appointed by the president to Zaire’s highest court, shared how he had forgone prayer and Bible study in his daily life. “Your Word is a light to my path” was the theme of our study, and we were pleased that Mr. Gabundu was able to join us that morning.

Our hospital may be unique to Zairean hospitals in its religious zeal and professional standards, but the sentiments of this superior court justice should be unique to no one, regardless of profession or vocation. To lose perspective and priorities, to forget our need for heavenly direction and be so consumed by our own work and relative importance is a recipe for disappointment and the path to failure for anyone—physician, pastor, teacher, or supreme court justice.

*Bill Clemmer
Missionary, Zaire
International Ministries*



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August 31, 1997

Rally Day

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

By grace, O gracious God, we have been brought to your house. By grace, we have been empowered to service on your behalf. May our every word and deed be a word and deed of grace this day. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Who shall dwell in the house of the Lord?

Those who speak truth, who walk blamelessly, who do right.

Who shall dwell in the house of the Lord?

Those who offer mercy, who do justice, who forgive hurts.

Shape us all, O Lord, that we may be a people of your house of peace.

Shape us to your will so that we may dwell in your house forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #57

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

DEDICATION OF TEACHERS (Insert)

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own

What'er the gift may be

All that we have is thine alone

A trust O Lord to thee.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #374

"Take Thou Our Minds Dear Lord"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 1:17-27

MORNING MESSAGE "Fill Er Up"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #233

"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett

Lay Leader: Deacon David Lovell

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 12:00 DISCIPLE Information Meeting

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

THURSDAY 7:00 Parish Council

FRIDAY 7:00 Church Family Retreat - Judson Hills

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them.

—Mark 9:2

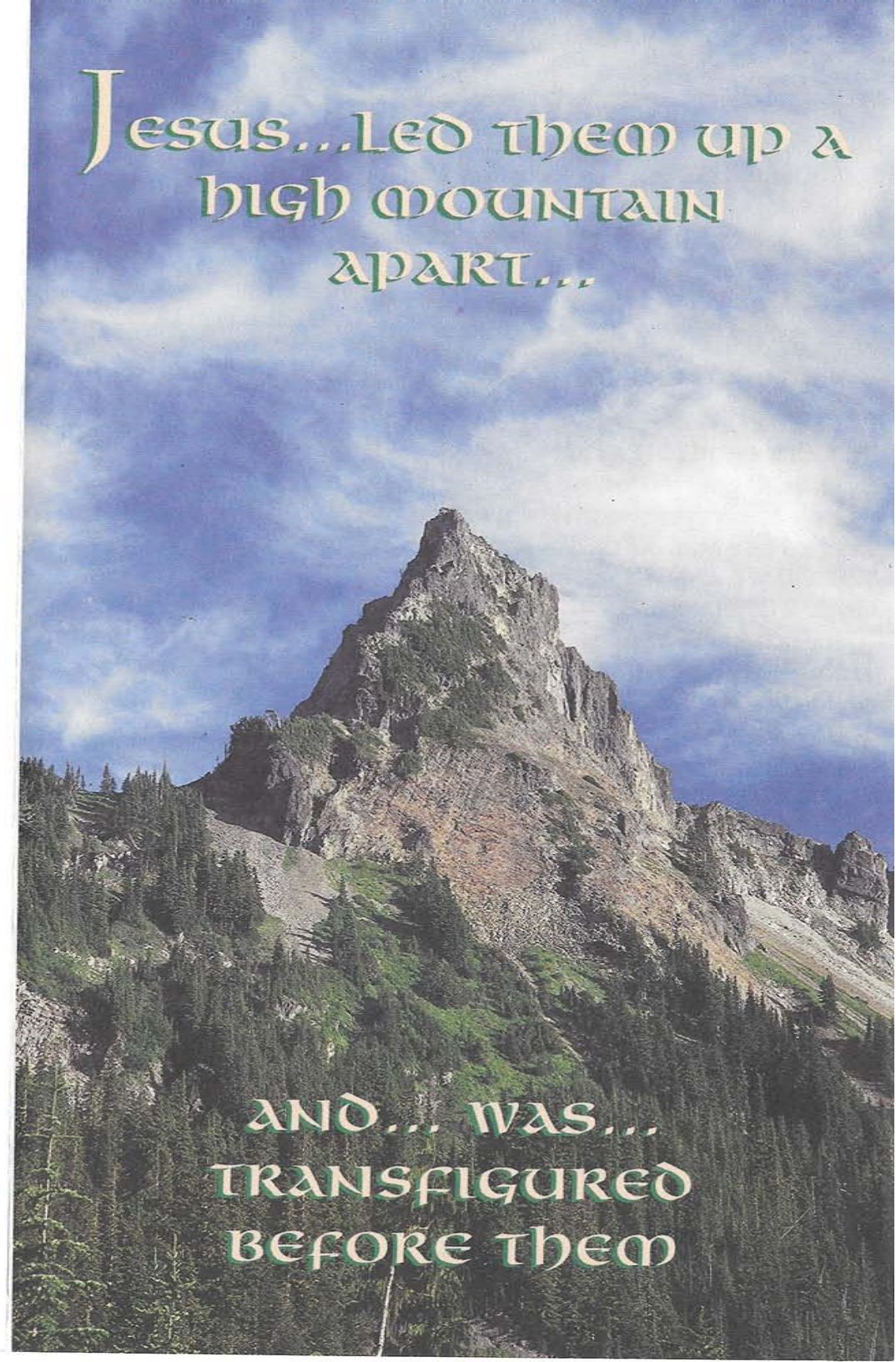
Did you have a vacation in the mountains this year? If not this year, sometime in your life you have likely spent some time in the mountains. There is something special about being in the mountains. Their majestic grandeur makes us feel close to God.

When I was a missionary among the Karen people living in the mountains of northern Thailand, I helped a family start raising goats to improve their diet and to have a source of income. They were successful, and their goats multiplied. One day the family had a thanksgiving service to thank God for their goats.

A group of us gathered on the side of a mountain, with the goats grazing around us, while the village pastor led a service of thanks for God's loving kindness. My heart was filled with joy for this family and for their devotion to their Creator. The common scene before me of grass, trees, goats, and village people was suddenly transformed. It was a holy place, blessed by the presence of God.

We can have an experience like this any place. We just have to see the sacred that is among the commonplace.

*Rupert Nelson
Missionary, Thailand (retired in 1996)
International Ministries*



Jesus...Led them up a
high mountain
apart...

and... was...
transfigured
before them

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September 7, 1997

Holy Communion

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshiping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Grant us, O Lord, the gift of being small, as small as leaven, or a mustard seed, or even the eye of a needle. We work so hard to make ourselves big, to add a cubit to our span of life, an inch to our height. We would even work hard to make ourselves small, growing big with our own humility. Grant us, O God, what we cannot give ourselves, the gift of being a child of God. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all you who are hungry and thirsty, who spend money for that which is not bread and who labor for things that do not satisfy. Come! Come to him who feeds the hungry and gives drink to those who thirst. Come to the fountain of living waters, to the bread of life. Come let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #130

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own,

What-e'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

ANTHEM "It Is No Secret" Tom and Shannon
Weakland

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jean
Wickum

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #320

"Simply Trusting Every Day"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Kings 4:8-37

MORNING MESSAGE "Stick-to-it-iv-ness"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #388

"God Who Touches Earth with Beauty"

HOLY COMMUNION

*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Guest Preacher: Deacon Beth Trigg
Lay Leader: Deacon Jean Wickum
Pianist: Jennifer Turner

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
	7:00	Delaware Piecemakers
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	12:00	Young at Heart
FRIDAY	7:00	Brummett/Hagans Rehearsal
SATURDAY	5:00	Brummett/Hagans Wedding

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The Fellowship offering, which is usually taken on Communion Sunday, will be taken next Sunday, September 14.

*The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.*

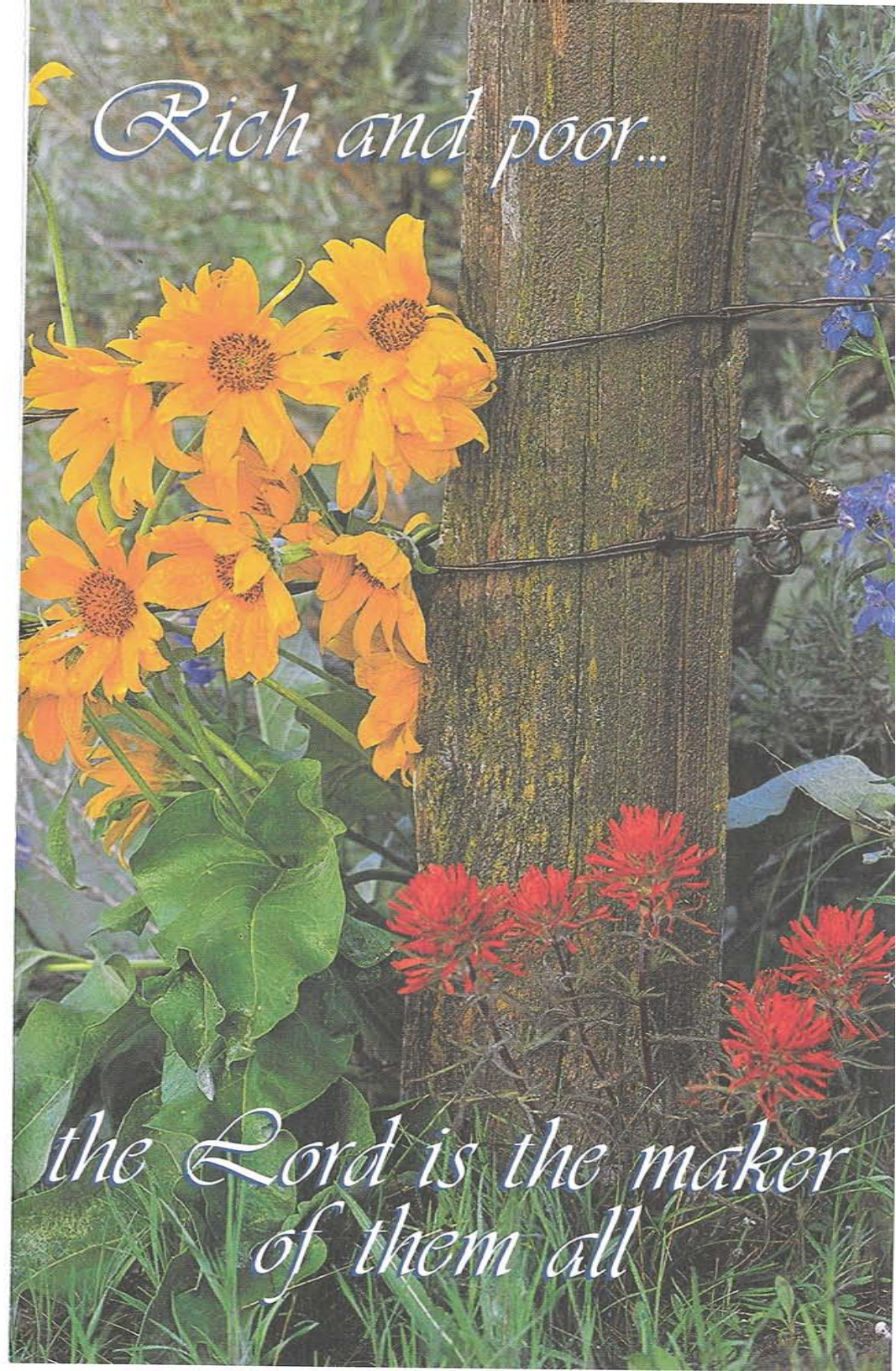
— Proverbs 22:2

One beautiful Sunday morning several years ago, I worshiped in Kayelitsha, a black township on the farthest outskirts of Cape Town, South Africa. We traveled through narrow, dusty streets past tiny houses built almost on top of one another to reach our destination, the only two-story building in sight. We gathered in a small, first floor room below the pastor's quarters and sat on bare wooden benches without backs. A Bible and simple cross rested on a plain table covered with a white cloth. At the close of a service filled with joy, the spirit overflowed as people danced into the street singing. Although relegated to a distant location far from the center of the city, these people had no idea that they were anything but loved by God. They welcomed me and several others from the Baptist Peace Fellowship as brothers and sisters.

Many experiences with poor, often forgotten South Africans, Salvadorans, Nicaraguans, and Americans who have invited me into their homes and shared their lives with me have illuminated my vision of the love of God. Living a comfortable life in American society, I often forget that I am no better than anyone else. Through the constant bombardment of advertising, I have become so accustomed to the idea that the acquisition of goods will make me a better person that I often forget my equality with others before God. I find myself looking on those with more as better and aspire to have what they have. Yet the writer of this proverb reminds me that in the eyes of our Creator God, material differences disappear.

J. Andy Smith, III

*Director, Social and Ethical Responsibility in Investments
National Ministries*



Rich and poor...

*the Lord is the maker
of them all*

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September 14, 1997

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, You are the Creator of the Universe, yet Your concern and love for our well-being and Your desire to bless and lead us if we will but follow is wonderful. Use us as a blessing, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" (Isaiah 53:1). Who, indeed, has believed, yet this gift has come to us nevertheless, and even now invites faith. Pray for the strength to follow; pray for the courage to believe; pray for the joy to celebrate this gift. And come, come let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 116:1-9

DEDICATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMNALS

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own
What'er the gift may be
All that we have is thine alone
A trust O Lord to thee.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #348

"Nearer My God to Thee"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 8:27-38

MORNING MESSAGE "In Whose Image?"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #504

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Guest Preacher:	Randy Turner
Lay Leader:	Kirby Francis
Choir Director:	Jim Stephenson
Organist:	Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	7:00	A.B.W. Ministries
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Breakfast

The pastor will be on vacation until Saturday, September 20. If you have any pastoral need or emergency, please contact your watchcare deacon or Alison Mowery at 369-3314.

*The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple.*
—Psalm 19:17

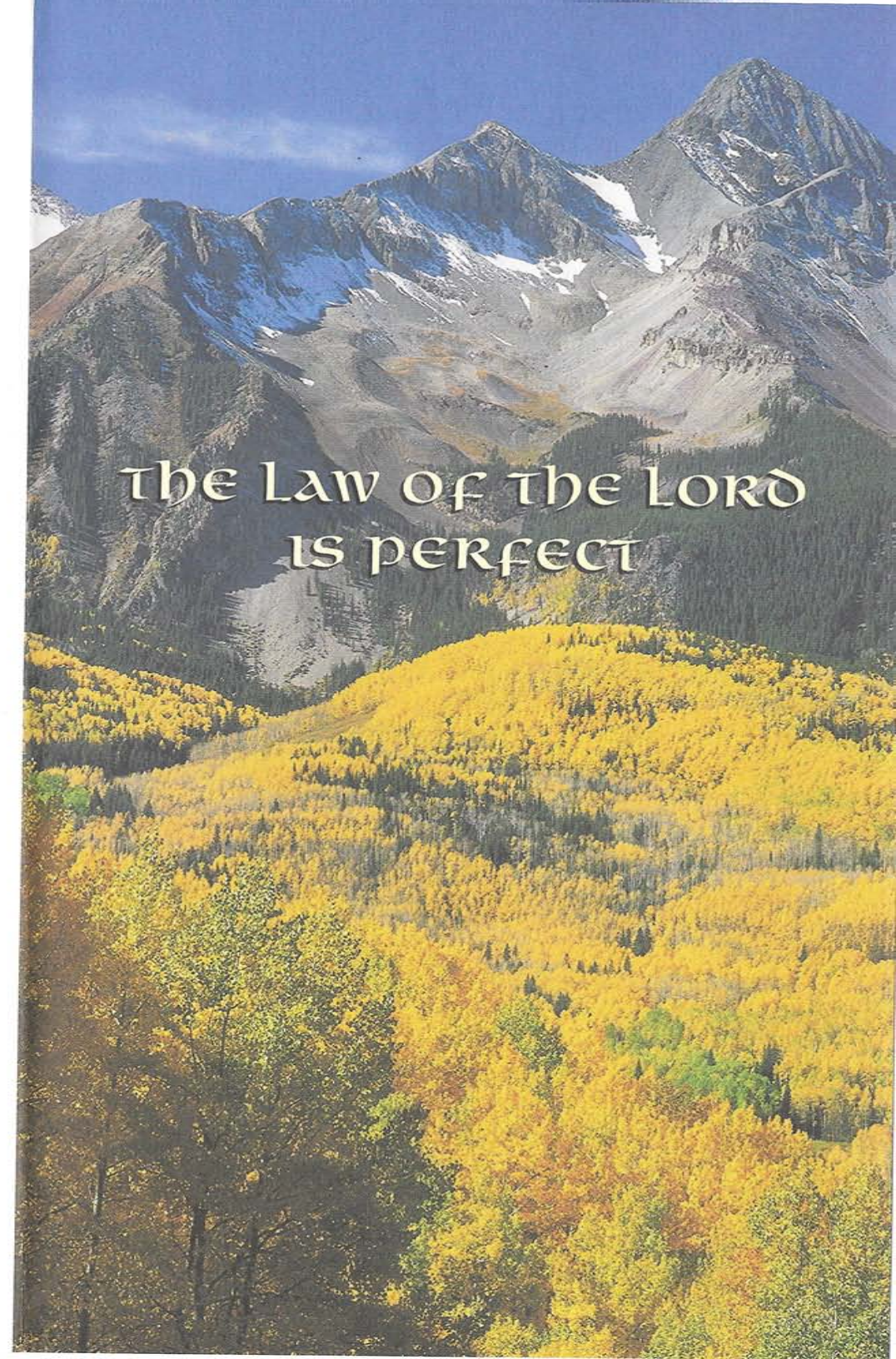
One of the greatest gifts of God to us is that we are each given the freedom to choose our way in this world. We are free to choose how we will live and by what road we will journey through this life. The choices we make will determine who we become. The trouble is that life offers us a confusing array of choices. We can become disoriented and lose our way.

It is another of the great gifts of God that we are given guidance. It comes in the form of parents or other significant persons who care about the choices we make. It comes in the form of the church teaching us about God. It comes most clearly in the form of Scripture, where God's dream for what we will become can be read and heard and learned.

We tend to think of laws as limitations and restrictions, a necessity to keep our lives and the lives of others under control. Even the laws and precepts of Scripture have that character. They set boundaries for our lives. For life without boundaries becomes unfocused and unhealthy. But far more than restriction, the law of God is direction for our lives. It reminds us of what is important. It guides us toward meaningful living. It helps us become who we are meant to become. It makes us into children of God, who love God and love others as ourselves.

God has not placed us in the world to wander aimlessly. God has provided us with guidance for healthy and meaningful living. The law of the Lord points the way.

*J. Thomas Son
Director, Youth Ministries
Educational Ministries*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

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The Reverend Jody Lynn Hagans, pastor

September 21, 1997

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, when Jesus walked among us to spread Your message of redemption and love, He did not elevate Himself above those He came to save. Lord, let us be Your servants in today's world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fear not, for God is with us and we are promised God's peace and joy!
But none of us are worthy and none have lived without sin and sorrow.
Yet in Christ we are called into the Kingdom of God, free from our sins.
Then who among us will be called great before the throne of God?
As Jesus served, those who would be great will be the servants of all.

ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #35

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own

What'er the gift may be

All that we have is thine alone

A trust O Lord to thee.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #67

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:30-37

MORNING MESSAGE "The Least We Can Do"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #344

"Be Thou My Vision"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: Jody Lynn Hagans

Lay Leader: Kirby Francis

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	12:00	Pastoral Relations
	2:30	Board of Christian Education
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	7:00	Parish Council

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.
—Romans 12:9

American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday **You Can Do It! Practicing Christian Love**

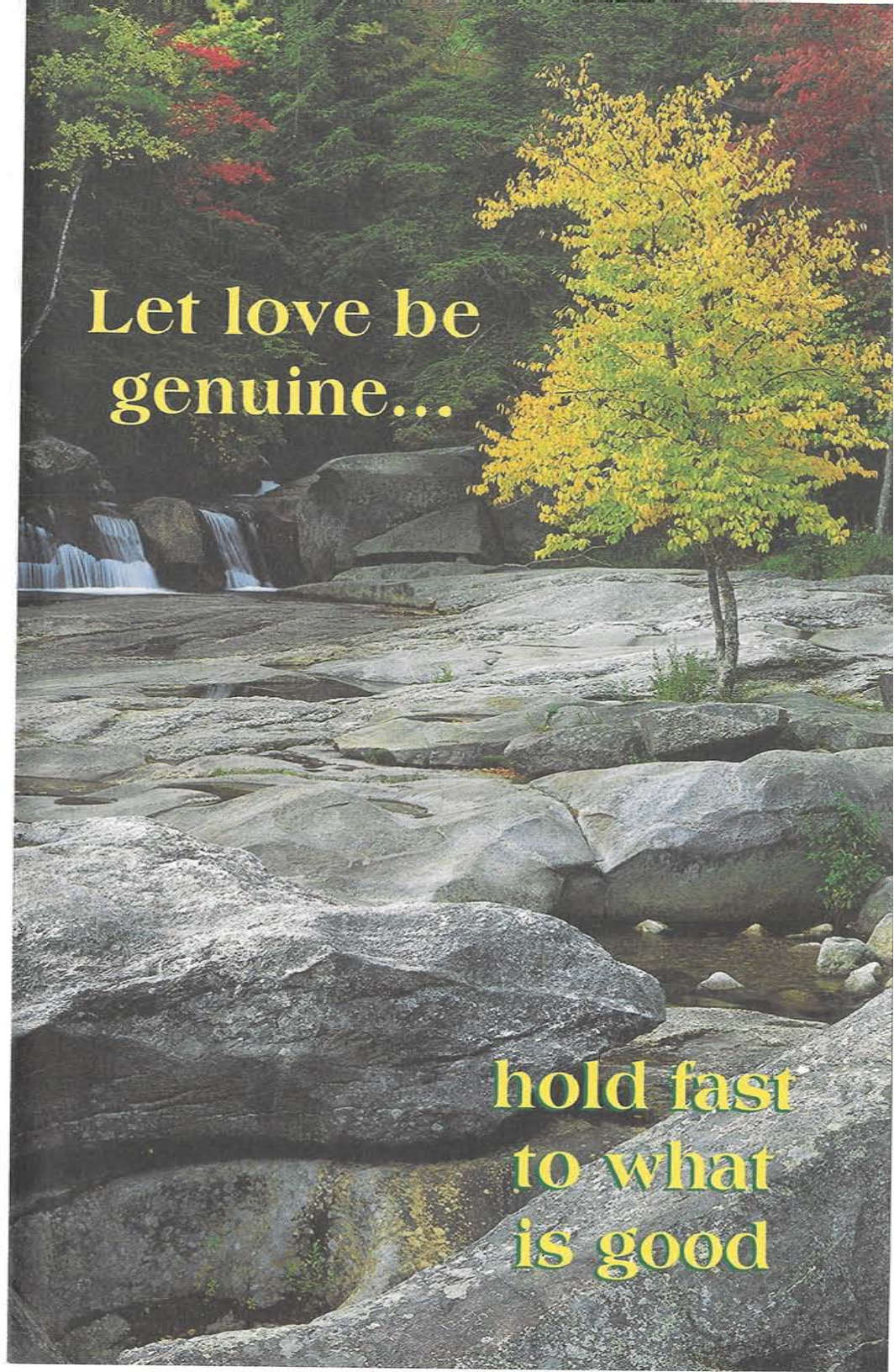
Completely pure gold and silver are too soft for daily use. When these pure metals are combined with small amounts of metal alloys, the resultant gold and silver mixtures are harder and more useable.

In Romans 12:9 Paul calls us to a Christ-standard completely opposite to metallurgical practices: we must acquire the softness of truly sincere love. If we are honest, such a command is difficult because, though we are God's children, we are alloyed with sin and selfishness. We are hard and lacking in love at times, because the love we profess is not pure.

In the midst of our unbalanced lives, such a standard seems too high. How can we ever reach a state of sincere, unfeigned love toward everyone around us? Practice. Paul includes two daily skills to practice in the process of learning to love sincerely: abhorring and fleeing what is evil and benefits no one and clinging and wedding oneself to those things that are good and bless everyone.

The repetitive aspect of practice may seem boring and less than inviting, until the end result is considered. Have you ever been awed by the prowess of an Olympic athlete, the skill of a consummate musician, the supple strength of a dancer, or the art of a great storyteller? Each arrived at his or her level of expertise by committing time daily to practice the necessary skills. Can we become adept at sharing a pure, softened love with others? By daily pledging to practice, "We can do it!"

Grace A. Wisthoff
Coordinator of Personal Development Ministries and Resources
American Baptist Women's Ministries of North Dakota



**Let love be
genuine...**

**hold fast
to what
is good**

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Christian Education Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

Trusting Jesus

Loree

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we will live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus, who was truly whole. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #302

"I Love to Tell the Story"

LITANY

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Fairest of All

Lewis

We give thee but thine own

What'er the gift may be

All that we have is thine alone

A trust O Lord to thee.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #350

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 21:1-6

REFLECTION "Same Old Thing"

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MOMENT Larry Faulk, Pam Faulk,
Jim Van Brimmer and Jean Wickum

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #517

"We Thank Thee That Thy Mandate"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

The Joyful Trumpet

Harris

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: Jody Lynn Hagans

Lay Leader: Kirby Francis

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Betty Porter

Pianist: Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	12:00	Special Business Meeting
	12:30	Pastoral Relations
	4:00	Marion Association Fall Rally
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
	7:00	Finance Committee
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir

And the one who was seated in the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

—Revelation 21:5a

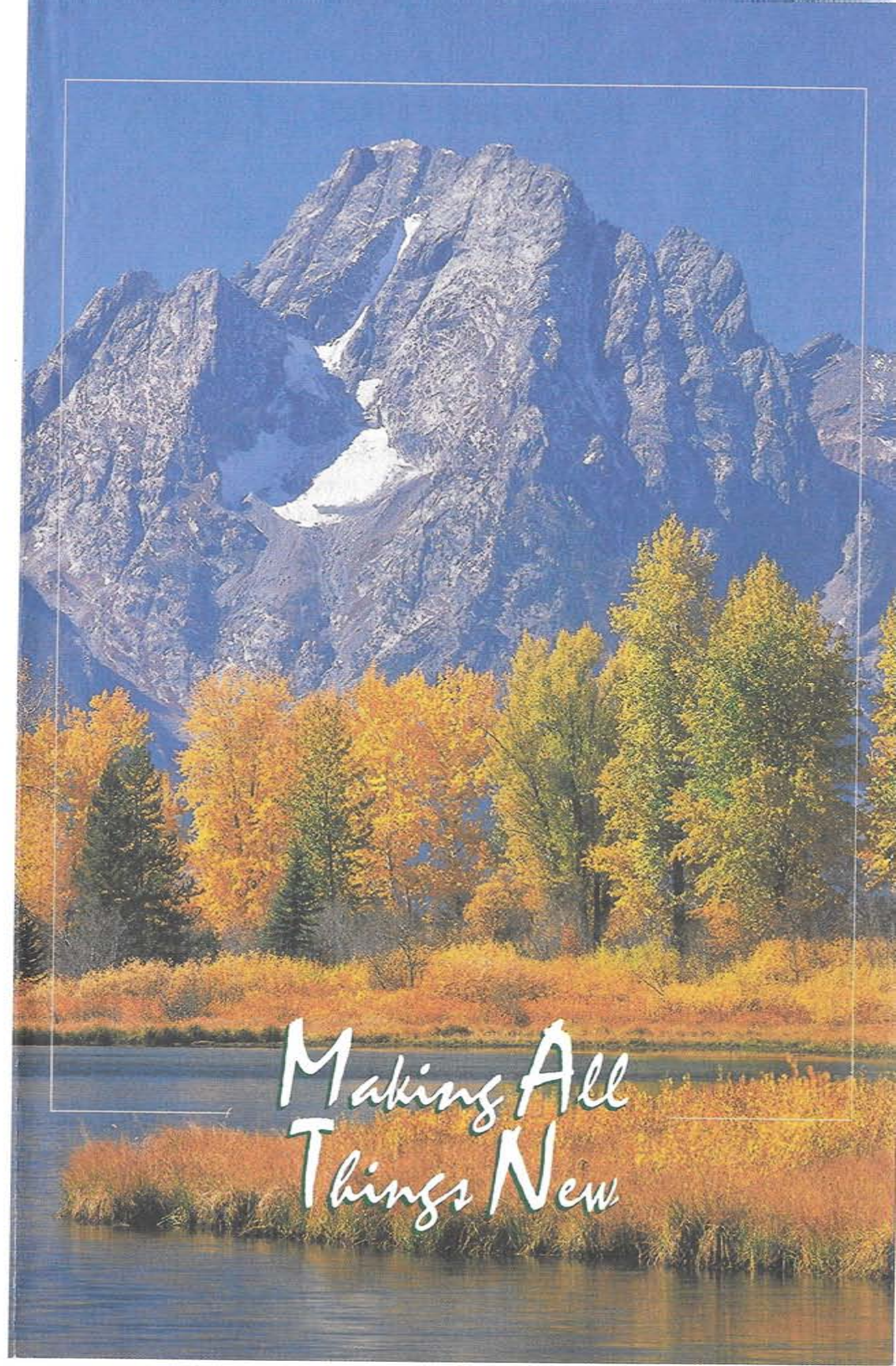
Christian Education Sunday **Making All Things New**

The visions in this text of renewal and transformation are both beautiful and powerful. They remind us of God's presence and power, available in the midst of the not so beautiful and the abuse of power in today's world. These words also serve to remind those of us committed to the teaching ministry of the church that we are called to work with God in acts of transformation. God calls us to see and do new things. As God's people, we are assured of God's presence and power as we see and do new things and that God will be in and with the new and the transformed.

Part of our preparation in making room for the new requires grieving the past and letting go. This is true as we consider the teaching ministry of the church. Often one of our greatest challenges is moving ahead when people remind us that this is not the way we did it in the past. That is the time when we need to acknowledge the good in the past, give thanks for it, and grieve that it is no longer, so that we can make room for the new and move into the future. Finding rituals and ways as a community of faith to grieve past models, approaches, and techniques and to give thanks for their contribution to the teaching ministry is essential to introducing new models, approaches, and techniques.

Let us say with the writer of Revelation, "... the former things have passed away." ... "Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:4-5, RSV).

Linda R. Isham
Director, Planning for Congregational Education
Educational Ministries



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October 5, 1997

Holy Communion

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Almighty and loving God, You have called us to be Your children, and You will bless the world though our lives if we will only let You. Help us to open our hearts to Your leadership, O God. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all God's children come together in the house of the Lord!

We are each sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved by Almighty God. And God has blessed us abundantly so we will pass those blessings along.

Then let us remember in all we do that we are indeed children of God. And let us proclaim for all to hear of God's adopting love.

ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #57

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory

We give thee but thine own,
What-e'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #20

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10:2-16

MORNING MESSAGE "Handle With Care"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #205

"Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries"

HOLY COMMUNION

*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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Lay Leader: Kirby Francis
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY	7:00	Finance Committee
	7:00	Boy Scouts
	7:00	Delaware Piecemakers
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	12:00	Young at Heart
NEXT SUNDAY	12:00	Board of Deacons

*I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation. ...
This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
—Psalm 118:21, 23*

World Communion Sunday

Cultural and emotional barriers often hinder the progress of the gospel. More than debate or exposition, it is the pure, compelling Word of God that crashes through the barriers erected in the heart.

Japan is a country where values such as indirectness and nonconfrontation are an integral part of the fabric of society. While some may refuse to listen in a structured church service, they may read a Bible in the solitude of their own room. For searching is a private thing that cannot be pushed.

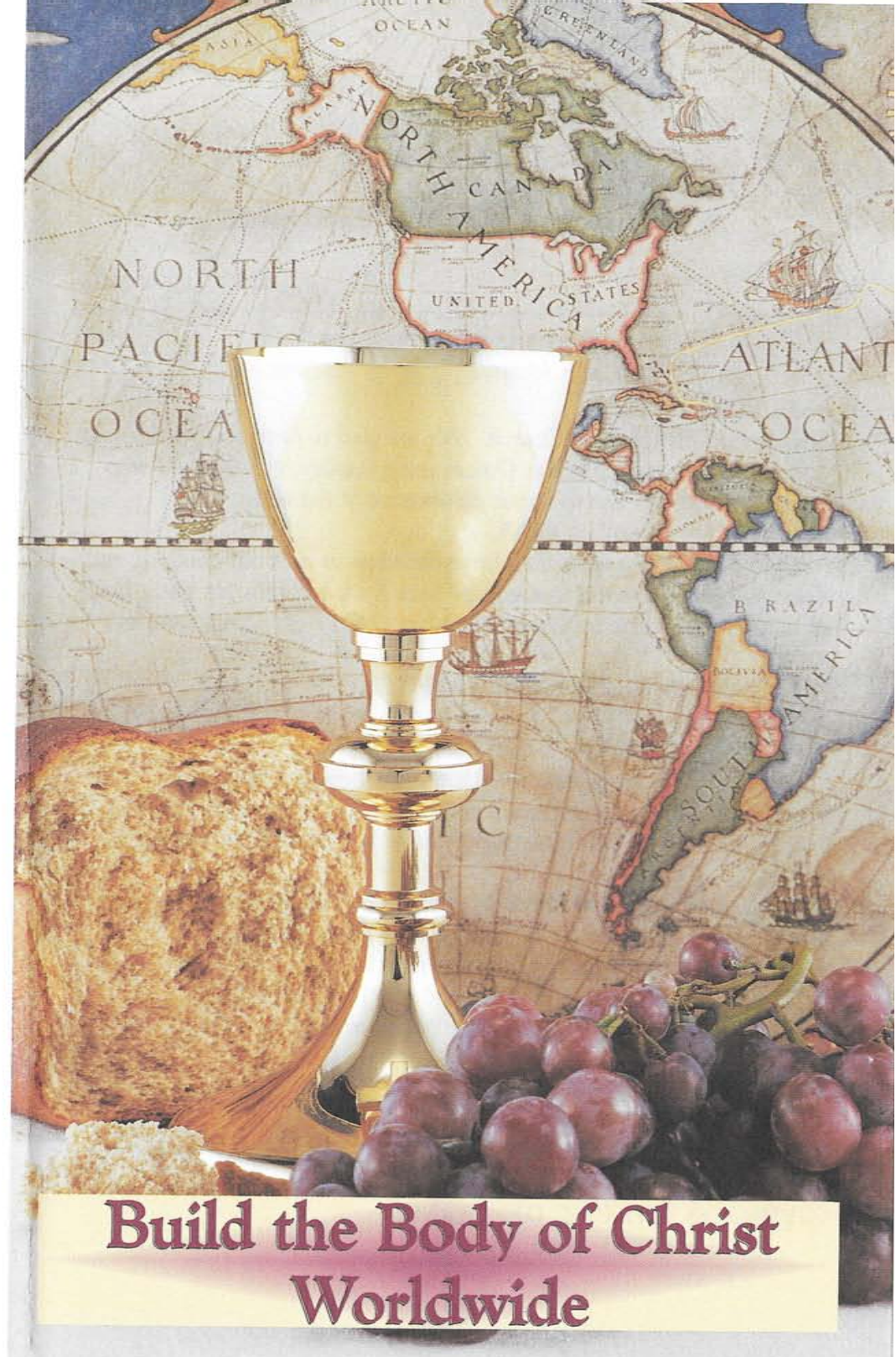
One missionary began to offer private Bible reading sessions when he had no response to his offer of Bible study classes. It would be a slow process of just one on one. "Just reading," he reiterates to the interested party.

"You mean no one will be preaching at me? I'm not required to answer questions as if I were taking a quiz?" the seeker thinks.

But after the second session, inevitably the compelling Word of God brings to the surface questions that can no longer be contained. The missionary says, "This is just a reading session, but if you insist I will answer your questions."

Soon the "Bible reading only" rule is mutually and willfully ignored. The missionary waits for the soul to be stirred. God's Word dictates the extent of their encounter, and that Word becomes irresistible, a chosen path for another seeker to tread.

*Roberta Stephens
Missionary, Japan
International Ministries*



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October 12, 1997

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O Most Generous Giver, help us to see that we can only answer your call with a whole heart when we are willing to spend all that we are and all that we have in your service, using all our strengths and gifts without regard for cost. Beloved Giver, whose gift is life itself, teach us to be worthy of your abundance by accepting it wholly and sharing it freely. Lay your hand upon our hearts so that we may find peace and courage to give all that we have and follow you. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all who will, enter the House of the Lord and worship!

May the poor and lonely enter into God's Kingdom?

Especially the poor and lonely are welcome before the Lord.

May the rich and the powerful enter this Holy place?

All who have given their lives and all they possess to God may enter.

ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #28

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

LITANY OF CELEBRATION (insert)

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own

What'er the gift may be

All that we have is thine alone

A trust O Lord to thee.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #378

"Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10:17-31

SERMON "Trivial Pursuit?"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #385

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: Jody Lynn B. Hagans

Lay Leader: Deacon Alison Linn Mowery

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 12:00 Deacons

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

THURSDAY 6:30 A.B.W. Ministries at Ponderosa

SATURDAY 8:30 Men's Breakfast

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.

—1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (CEV)

Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors Sunday

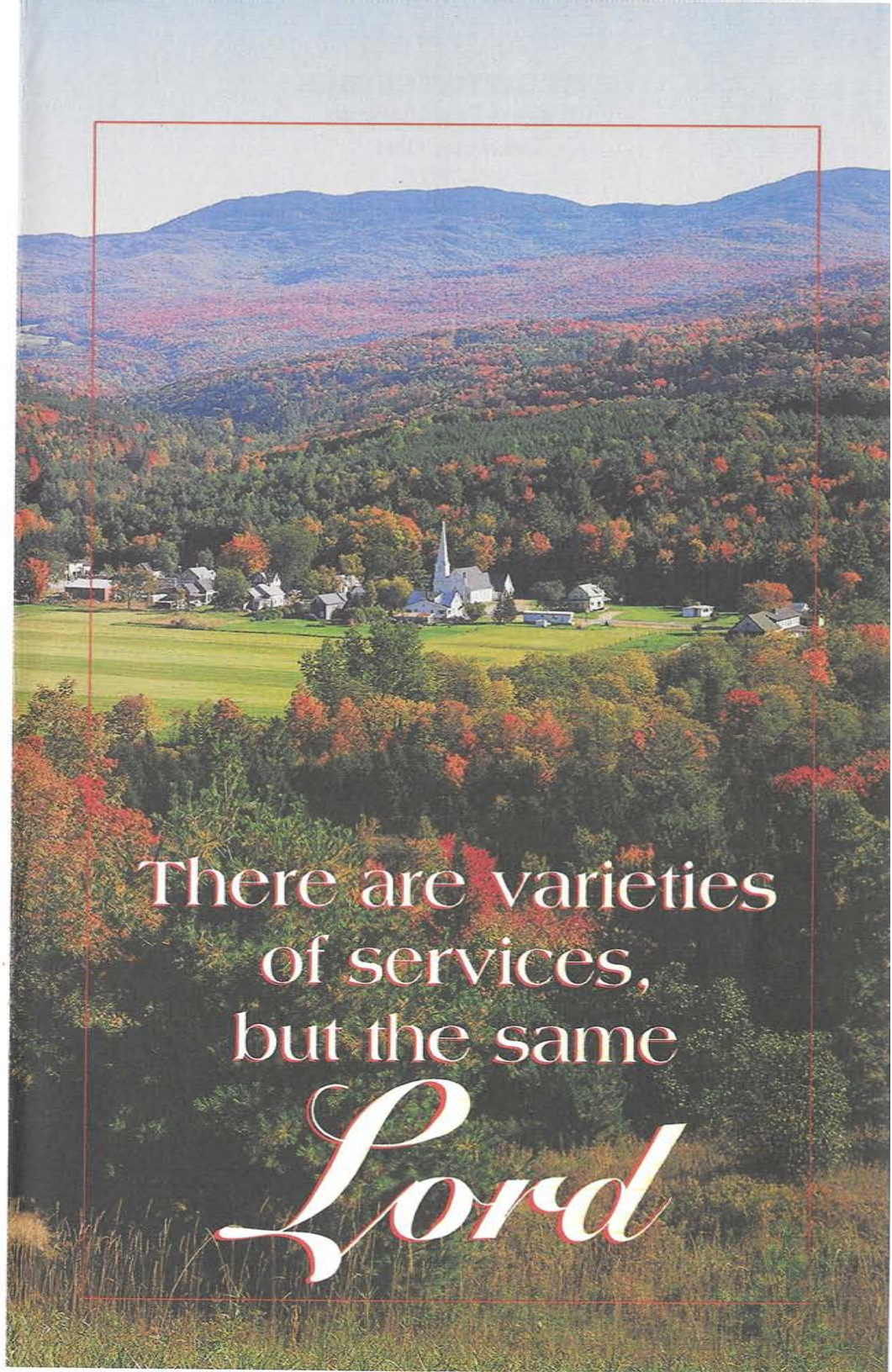
Diversity of Gifts

Today American Baptists are recognizing and celebrating Chaplains/Pastoral Counselors Sunday, using the theme “Diversity of Gifts.” Many church attenders have become familiar with the 1 Corinthians text in which Paul talks about the inter-relatedness of the “body of Christ.” We also know from experience that there are many different skills and gifts needed and used in each congregation.

We may not be so well informed about the diversity of settings in which American Baptist chaplains and pastoral counselors minister or the diverse gifts they need. There are nearly six hundred of these specialized missionaries related to the ABC/USA family through the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (National Ministries). Their ministry settings are almost as varied as the gifts required: chaplains in hospitals, hospices, mental health settings, prisons, at race tracks, and with the military around the world. Pastoral counselors in local churches, in specialized clinics, and in many unique settings.

These women and men come from all racial and ethnic backgrounds. All have had to earn special credentials to demonstrate their skills in their specialties. While they serve with the ecclesiastical endorsement of American Baptists, they do so without funding through the denomination. They are in mission with and for American Baptists. They have accepted the call of Jesus Christ and have committed themselves to “encourage life in Christ” through ministries of “witness, renewal, and justice.”

*William C. Cline
Director, Chaplaincy, Missionary and Staff Services
National Ministries*



There are varieties
of services,
but the same
Lord

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October 19, 1997

Men's Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God of amazing grace and miraculous power, we are secular people in a secular world. Our prayer is like that of one who said so many years ago, "I believe; help my unbelief." We have difficulty believing the miracles of scripture, but even more difficulty trusting your ability to work through us today. Be gentle with us, O God, in our slowness to believe; increase our faith, and make us alive through your Spirit of hope and power. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Faulk

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are the community of faith that has been created by the love of God.

We are the people who have been set free by the word of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

We have come not to parade our own goodness but to praise the holiness of God.

We have come not to boast of what we have done but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.

ALL: With all our being, we will praise you, O God, and tell of all your kindness toward us. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #21

"O Worship the King"

*INVOCATION

Jim Van Brimmer

*LORD'S PRAYER(Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rick Van Brimmer

Galatians 5:22-26 and Ephesians 4:1-7

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Jim Van Brimmer

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own

What'er the gift may be

All that we have is thine alone

A trust O Lord to thee.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Randy Turner

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #504

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

MORNING PRAYERS

Larry Faulk

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10:35-45

Micah Stoner

SERMON "Guys on Faith" Larry Faulk, Phil Mercer, Micah Stoner and Rick Van Brimmer

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #383

"Are Ye Able?"

*BENEDICTION

Phil Mercer

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Lay Leader: Larry Faulk
Lay Leader: Deacon Jim Van Brimmer
Choir Director: Jim Stephenson
Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 Finance Committee
7:00 Boy Scouts
TUESDAY 7:00 Board of Christian Education
WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
—2 Corinthians 5:17

American Baptist Men's Sunday **"Think New!"**

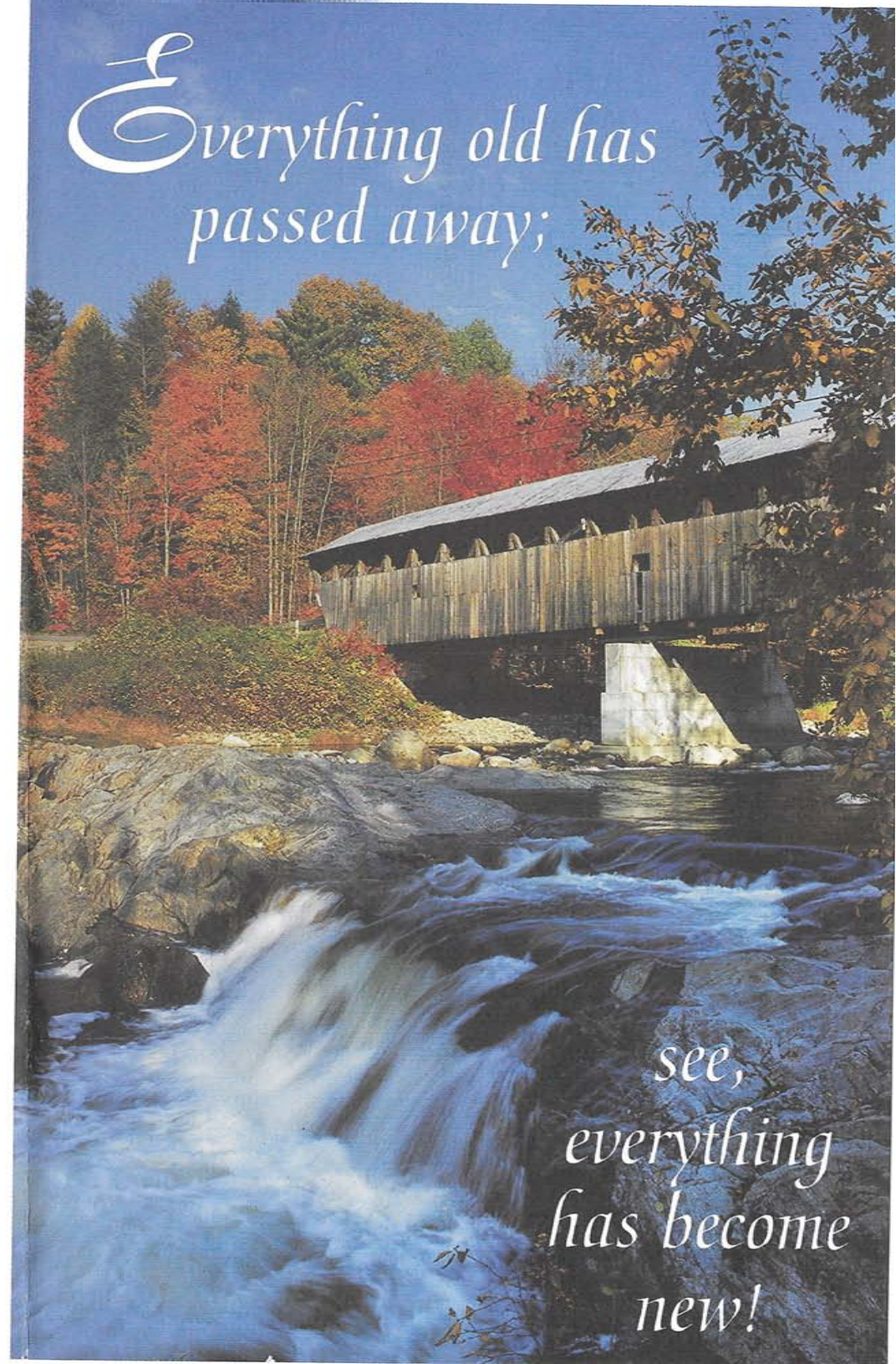
God is doing a new thing through men and boys in American Baptist churches. New ministries, such as ABMen Disaster Relief, Man-2-Man evangelism, and ABBoys and ABYoungMen, are reaching men and boys for Christ and helping them fulfill their mission.

But serving American Baptists is not new for ABMen. We were founded 75 years ago out of a financial crisis in the denomination. Fiscal strains were so great that missionaries were in danger of being called home. Several active laymen met in Chicago in January 1922, asking, "Should the denomination survive? If so, why? If not, why not?" They set a goal to raise five million dollars that year. The group reconvened in June at First Baptist Indianapolis to discover the goal had already been exceeded. They formally organized as the National Council of Northern Baptist Men.

During the ensuing decades, ABMen raised huge sums for missions. Providing a larger gift to the Baptist family, several ABMen purchased the grounds for Green Lake Conference Center. A popular radio broadcast entitled "The Layman's Hour" is still on the air in its fiftieth year. ABMen was also instrumental in establishing the Mission Center in Valley Forge; ABMen USA was the first tenant on the site. ABMen led an interdenominational "Laymen's Movement" whose goals were to empower the laity for ministry and remove the barriers between laity and clergy.

The modern American Baptist Men's movement is further evidence that God continues to make all things new, again and again!

*Z. Allen Abbott
Executive Director
American Baptist Men USA*



*Everything old has
passed away;*

*see,
everything
has become
new!*

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October 26, 1997

Reformation Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Almighty and merciful God, only You can open the eyes of the blind so that we might see Your kingdom before us. And only You, Lord, can empower us to carry Your Gospel into the world. Send us, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you can do all things.

Your ways are too wonder for us to comprehend.

Speak now, our ears will listen.

Come near, our eyes will see.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #11

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

DISCIPLE COMMISSIONING SERVICE

(In Unison) O Gracious God, who calls us to this place and also calls us to become disciples. Give us wisdom and courage as we come and follow. Bless our gathering, our studying and our sharing of what we have been given to learn. May our love for you be strengthened so we can be your love to the world. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own

What'er the gift may be

All that we have is thine alone

A trust O Lord to thee.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #425

"We Would See Jesus, for the Shadows"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:46-52

MORNING MESSAGE

"Double Vision"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #350

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:	Jody Lynn B. Hagans
Lay Leader:	Deacon Alison Mowery
Choir Director:	Jim Stephenson
Organist:	Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY	7:00	Finance Committee
	7:00	Pastoral Relations Committee
	7:00	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	6:30	Quarterly Business Meeting

*"Those who drink of the water that I will give them
will never be thirsty."*

— John 4:14

"And remember, I am with you always."

— Matthew 28:20

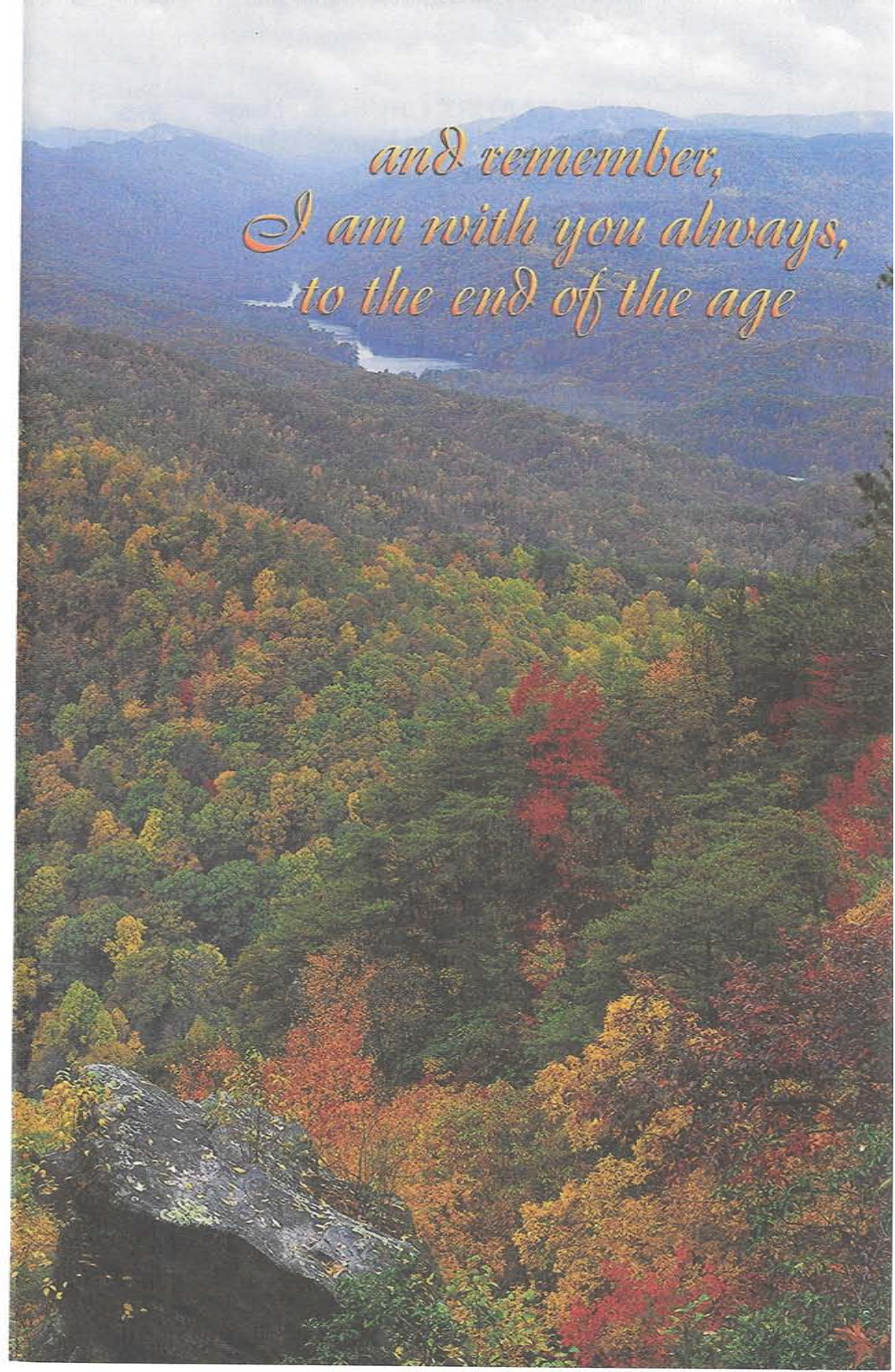
Campus Ministry Sunday God Is Present at All Times

It strikes me that society portrays the college-age years as a time when young adults are surrounded by friends and/or companions. The media, television, movies, and even recruitment brochures portray smiling, joyous, happy young folks, not alone, but with or among a group of people more or less of the same age. It is true that the college/university years can offer a great opportunity to make friends, meet new people, and establish life-long relationships, but the reality is that for some students the college years are lonely. They are no longer with the group that made them feel comfortable in high school. Their family is for the most part away, not on campus. Making new friends is difficult when there are so many other new demands for those "almost" or now on their own.

Surely the presence of God in students' lives can make a difference. The Samaritan woman at the well faced all kinds of concerns and demands, some from within herself and some coming from exterior sources such as society. Yet the presence of Jesus, at that precise moment, was most timely and of blessing! If, therefore, Christ is present in the hearts of believers, the most trying of moments can be lived in a different light. God can provide company, friendship, and a lasting relationship; God's presence will never allow believers to thirst, to be lonely again. God can provide not only comfort through the Holy Spirit, but also can provide others to accompany believers through difficult situations and moments in life.

Let's allow God to be present in our lives. Let's allow God to make us agents of Christ's presence in the lives of the university/college-age young adults.

*J. Miriam Chacón-Peralta
Director of Hispanic Christian Education
and Young Adult Ministries
Educational Ministries*



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O merciful God, in your infinite wisdom you have called each one of us to be stewards of all those things you place in our care. Guide us, Lord, and give us wisdom to be faithful stewards. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Echo Reading)

With what shall we come before the Lord?

How shall we bow before God on high?

God has shown us what is required, what is Good:

To do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with our God.

With faith and hope, Let us live to Christ!

As we receive God's love, and as we share it, we praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #498

"Come All Christians, Be Committed"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own

What'er the gift may be

All that we have is thine alone

A trust O Lord to thee.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #339

"More About Jesus Would I Know"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

MORNING MESSAGE

"Tipping the Balance"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #385

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: Jody Lynn B. Hagans

Lay Leader: Deacon Jean Wickum

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	7:30	Marion Assoc. Executive Committee
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	12:00	Young at Heart
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Breakfast
	9:30	DISCIPLE

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I live by faith in the Son of God.
—Galatians 2:20

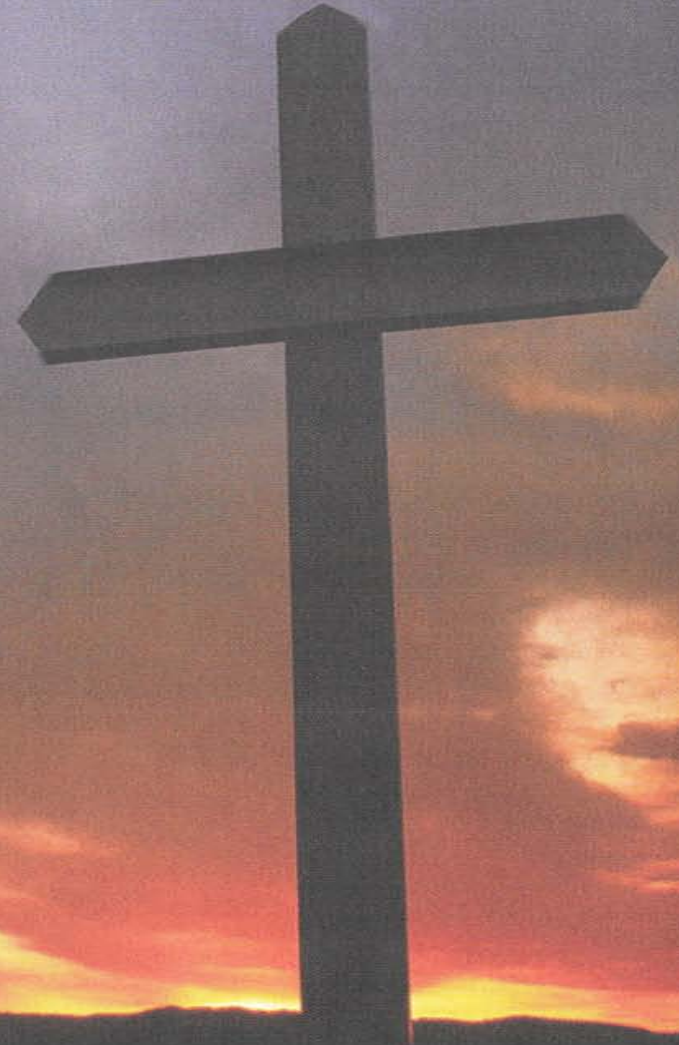
Paul tells us that it is his day-to-day existence—the life lived *in the flesh*—that he lives by faith in the Son of God. Paul here makes a straightforward statement of faith as he defends his credentials as an apostle to those who seem to have turned to other teachings. At times we may be lulled into thinking that any biblical writer, particularly someone as significant as Paul, found it easy to have faith in Christ as the Son of God. Even though we consciously recognize that Jesus' early followers, whose stories we read in the Bible, suffered greatly for their faith, it still somehow seems that they must have found it easier to “live by faith” than we do.

Paul did confidently maintain his faith in Christ throughout physical suffering and dangerous encounters that threatened his very life, and we find inspiration in his example. However, we should not lose sight of the fact that his faith in Christ was forged in the tremendous upheaval that turned his life in a totally new direction—from persecutor of Christians to persecuted Christian. This was not an overnight experience; it took years before he was accepted by the Christian community and allowed to carry the gospel message. We read in a few simple words the outcome of that metamorphosis—“I live by faith in the Son of God”—and may forget the power that lies behind that statement.

These words witness to the power that we ourselves, through the mysterious and miraculous working of God in human existence, can claim as we struggle with issues and events in living out our Christian faith in daily life. Our God, who took on our humanity and lived among us for a time, showed us that our faith in Christ gives us access to the infinite power brought through the Holy Spirit. It is a power that we can claim when we know we can do nothing else on our own, when we have only questions and no answers. To state simply that we live by faith in the Son of God is to state everything. We declare that it is the way we live in the here and now even as we look ahead to life lived eternally in the presence of God.

Mary Mugridge Nicol
Senior Editor, Judson Press
Educational Ministries

I live by faith in the Son of God



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

Delaware, Ohio

363-7021

The Reverend Jody Lynn B. Hagans, pastor

November 16, 1997

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Almighty and merciful God, You have through history blessed the nations and the Church through the lives of those You have called to be special blessings. Use us, God, to be blessings. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (In Unison)

With what shall we come before the Lord?

How shall we bow before God on high?

God has shown us what is required, what is Good:

To do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with our God.

With faith and hope, Let us live to Christ!

As we receive God's love, and as we share it, we praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #22

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own

What'er the gift may be

All that we have is thine alone

A trust O Lord to thee.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #370

"Teach Me Thy Will, O God"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 10:11-25

MORNING MESSAGE

"The 11th Commandment"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #249

"Showers of Blessing"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:

Jody Lynn B. Hagans

Lay Leader:

Deacon Jean Wickum

Choir Director:

Jim Stephenson

Organist:

Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	2:30	Board of Christian Education
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	7:00	Parish Council
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	7:00	A.B.W. Ministries
SATURDAY	9:30	DISCIPLE

"Take good care to observe the commandment and instruction that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to keep his commandments, and to hold fast to him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

—Joshua 22:5

Many times when we read the biblical story we think of the passages containing the word *you* as if they are related only to us as individuals. But the story of God's faithfulness is the story of a people—first the people of Israel and now the church. We can lose this perspective, partly because the English language does not distinguish between the singular and plural *you* and partly because of the highly individualistic focus of our society.

When we read Joshua 22:5, we should look at the context. Joshua gathered together the people of the tribes, reminding them that their past obedience to God had been demonstrated by the fact that they had never deserted their fellow Israelites. The call to continuing faithfulness in verse 5, delivered to the gathered people, is followed by the injunction to share material goods with others in the group.

God calls the church also to be a *faithful people*. We can be faithful only as we live in relationship, in community. The mystery of God as Trinity cannot be fully comprehended, but it is a deep and rich lesson that relationship is at the heart of God's reality. So let us be sure that our obedience to God, our love and our service, always recognize the plural *you*.

Jean B. Kim
Executive Director
Educational Ministries



Love the Lord your God...

walk in all His ways

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

Delaware, Ohio

363-7021

The Reverend Jody Lynn B. Hagans, pastor

November 23, 1997

Stewardship Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O God, from whom every moment of our lives comes as a gift and whose power precedes the first of our moments and surpasses the last of them: grant that we will honor each opportunity to praise you, claim every occasion to proclaim your word, and seize every setting to serve you; in the name of the one who came as servant of all and Savior of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather together all who call Jesus the Christ Lord!

Jesus, the Christ; King of kings; Lord of lords!

Jesus, above every other name in all of creation, is truly Lord!

Jesus, before whom every knee will bow and every tongue will confess.

Praise god, our Messiah; lift our hearts in praise for the Christ!

ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #564

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

We give thee but thine own

What'er the gift may be

All that we have is thine alone

A trust O Lord to thee.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #568

"For All the Blessings of the Year"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 6:25-33

MORNING MESSAGE "Mean What You Say"

DEDICATION OF PLEDGES (Insert)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #457

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: Jody Lynn B. Hagans

Lay Leader: Deacon Jean Wickum

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY 2:30 Board of Christian Education

MONDAY 7:00 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

*You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.*

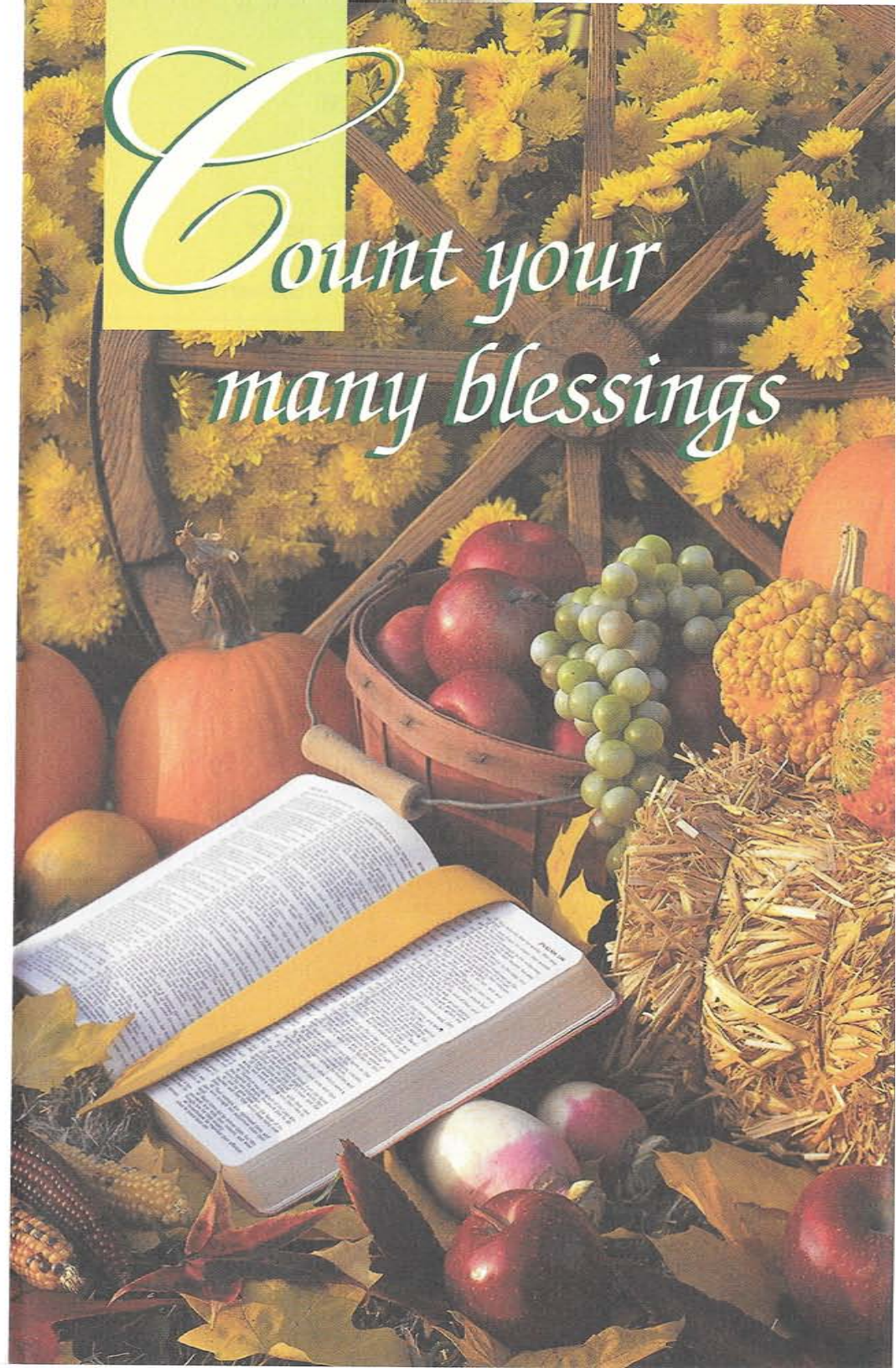
—Psalm 40:5

Sometimes we learn lessons in gratitude from those who have lost everything. Many residents of the Ohio River valley experienced such losses this March when floods forced them from their homes and took all their cherished belongings. ABMen Disaster Relief Teams joined other volunteers in Cincinnati's East End, and some of the workers learned of a remarkable story of one woman who could still give her offering to God even though it was all she had left.

Bertha Hilliard, an 85-year-old woman living on her own, was hit with eight feet of mud in the basement and standing water about four feet high in her one-story home. She was able to make it out of the house with only her purse and had to be hospitalized because of exhaustion and stress. Bertha's pastor, the Reverend Dianne Steelman of Columbia and Linwood Baptist Churches, paid her a visit that Saturday afternoon while the work crews were cleaning her home. Bertha had lost everything she owned. She cried and talked and prayed with her pastor. As Rev. Steelman was leaving, Bertha called her back. She reached for her purse, her last possession, and said, "I almost forgot. I have something for you." She pulled out a tithe envelope. "Here's my tithe for March 2. I've been worried about not getting it to the church, but I had to leave my home so quickly. Would you mind placing it in the offering for me?" The pastor was speechless. "And, pastor, my personalized tithe envelopes were in the house. Could I get another set for this year?"

Imagine losing everything you own in waves of toxic, sewage-infested mud and water and still offering your gifts to God. American Baptist men involved in disaster relief help to bring hope to those whose lives have been devastated by disaster and at the same time are privileged to hear powerful testimonies about God's goodness from people such as Bertha. God's wonderful deeds are known in all of the circumstances of life.

*Z. Allen Abbott
Executive Director
American Baptist Men USA*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

Delaware, Ohio

363-7021

The Reverend Jody Lynn B. Hagans, pastor

November ³⁰~~29~~, 1997

1st Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

O Living Christ, you were, you are, you come. Clothe us with garments of celebration, that we will be prepared for the feast of your reign. Keep us wakeful, that our lamps will ever burn in the vigil of your coming. Give us sight, that we will recognize the signs of your coming. And give us the strength to stand in your presence. So may all these things be, through your gracious Spirit. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your head, people of God!

We have heard that the promised one of God is coming.

Arise and be alert, for the redeemer is coming soon!

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #102

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Response #572

Hope in the God who reigns above,
who holds us all in steadfast love;
whose spirit blows across the earth,
preparing us for second birth.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #185

"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 21:25-36

MORNING MESSAGE "The Third Coming"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #439

"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: Jody Lynn B. Hagans

Lay Leader: Deacon Jean Wickum

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 Delaware Piecemakers

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY 7:00 Board of Deacons

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Choir

SATURDAY 9:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study

*Good and upright is the LORD.
—Psalm 25:8*

Sometimes things just seem to work out so that you are where you need to be and you have what you need. When that happens for me, I am aware of God working in my life. My prayer *"Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long"* (Psalm 25:4-5) is answered.

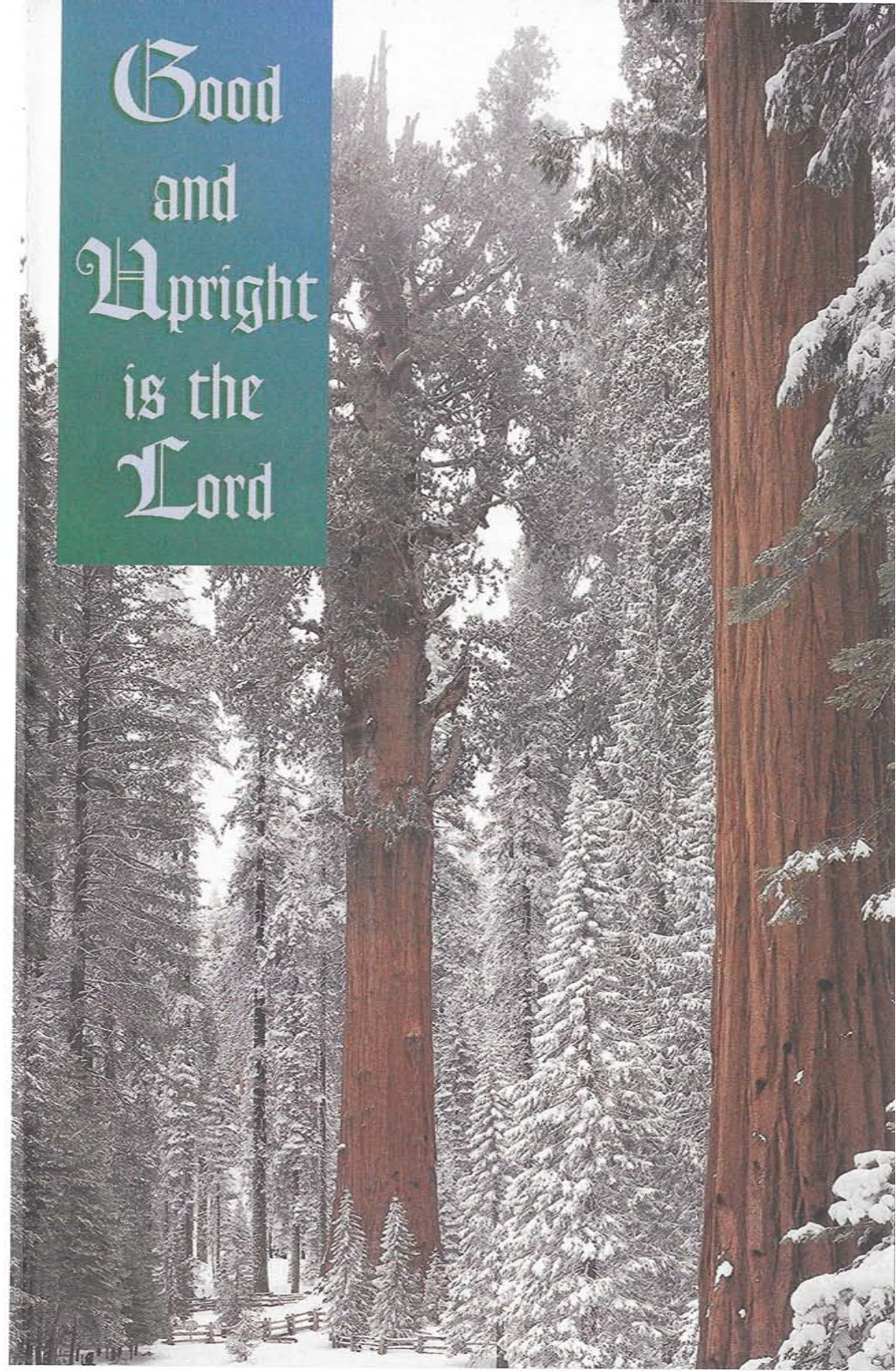
I was scheduled to board a plane tomorrow, but the trip was canceled. The Lord knew that I would need to be here. On Friday past, my friend died; tomorrow is Alice's funeral, and I will be the officiating minister. I've never done this before. I pray: *"Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins"* (Psalm 25:16-18).

I turn to a pastor, someone who I know has "done it before" and would teach me. And he begins. The next day he returns with a Manila envelope: "This came in the mail yesterday. It's a file I left in my old office . . ." He hands it to me; it's a file of funeral services and eulogies. Later I sit down to read them, and I realize that in God's way these were sent for me, for Alice, for her family. *"The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them"* (Psalm 25:14).

It is the day after the funeral, and I am reminded again: *"Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way"* (Psalm 25:8).

*Debra Sutton
Director, Adult Ministries
Educational Ministries*

Good
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Reverend Jody Lynn B. Hagans, pastor

December 7, 1997

2nd Sunday of Advent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. On this Communion Sunday, we invite all who believe in Christ to join us in our celebration at the table.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Gracious God, we hear the promise of the coming of Jesus into a manger and into our hearts and homes. Bless our Advent waiting; fill our worship with anticipation of your love; and dedicate us to prepare your way by lifting up the valleys in our lives and making smooth the rough places of others. For we pray in the name of Emmanuel-God with us. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

For the promise of a redeemer has come.

By the tender mercy of God,

The dawn from on high will break upon us,

And those who sit in darkness will see a great light!

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #488

"Heralds of Christ"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

MISSION MOMENT

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Response #572

Hope in the God who reigns above,
who holds us all in steadfast love;
whose spirit blows across the earth,
preparing us for second birth.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, (Insert)

"What Signs Has God Revealed to Us"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Malachi 3:1-4

MORNING MESSAGE "The Good News"

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #100

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

HOLY COMMUNION

*FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor:	Jody Lynn B. Hagans
Lay Leader:	Deacon Jean Wickum
Choir Director:	Jim Stephenson
Organist:	Mary Lou Lovell

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	12:00	Young at Heart
SATURDAY	9:30	DISCIPLE
	7:00	Caroling, followed by refreshments

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PRAYER CONCERNS:

Our SHUT-INS: HELEN BAKER, at home; EDITH HALL, at home; and ELIZABETH HEIZER, at Union Manor Nursing Home in Marysville; FRANCES JOHNSON, at Wintersong Village Nursing Facility.

Those in need of our PRAYERS include: PAUL ALLEN; LAURA ANDERSSON, daughter of Helen and Bruce Andersson, members of St. Peter's Church; BONNIE ARMSTRONG, Sue Elfner's cousin; CHUCK ARMSTRONG; GLADYS AYERS; BOB BIGGAR, Ray Biggar's brother; JOE & JEAN BROWER & daughter DARLENE; JOAN CAHILL, Archie Trigg's sister; BARBARA CARRIERE, friend of Pastor Hagans; SHANNON DE'LASSANJRO, Jean Wickum's granddaughter; DAVID CYRUS; the FETTER Family; The FOGLE Family; LOLA JACKSON; JEANETTE JONES; DARREL KAUF, Barb Reed's son-in-law's brother; the LEHR Family, friends of Pastor Hagans; JOAN LOCKHART, friend of Barb Reed; JOHN & ANNE LINN; MARY ANN & JOHN MURDAY; JEAN OSBORNE; BETTY PORTER; JEANETTE SCHAEFER; BERNICE TURNEY; BERTHA VAN BRIMMER; GREG WALKER; the WERLING Family; and JEAN WICKUM.

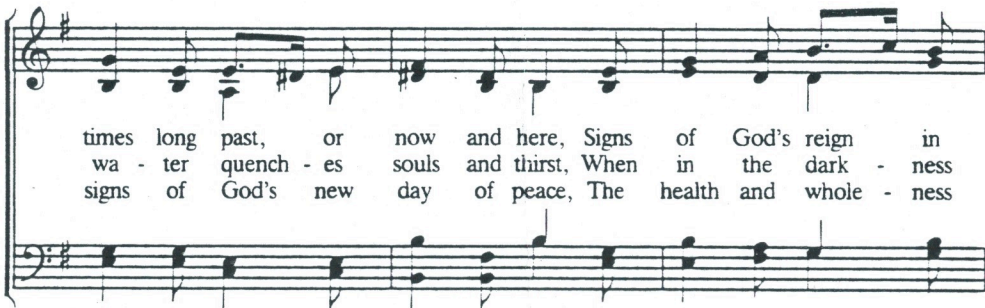
Those in COLLEGE or AWAY AT COLLEGE include: ERIN FAULK at Hope College; NICHELLE HEDGES; LIZ HOPKINS at Bowling Green University; MATTHEW LOVELL at O.S.U.; NATALIE MOWERY at O.S.U.; CHRISTINE REILLY at Ohio Wesleyan University; MARCI SANDER at O.S.U.; SHANNON & MICAH STONER at Devries Institute of Technology; JARROD TRIGG at Eastern Michigan University; and JENNA WEAKLAND at Bowling Green university.

Those in the MILITARY include: VICTOR & DEBBIE FOGLE, in the Marines; ED & JENNIFER LINN, in the Air Force.

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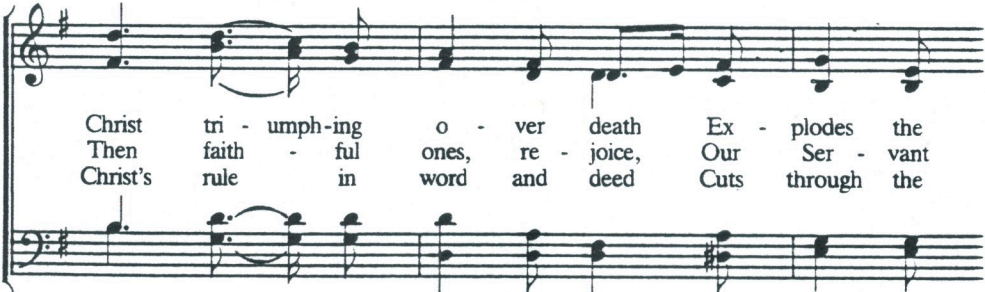
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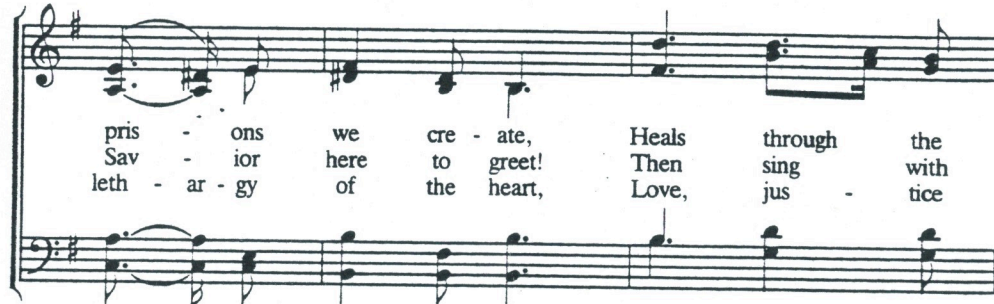
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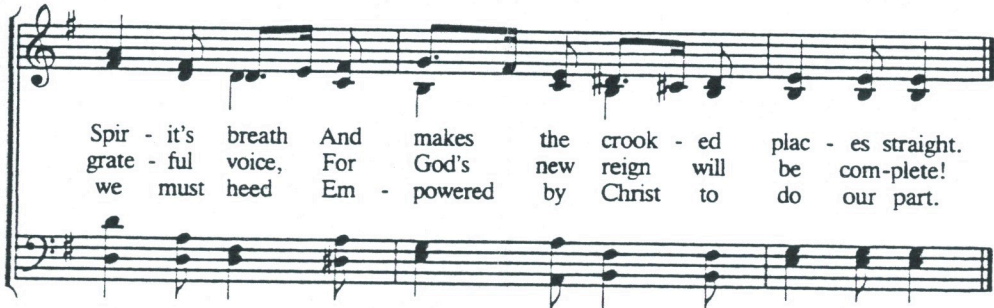
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 of sha - lom Re - vealed when blind - ness we re - lease.



Christ tri - umph-ing o - ver death Ex - plodes the
 Then faith - ful ones, re - joice, Our Ser - vant
 Christ's rule in word and deed Cuts through the



pris - ons we cre - ate, Heals through the
 Sav - ior here to greet! Then sing with
 leth - ar - gy of the heart, Love, jus - tice



Spir - it's breath And makes the crook - ed plac - es straight.
 grate - ful voice, For God's new reign will be com-plete!
 we must heed Em - powered by Christ to do our part.

Jane Parker Huber, 1982

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GREENSLEEVES LM with Refrain
English melody, 16th century

It is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ . . .

—Romans 8:16-17 (paraphrased)

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Sunday Their Ministry—Our Heritage

Heritage is something of value, other than property, that is passed from one generation to the next. Several generations sharing the same traditions creates a people, and shared values give that people character.

American Baptists are proud inheritors of freedom of conscience from Roger Williams and of freedom of religion from Isaac Backus. We enjoy telling the story of the missionary heritage left by Adoniram Judson. As a people, we have been shaped by Walter Rauschenbusch and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Equally as important, though perhaps lesser known, are the ministers and missionaries who have gladly built upon this rich history. Even as you read this, you can give them names and call their faces to memory. A pastor baptized you, married you, officiated at the funerals of your loved ones. A minister counseled you when you were troubled, visited you when you were in the hospital. They did not call attention to themselves, but to Jesus Christ. They wanted you to rejoice in the inheritance you have as a child of God.

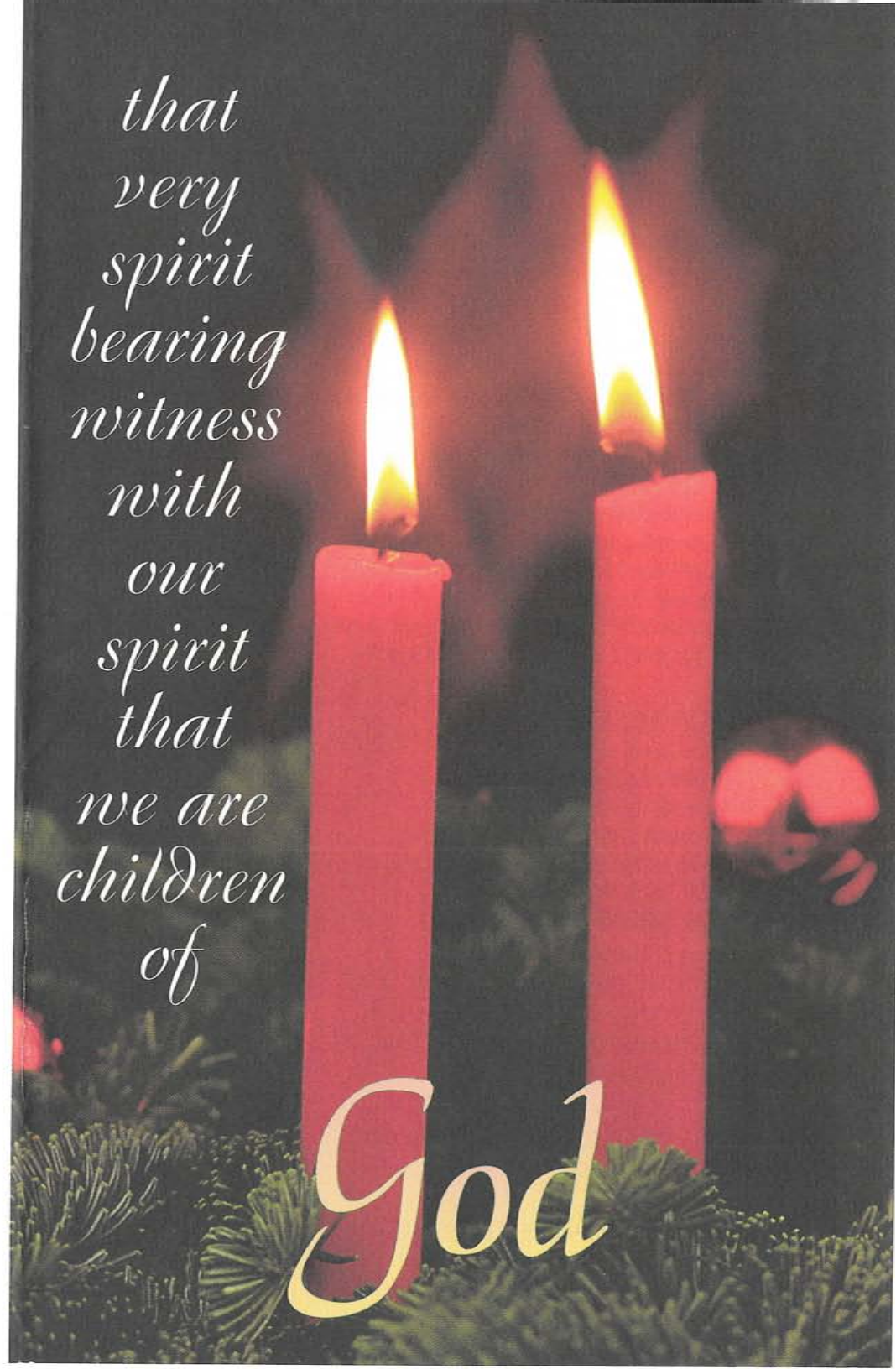
Many of those who brought the treasure of the gospel to your life are now retired. As a means of showing appreciation for their ministries, American Baptists take the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) each year at this time. Over three thousand ABC Thank You checks are issued each year by The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board.

There is not a better way to show the joy you have in being a child of God than by giving a generous gift of appreciation to the RMMO. Thank the retired ministers and missionaries who brought you the spiritual heritage in which you now rejoice.

*Kenneth E. Stoudt
Member Service Representative
The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board*

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street

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The Reverend Jody Lynn B. Hagans, pastor

December 14, 1997

3rd Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Our beloved Christ, we are awed by viewing life from the perspective of your presence. How could anxieties trouble us, when you are near? How could disaster threaten us, when your peacefulness stands guard? How could fear overwhelm us, when those in your midst shout with gladness? We look to the day of your coming with expectancy, for prophets exclaim the power of your saving presence. Make us receptive, make us worthy, and we will rejoice that your nearness offers us gifts beyond our imagining. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice, O people, rejoice.

The Lord will gather us in hope,

The Lord will guard us in faithfulness.

The Lord will renew us in love.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #101

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

*INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI #576

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Response #572

Hope in the God who reigns above,
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ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #48

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 3:7-18

MORNING MESSAGE "More Good News"

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #104

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

*BENEDICTION

*ALLELUIA

*POSTLUDE

(*congregation stands)

MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: Jody Lynn B. Hagans

Lay Leader: Deacon Beth Trigg

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	12:00	Birthday Party for Jesus
MONDAY	7:00	Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	7:00	Board of Christian Education
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Choir
THURSDAY	7:00	A.B.W. Ministries
SATURDAY	9:30	DISCIPLE Bible Study
NEXT SUNDAY	2:00	Holiday Open House, at the parsonage
	7:00	An Evening of Best-Loved Carols

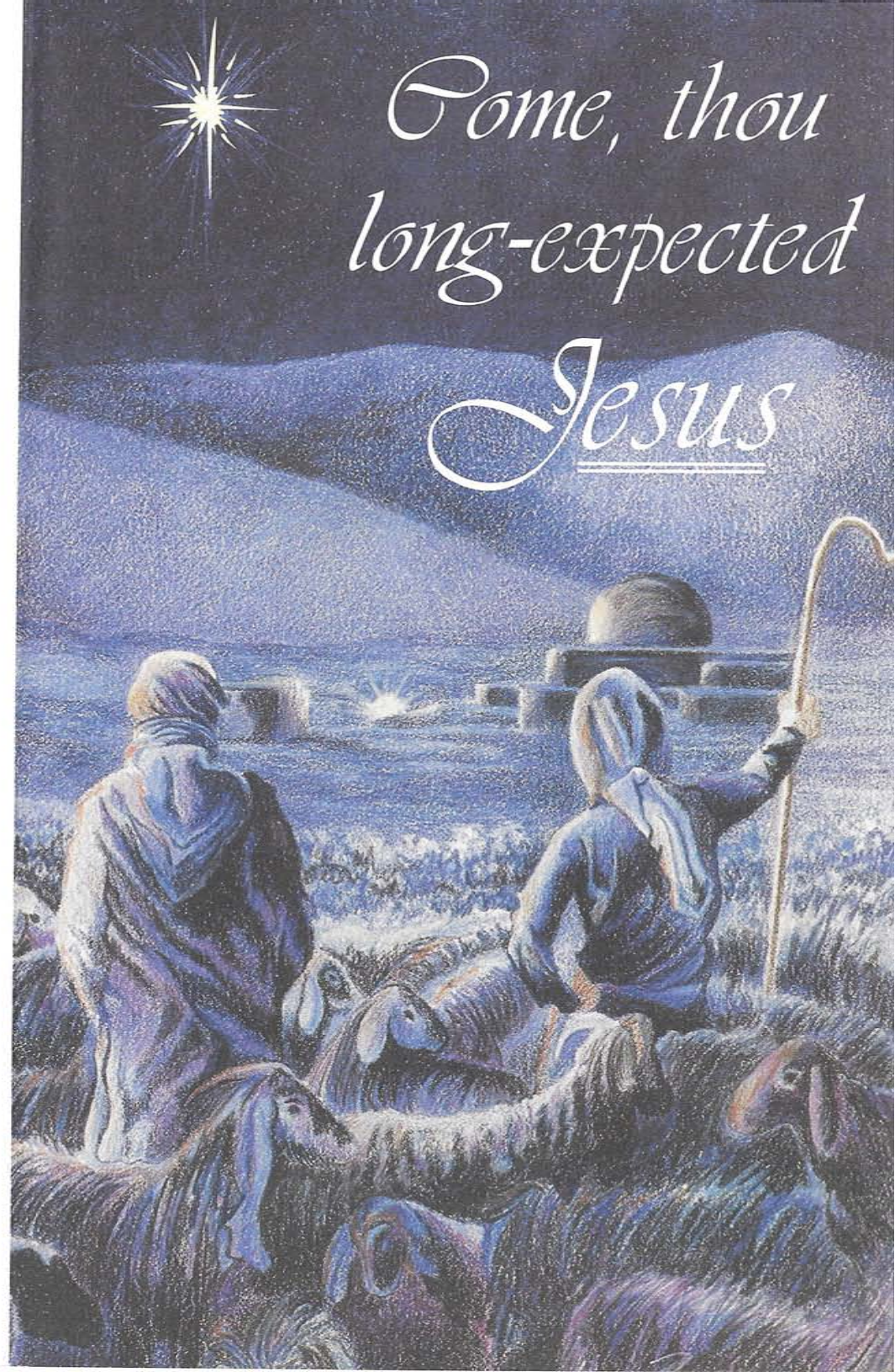
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Advent has always been an exciting time of celebration in the church. The festive colors, the joyful songs, and the meaningful activities make it special for all involved. One memory that remains a favorite for me involves the children in a church where my husband, Allen, served as pastor. We began a new tradition of allowing the children to light the Advent candles each Sunday during the celebration. A different child would walk the center aisle to the wreath at the front of the church and light the candle. The children's anticipation in waiting was high. Their expectation of which one would be chosen to participate each week was strong. The joy of acceptance by the church was heartwarming.

Many people are in need of community and acceptance. The world is looking for miracles. Christmas is a wonderful time to introduce someone to Jesus. So many people are seeking love. The church has the opportunity to reach a longing world.

During this Advent season, we are renewed by the anticipation of Christ's birth. Our expectation of Jesus' arrival becomes stronger with each Advent Sunday. The joy of knowing Christ revitalizes the mission of the church. As we are rejuvenated, we can fulfill the work of Christ. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus. Oh, come for all of us!

*Conda Delite Abbott
Jeffersonville, PA*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Delaware, Ohio

December 21, 1997

Christmas Program

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AN EVENING OF BEST-LOVED CAROLS

7:00 p.m.

Welcome Jody Lynn Hagans

Readers Chrissy Hopkins & Larry Faulk

"Here We Come A-Caroling" The Choir Carolers

"O Christmas Tree" (Insert) Congregation

"Away In A Manger" Children

"Angels We Have Heard on High" Peter White, piano

"The First Noel" Nichelle Hedges

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" Tom & Shannon Weakland

Historical Readings with Music Mary Lou Lovell, piano

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Barbara Lovell, violin

Congregational Singing Mary Lou Lovell, piano

"Select a Favorite Carol" (#120-129)

"We Three Kings" David Lovell, Tom Weakland & Steve Stoner

"Joy to the World" #120 Congregation

"Deck the Halls" (Insert) Congregation

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (Insert) Congregation

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas" The Choir Carolers

****Please join us for a reception in the
Fellowship Hall ****

*A special thank you to our pianist Mary Lou Lovell, to all the musicians who participated in this program and to Sue Elfner and Linda White for creating and directing this program.



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 North Franklin Street
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The Reverend Jody Lynn B. Hagans, pastor

December 24, 1997

Christmas Eve

ORDER OF WORSHIP

6:45 p.m.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Gracious Lord, you have gathered us around the manger in Bethlehem. Help the light of your love to shine brightly in all that we see, all that we hear, all that we smell and touch and taste and feel, that this holy child will transform our hearts into your likeness, made visible in this baby, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDES

Melissa Gillette, violin	"Jingle Bells"
Larry Faulk, piano	"The First Noel"
Barbara Lovell, violin & Larry Faulk, piano	"Angels We Have Heard on High"
Barbara Lovell & Deanna Weakland, violin	"Joy to the World"
Deanna Weakland, violin	"In Dulci Jubilo"
Adam Mowery, piano	"We Three Kings"
Barbara Lovell, violin	"Silent Night"
Jenna Weakland, french horn	"Czechoslovakian Carol"
	"What Child Is This?"

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have you not heard! Something new has happened upon our earth!
Yes, we have heard! Rumors say there has been a child born, a Savior given!
People of God, these are not rumors. For unto us is born this night in Bethlehem Christ our Savior!
This is good news of great joy which has come to all people!

Let us go see this Savior of God and bring gifts of praise! Let us go to Bethlehem.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #103

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

YOUTH CHOIR

"Child of Love"

"Pass it Along"

"Sleep Little Lamb"

English

Sleeth

Martin

INVOCATION LITANY (Insert)

ANTHEM

"Shepherds in the Field"

Obenshain

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

JUNIOR CHOIR

"Carol of the Donkey"

Wagner

PASTORAL PRAYER

DUET

"O Holy Night"

*Melissa Inscho Neal &
Shannon Weakland*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:1-14

MEDITATION

"What Child Is This?"

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #107

"Gentle Mary, Laid Her Child"

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #113

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

(During verses 3&4, parents may wish to get their children from the nursery)

***CANDLE LIGHTING & SILENT NIGHT**

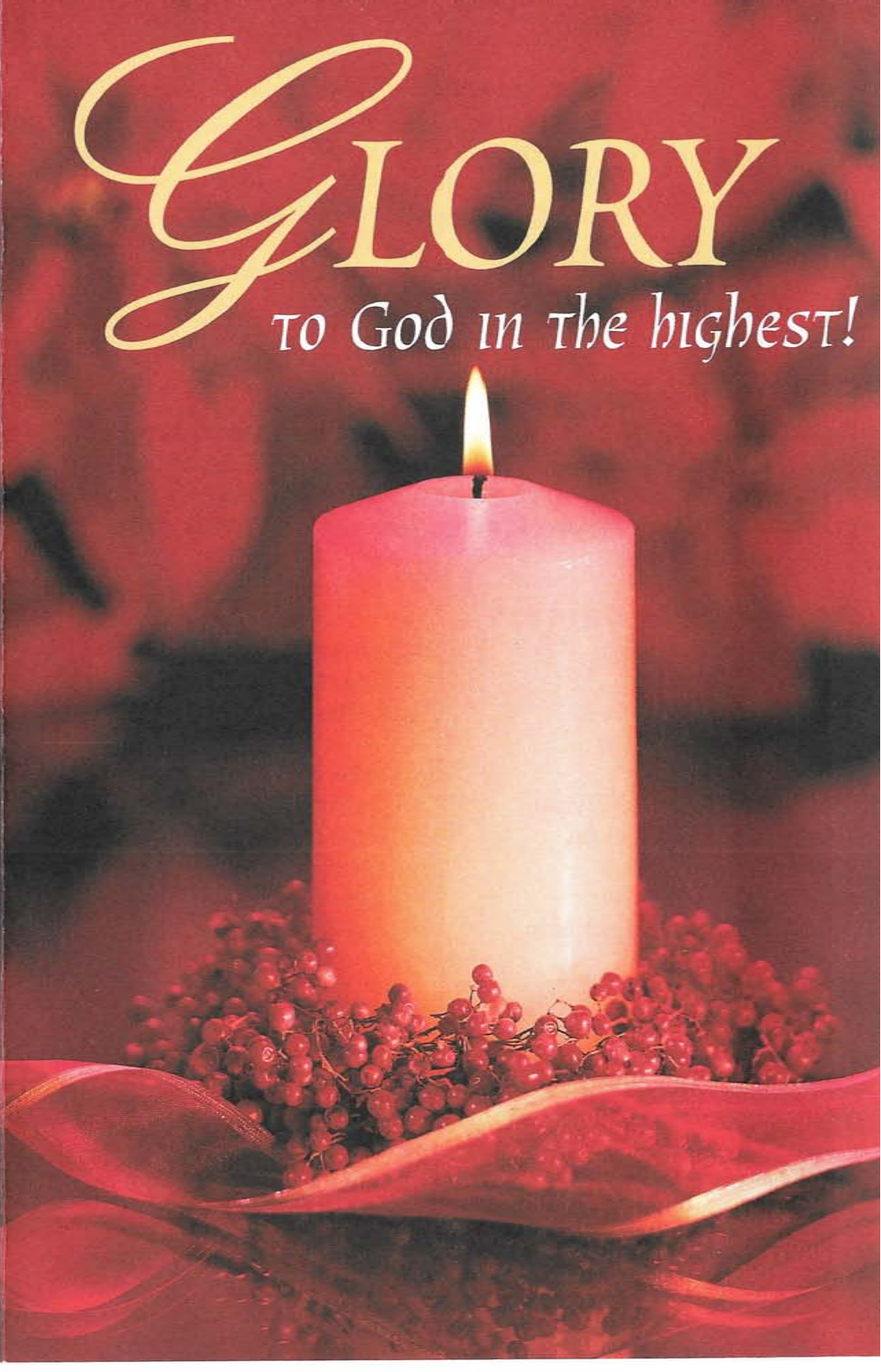
*Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.
Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Postlude for Christmas" *Simone*
(*congregation stands)

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Special Note: during the candlelight service, please light your candle by
tilting it toward the lighted candle as it is offered to you. Please keep
"lighted" candles upright.

GLORY
TO God in the highest!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Reverend Jody Lynn B. Hagans, pastor

December 28, 1997

1st Sunday After Christmas

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Grace-filled and grace-giving parent, our lives have been filled to abundance, if not to confusion, in this holiday season. Help us to focus this day on that most precious gift which is beyond all gifts, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us come together as one body before God.

As we worship, may the Lord knit us together in love.

In the company of all the faithful people in this place,

May we grow in the likeness of Christ.

***HYMN OF PRAISE, #120**

"Joy to the World"

***INVOCATION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**(Trespases)

***GLORIA PATRI #576**

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Response #572

To God, all glorious heav'nly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.

ANTHEM "Let Our Gladness Know No End"

Denton

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, #109**

"Once In Royal David's City"

MORNING PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:41-52

MORNING MESSAGE "Wise People Still Seek"

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT, #115**

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

***BENEDICTION**

***ALLELUIA**

***POSTLUDE**

(*congregation stands)

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MINISTERING TODAY

Pastor: Jody Lynn B. Hagans

Lay Leader: Deacon Beth Trigg

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

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*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.
—1 Corinthians 3:6*

Student Recognition Sunday God Gave the Growth

Paul heard that the congregation in the church of Corinth was in utter turmoil. Part of the congregation wanted to follow Apollos; others chose to follow Paul. In an attempt to calm the unrest and bring harmony to the church, Paul elected to uplift the goodness he saw in the church and to downplay the negative. Just as seeds that are planted will not sprout without being watered and cultivated, so it is with our students.

When parents bring their young children to church, the seed is planted. Through programs in our churches, such as Sunday church school, junior choir, vacation church school, camping experiences, and youth groups, the seeds continue to grow and develop into beautiful plants. The love and care of the church family nurtures these young plants. Watching the plant mature and bloom brings great pleasure to the gardeners. When the time comes for the plant to be transferred to a larger garden, the security of the fence that provided protection for the tender plants is gone. The plants will be exposed to a new environment, where the soil is different and unfamiliar. Do not allow these plants to die. The church needs to continue to nurture these plants—provide fertilizer to strengthen the roots.

On this Student Recognition Sunday, I challenge you to continue to supply nourishment to our plants. Perhaps your church could send survival packages to your college students. Goodies from home received prior to exams are a welcome surprise. Greeting cards on holidays and birthdays show students that they have not been forgotten. Plan a welcome home party over Christmas break. Have returning students share in the worship services. Remember our students in prayer. For it is God who makes the plants grow, but it is the church working together that nurtures and feeds the plants.

*Lynne Eckman
Financial Aid Administrator
Educational Ministries*

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