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by the First Baptist Church, Delaware, Ohio

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HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH THOSE resolutions you made for 1972? If heavy going has been encountered in keeping them, you can always recall the often printed comment - TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE - and start a new year again for yourself right now! After all, calendars, dates, years, are all human creations, and we all at all moments are living at that point where yesterday ends and the future begins . . . and at that POINT we encounter God in fullness and joy. If we don't encounter Him there, then where else can we find Him? (But that is another story!) Really, what most intrigues me are not the resolutions in themselves, but the capacity in the human mind to always hope, expect, anticipate, that things can be different; that everything can be at least a little better in the immediate future. . . and the idea in Genesis that man is made in God's image may mean just that! Put it this way: God the Creator has the Power to make all things new, and man in His image shares in this Power! Some psychologists insist that we use only about 10% of our capacities. Now will you browse in the 4 Gospels with this idea in mind? I'm sure you will discover that one way to describe Jesus is the one here and now who teaches, demonstrates, how this potential can be released. Jesus said he came to lead us to the "abundant life." Are you discovering your share? If not, let's begin the adventure. Right now. (JBS)

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ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER WEDNESDAY

The annual congregational meeting has been set for Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 6:30 P.M. We begin with a covered dish dinner (coffee & tea will be provided) in the Fellowship Hall. This will be followed by a brief program arranged by Wick and Steve, and we think it will have a few surprises for you. After the entertainment (not exactly a floor show) we will get down to business. You will hear the annual reports and elect your officers for 1972. It should be an evening of fellowship and work, and we urge you to be there. OK?

The most frightening sound in the world is a long, low whistle coming from an auto mechanic underneath your car!

SPEAKING OF DINNERS, STILL HUNGRY?

Want to have a good & free dinner? Northern Seminary's president, Dr. Bryan Archibald, is to host a dinner Monday, Feb. 7, 6:30, at Marion Trinity. He wants to explain the work of his seminary and show some slides which should be of

interest to us all. I'll be glad to send in your name if you wish to attend, but I'll have to have them in a couple of days. Northern is a great school, and it deserves all the support we can give it. Call the parsonage or speak to Steve if you plan to attend.

DEATH IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Mrs. Wealtha Pinney passed away Jan. 1 at the Sarah Moore Home. She has been ill for several years. Services were held Monday, Jan. 3rd. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL

Bertha McTaggart has been in Phoenix where her sister, Louise Somerlot, underwent major surgery. Louise was a member here before moving and will enjoy hearing from you. She is in Lincoln Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona.

Bertha VanBrimmer is a patient in Jane M. Case Hospital, room 203. She will enjoy your cards and your visits.

Nature gave man two ends - one to sit on and one to think with. Ever

since then man's success or failure has been dependent on the one he used most.

George Kirkpatrick

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TIME TO SPARE FOR SOMEONE ELSE???

Attention - Adults who can give two or three hours a week and are interested in helping an adult non-reader learn to read! Delaware Literacy Council is having a workshop on Friday, Jan. 14, from 7 - 9:30 P.M. and Sat., Jan. 15 from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. for adults who wish to learn how to teach using the Laubach method. Mrs. Eva Magruder from Gahanna will be the Director of Tutor Training for the workshop to be held at the William Street Church. Call Jean May, 363-0654 to enroll. There will be a dollar registration fee.

MARRIAGES IN CHURCH FAMILY

Debbie Arnold and Randy Berry were married in our Sanctuary Dec. 5. Brenda Pettit and George Bennett were married in the Sanctuary Jan. 1.

Cynthia Smale was married to Thomas Warner at St. Thomas More Newman Chapel in Columbus Dec. 4.

Congratulations and best wishes to all!!!!

"THIS YEAR'S RECIPE"

Take 12 fine full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate, and jealousy. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness. Cut each month into 30 or 31 equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time.

Prepare one day at a time as follows: Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work, hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest, prayer, meditation; add about 1 teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor. Pour love into the whole and mix with a vim.

Serve with quietness, unselfish-

ness, and cheerfulness.

- John Rahn Braue

(reprinted from the Baptist Corner, the newsletter of the First Baptist Church, Ambridge, Pa.)

FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The meeting of the W.M.S. was held Sunday, Dec. 5, beginning with a covered dish dinner at 5:30 for members and their families.

After the dinner we had a very fine program in the Sanctuary. Mrs. Cecil Norman from Sunbury showed slides of the mission fields she had visited in Latin America. She also had a display of items she had purchased there.

The love gift dedication was given by Claudia Eliot.

The hostesses for the evening were Frances Belt, Sophia Stephenson, Jean Wickum, Jean Brower, and Della Dean.

The next meeting will be Jan. 13, 7:30 at the church. Marjorie Smale will have the program, "Changing Family Patterns." Hostesses will be Helen Aleshire, Ernestine Frost, and Frances Johnson.

- Della Dean

WOMEN OF THE ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The Marion Baptist W. M. O. meets at the Fairpark Church Jan. 20. The registration is at 9:30 A.M. Lunch is \$1.00. Speaker will be Mrs. Leon Troy, state chairman of Christian Social Relations. Bring scholarship money.

THE COMINGS AND GOINGS AND DOINGS OF VARIOUS DELAWARE BAPTISTS AND FRIENDS (1)

Jack Smith recently attended conference on Parks and Recreation in Houston, Texas. Jack is director of Parks and Recreation for the City. Cap and Myrtle Gabriel have returned from Phoenix, Arizona, where they visited son Nevin and his family. Jon and Kathy Richards spent the holidays with John and Mary Hel...after a long visit in Switzerland and Yugoslavia. the Faulks visited son Bill and family in Oklahoma for the holidays and saw the new grandson. Larry and Pam Faulk made

the same trip Thanksgiving . . Frank and Nancy Summers and children visited Fred and Lucille Via Christmas weekend . . . Ted and Jeannie Stephenson of Ambridge, Pa. spent Christmas with the Browns and Stephensons . . . (and there was much more coming and going and doing among the Baptists of Delaware which was not called to the attention of the editor and therefore did not get printed)

PLEASE LISTEN TO WHAT I'M NOT SAYING

Don't be fooled by me. Don't be fooled by the face I wear. For I wear a mask, I wear a thousand masks, masks that I'm afraid to take off; and none of them are me.

I give you the impression that I'm secure, that confidence is my name and coolness my game, that the water's calm and I'm in command, and that I need no one. But don't believe me, please.

My surface may seem smooth...beneath I dwell in confusion, in fear, in aloneness. But I hide this. I panic at the thought of my weakness and fear being exposed. That's why I frantically create a mood to hide behind, a nonchalant, sophisticated facade to shield me from the glance that knows. But such a glance is my salvation. And I know it.

It's the only thing that can assure me of acceptance and love. I'm afraid you'll think less of me, that you'll laugh, laugh would kill me.

So I play my game, my desperate pretending game, with a facade of assurance without, and a trembling child within. And so my life becomes a front. I idly chatter to you in the suave surface tones... to tell you of everything that's nothing, and nothing of what's everything, of what's crying within me. So when I go into my routine do not be fooled by what I am saying. Please listen carefully to hear what I am not saying.

I dislike the superficial, phony game I'm playing. I'd like to be genuine and spontaneous, and me. You've got to hold out your hand even when it seems to be the last

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thing I seem to want, or need. Only you can call me into aliveness. Each time you're kind, and gentle and encouraging, each time you try to understand because you really care, my heart begins to grow wings, small wings.

I want you to know how important you are to me, how you can be a creator of the person that is me if you choose to. But it will not be easy for you. A long conviction of worthlessness builds strong walls.

The nearer you approach me, the blinder I may strike back. It is irrational, but I am irrational. I fight against the very things I cry out for. But I am told that love is stronger than walls, and therein lies my hope. Please try to beat down those firm walls with firm hands, but with gentle hands - - for a child is very sensitive.

Who am I, you may wonder? I am someone you know very well. I am every man and every woman you meet.

- Tom Woll, St. Louis Un.
(submitted by Donna Brown)

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES COMING

The annual School of Christian Studies, sponsored by the Inter-church Council, begins Sunday, Feb. 20, and continues for 5 weeks. All sessions will be in St. Mary's Sch. Beginning at 7, there will be an opportunity to take two courses. The first hour offers a choice among 7 courses; the second hour offers a general course for all which will deal with a different aspect of Christian living each night. The courses are:

Faith and Healing - A Way to Wholeness (Stephenson)
Comparative Religion (Mack)
Sermon on Mount (Tannehill)
The Christian and Law (Pinkston)
COCU (Stelk)
Junior High (for youth)
Senior High " "

SOME MARION ASSOCIATION DATES

Division meetings - Jan. 27, 7:30,
Radnor
Trustees - Feb. 8, 7:30, Grand
Prairie

CHOIR HOSTS SHOWER

Wednesday, Jan. 5, the Choir surprised Melissa Inscho with a stork shower. Along with guests from the congregation, the group met in the Fellowship Hall after a brief choir practice.

CHRISTMAS SEASON FILLED WITH ACTION!

Christmas and Advent at First Baptist were filled with activities prepared for your own Christmas pleasure and inspiration....to be remembered with nostalgia will be the fine Cantata, THE STORY OF LOVE, presented by the Choir Dec. 19....and the lovely Christmas service and party for the church families that same evening.... and included a play by the Senior Hi youth and a party afterwards with a birthday cake for the baby Jesus..... two groups went caroling this year... adults whp met at the Lee's the 18th and the Choir which went out the 22nd.

The children collected mittens for the clearing house and they were placed on a mitten tree....and all of us had the opportunity to bring food and money for those in need.... the Bd. of Ed. and the Church School teachers were entertained by the McTaggarts for dinner the 12th..... and this year our Christmas Eve Communion included the lighting of candles by ti participants... and a number of our members were a part of the Concert of the Community Chorus at St. Peter's.....AND A BIG THANKS to all who helped to make the church's Christmas a merry one...

A NOTE OF THANKS . . .

The Stephensons want to take this means of thanking the church for the thoughtful Christmas gift.
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Lent began February 16. The word is derived from an old Anglo-Saxon term for spring. It is a season of preparation for the festival of Easter. Churches use the time as one of serious self-searching, a time of renewal. We here at First Baptist want all of us to have an experience of inner and outward renewal. Will you make a special effort to take advantage of the plans made for you by your church and community? All development begins within and all outer circumstances are the rungs by which we climb Christward. May we all climb together!

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SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES BEGINS SERMON IN SOAP

The fourth annual School of Christian Studies, sponsored by the Inter-church Council, begins Sunday, Feb. 20, at the St. Mary School. Those attending can take one of seven courses during the first hour (7:00 - 8:00), and share in a general course the second hour (8:10-9:10). In addition, a one day retreat will be held at the Liberty Presbyterian Church on March 11. Your minister is again teaching one course. Folders giving details of the School are in the vestibule.

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

Our annual Upper Room Communion will take place this year on March 30, at 8:00 P.M., in the Fellowship Hall. As in previous years it will be a candlelight service. There will be a community Good Friday Service, details to be announced, and a Sunrise Service in our own Sanctuary is being prepared. Easter is April 2.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and visits during my recent stay in the hospital. Thank you and God bless you.

Bertha VanBrimmer

BIRTH IN CHURCH FAMILY

Thad Lyle Inscho was born Jan. 12 at Mt. Carmel Hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Inscho and we offer our congratulations to the proud parents!

DUZ you
DREFT with the
TIDE?
VEL, now is the time to
CHEER up, if you want real
JOY. The
TREND is to
BREEZE to church on Sunday. Too
many people
WOODBURY their head in a pillow
or work to make their car
SPARKEL, forgetting that the Lord's
Day was made for
LESTOIL. When the Lord is put
first, a
DOVE will never need to be sent
with an
S.O.S. for you to put God first.
Maybe we ought to
DIAL you to remind you of the
IVORY palaces yonder; worship is a
LIFEBUOY, so why not
WISK yourself out of bed next Sun-
day, dress up
SPIC & SPAN, and
DASH like a
COMET to Sunday School and Church.
As you sing
PRAISE to God, hear His word,
"you will get a wonderful
CLEANSER for your soul, and will
feel like
MR. CLEAN all week long!
from the BAPTIST CORNER,
Ambridge, Pa.

LATHROP FALLS FROM ROOF

Gene Lathrop escaped serious injury Jan. 18 when he fell 25 ft. from a roof he was repairing, receiving only a minor foot injury.

STONERS TO MOVE TO HAWAII

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stoner, who are in the Air Force stationed in Texas, will arrive in Delaware March 6 for a visit with their parents. Upon their return to duty they will be stationed in Hawaii.

FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ED.

The Board of Christian Education met after church the 6th of Feb. to organize and share information for the work of the various committees. These committees are to meet and make their plans for the year before the next Board meeting. The Board will meet again on March 12 following the morning service. Place - the adult class room.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ANNOUNCED

The World Day of Prayer Service will be held March 3, at 9:30 A.M. at Asbury Church. A nursery will be provided. The theme is "All Joy Be Yours." Everyone is invited.

PRAYER VIGIL SCHEDULED

There will be a 12 hour prayer vigil held the night preceding the World Day of Prayer. It will be held in our church from 7 P.M. on Thursday to 7 A.M. on Friday. (March 2 and 3). You can come any time during those hours to pray with others from the Delaware churches for need around the world. This can be a rich experience, and can make a difference in your life, your family, church and community. Prayer does change things!

WOMEN TO SERVE AT CHRISTIAN STUDIES

The women of our church are to provide the refreshments and be hostesses for the fellowship period of the School on March 5. Are you going to attend these sessions? Here is a great opportunity to attend a class led by qualified teachers on subjects that will stretch your minds, and hopefully deepen your Christian understanding and faith.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Mrs. Louise Somerlot, sister of Bertha McTaggart, wants to thank all who have been remembering her so graciously with greetings and messages of friendship and cheer. They have done much to help her recovery. The treatment she is taking is new - called Chemotherapy. Pray with her that it will be used of God to heal her completely. Thank you each one.

FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

Since the January meeting of the Society was cancelled because of weather, the Eva Shepherd Circle offered their meeting night in Feb. to be a Society meeting. A turnout assembled at 7 for the Board meeting. Several letters from missionaries were shared and much information was given out and plans made. Frances Belt had the opening meditation, Marge Smale led the program using the topic, "Changing Family Patterns." The Love Gift dedication was given by Claudia Elliot. Hostesses were Frances Johnson and Ernestine Frost. Again, may we say, those of you unable to attend meetings are still part of us. You can share in our work thru prayer and giving your offerings to the Love Gift and to the support of our work. These can be sent to the church or given to one of us in an envelope marked for WMS and/or the Love Gift.

The March meeting of the WMS will be the 9th at the church at 7:30. Jean Brower has the program entitled "Our Planet Earth." Come and bring a friend to this timely and interesting discussion. The hostesses will be Claudia Elliot, Myrtle Gabriel, and Bertha McTaggart.

- Bertha McTaggart

OUR STATE PROJECT - WMS

This year our project is at home instead of away from home. Those who have worked in camps

realize the needs. One very great need is for a utility building at Camp Kirkwood near Wilmington. The name "Kirkwood Utility Building" - "K.U.B. The goal for the women of the state is \$5,000 for this year. Our Women's Society contributes to this project. If anyone wants to make a personal contribution they may do so.

Mary Helen Richards

THE HUMAN BEING

The human being, the child of God, must assert his humanity and sonship again. He must exercise the choice which he no longer has as something accorded him by society, which he, "naked, weaponless, armourless, without shield or spear, but only with naked hands and open eyes" must create again.

He must understand that this naked human being is the one Real thing in the face of the mechanics and mechanized institutions of our age. He, by the grace of God, is the seed of all the human life there will be on earth in the future, though he may have to die to make that harvest possible.

A. J. Muste

SAVE/SAVE/SAVE/SAVE/SAVE/SAVE/

Are you remembering to save and bring to church your Buehler and Great Scot register tapes? Your cancelled stamps - especially the commemorative ones? Good clean used clothing and blankets? Betty Crocker Coupons? Trading Stamps? Tea Bag end tags? Used Christmas and greeting cards? Now we also need magazines both old and current issues.

We have a request that we each keep a paper bag handy in which to put all labels from cans, bottles, boxes, etc. to be given to one of our agencies which redeem them for money.

We really shouldn't throw anything away. Many unusable (to us) things can be used creatively by Scouts and others. Just put them in a bag and bring them to church. We'll sort them out and send them where they can be used. Just ask Evelyn Lee, Ernestine Frost, or Bertha McTaggart

about it.

- Bertha McTaggart

HOSPITAL NOTES . . .

Persons who have been in the hospital since the last NEWS AND VIEWS are... Grace Finch, Crystal Arthur, Jane Reed, and Lucille Via.

NEW FELLOWSHIP FORMED

The first meeting of the newly organized Young Adult Group was held Feb. 4 at the home of Susan Mussard. Those attending were Pam and Larry Faulk, Linda White, and Donna Brown. It was decided to attend as a group the production of THE CAGE being presented at Gray Chapel, 8:00 P.M., Feb. 19. The main purpose of the group is to provide social and cultural experience for the young adults of the church.

Donna Brown

PULPIT EXCHANGE HELD IN CITY

The cooperating churches of Delaware held a pulpit exchange Sunday, Feb. 6. Our guest was Rev. Richard Teller of the William St. United Methodist Church. Our minister spoke at St. Mary Catholic Church.

ABSENT FROM CURRENT ISSUE

The editor's chief reporter, researcher and reminder of newsworthy events, was unable to assist in the production of this NEWS AND VIEWS. Sophie Stephenson is in Pomeroy caring for the household there while her father-in-law is hospitalized in Veterans Memorial Hospital.

NEXT ISSUE . . . Our March issue will center on Easter material. Your contributions of news, etc. will be appreciated.

Are you a Jesus man?

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Your newsletter is back in publication after a silence of two months! This was caused by the illness of your minister-editor. Which makes this the right place and the right time to offer a very heartfelt and sincere thanks to all of you! You really proved your Christian spirit and demonstrated that our church is truly a fellowship of love and concern. So many of you sent cards



and notes; there were phone calls, gifts, and through it all a real sense of support and cooperation. A special thanks to John McTaggart and Jim VanBrimmer who helped with the services, and to the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses and the Pastoral Relations Committee. There were plans which could not be carried out, and projects which had to be postponed. Your patience encouraged me and now we can all work together for the cause of the church which

is the purpose stated above - THE ABUNDANT LIFE for all!

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SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULED

A called business meeting will be conducted Wednesday, May 31, at 7:30 P.M. It is for the purpose of hearing presentations from two insurance companies, and deciding if we want to accept either bid. This news item is your official notification of the meeting.

YOUNG ADULTS PLAN PICNIC

The Young Adult Group of the church will be traveling to Mohican State Park on Sunday, May 21, for a picnic and outing. The group includes young people of the church between the ages of 18 and 30. Contact Donna Brown, 362-7324, for information.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET HELD

"Dolls" was the theme of the Mother-Daughter Banquet held Sunday, May 7, in the Fellowship Hall. Frances Belt, spiritual life chairman, gave the invocation, and Bertha McTaggart, toastmistress, welcomed the members and guests. Readings were given by Carol Grubbs, Jean Brower, and Pam Lathrop. Honored were Janet Lathrop, with the most daughters present, Jean Brower, with the most daughters, and Myrtle Gabriel, with the most granddaughters present. The choir sang a selection, and W. C. Wickum sang two solos. Ernestine Frost

spoke on "Dolls I Love." She displayed her collection of dolls from all over the world. Bertha McTaggart gave the benediction. Della Dean was general chairman, assisted by Helen Aleshire, Ernestine Frost, Myrtle Gabriel, Bertha McTaggart, Jean Brower, Bertha VanBrimmer, and Nellie Dick. The men of the church prepared and served the meal.

NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN OUR FELLOWSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Clements have united with our church and will be given the Hand of Fellowship. They come to us from the Community Baptist Church of Manhattan Beach, California, and are the parents of two sons, David and Teddy. We are happy to welcome them!

MOTHERS HONORED AT SERVICE

Corsages were presented to the oldest and youngest mothers attending Mothers' Day worship. The oldest were Helen Crane and Nellie Dick; youngest was Elaine Dever. Corsages were also given to organizer Ruth Brown, and to Sophia Stephenson. The presentations were made by Jean Wickum who also assisted in the service.

Every morning we may say, "Today is a new day...I face the day with a peaceful heart because I am God's own child."

EVANS - BECK WEDDING AT CHURCH

Linda Beck and Rex Evans were united in marriage in our Sanctuary March 25. They are now living at 59 S. Washington.

W. C. WICKUM PROMOTED

W. C. Wickum has been promoted to assistant vice president of the Claims Department of Republic-Franklin Insurance Co., Columbus. He was formerly claims manager. Wick's new duties will include broader managerial responsibilities and additional opportunities to represent the company.

BIRTHS IN CHURCH FAMILY

A baby daughter was born March 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Faulk. She weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and has been named Angela Marie. Donald and Florence Faulk are the proud grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bauerle of Stockton, Calif. have a new son, William Charles, who was born May 7. Mrs. Bauerle is the former Linda Heffner. Ernestine Frost is the youthful great grandmother.

COMMUNITY COMMUNION SERVICE

Our congregation shared in a union service of Holy Communion at Willis School, April 23. The speaker was Rev. John Frazer of the Columbus Metropolitan Church Board. Five congregations sponsored the service.

FATHER-SON BANQUET SCHEDULED

A Father-Son Banquet will be held in the Fellowship Hall Friday, June 2, at 6:30 P.M. All men and youth of the church are invited to come with their own or adopted fathers or sons. Bertha McTaggart will be taking reservations at \$1 each. Deadline is May 30 - call 362-8613. Evelyn Lee is the chairman of the committee planning the dinner. A program is being prepared by the men.

DEATH IN CHURCH FAMILY

Mrs. Grace Finch passed away Feb. 24 at the County Home. She was the oldest member of the church at 95.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC AND GUIDANCE CENTER

All are invited to attend the open house May 21 at the new home of the Central Ohio Mental Health Clinic and Guidance Center. The Center is on route 23 south and almost opposite the Highway Patrol Post. There will be tours guided by staff and Board members, refreshments, and at 3 P.M. a brief dedication ceremony. The building will be named in honor of the late Mrs. Zuilla Way. Hours are 2:00 until 5:00 P.M.

NEW ADDRESSES AND NUMBERS

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Here are new addresses of members who have moved:

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Brown
103 Chamberlain St. 363-9845

Mrs. Wm. Milhoan
49 S. Liberty 363-0503

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stoner
343 Hobron Lane, Apt. 15
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

MEMBERS RETURN FROM FLORIDA

Mrs. Myrtle Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bates, and Mr. & Mrs. Fred Via have all returned to Delaware from Florida where they spent all or part of the winter. Mrs. Nellie Dick also was in the land of sunshine where she spent two weeks with her son Joe.

NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the women of the Church: As your newly elected president I send greetings to all. I am looking forward to a year of activity and hope that you all will join with me in proclaiming the Gospel by putting love into deeds and making it real.

- Helen Aleshire

STUDENTS WIN ACADEMIC HONORS

Three of our church youth received awards for scholarship at the annual Academic Awards Banquet at Hayes High School. Stephen Bougher, Alison Linn, and Bob Stephenson were recognized for having maintained at least a cumulative point average of 3.3. A certificate is awarded at the end of the first semester, a bronze medal at the end of three, and a silver medal at the end of five or seven. Bob received a certificate, and Alison and Stephen received silver medals.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Women's Mission Society met Thursday, May 11, at 7:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall with 13 present. Mrs. Helen Aleshire was installed as president by retiring president Bertha McTaggart, and others newly installed were Jean Brower as program chairman, Della Dean as vice-president of missions, Mary Richards as chairman of White Cross, Ernestine Frost as chairman of Love Gift, and Della Nofsinger as vice-president of leader development and literature chairman. During the business session plans were made for getting rods for draperies in the Fellowship Hall. A committee, chaired by Bertha VanBrimmer is investigating materials and costs. Anyone wishing to donate to this project please contact Ernestine Frost. Also all Buehler tapes add to this fund. Hostesses were Lucille Via and Mary Barkeloo.

This is my last meeting as program chairman and I want to thank each one for their fine cooperation. It has made my 4 year term a pleasant one. We have accomplished a lot with our sewing and making cancer pads for the Cancer Society. Jean Brower will be our new program chairman. Let's give her the same fine cooperation.

Della Dean
Program chairman.

INTERESTED IN HELPING YOUTH?

Persons interested in working with youth who are in trouble are invited to share in three training sessions under excellent leadership. The first session is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, at 7:30 in the Liberty Community Center.

SWAP, SALE, AND SHARE COLUMN

Ernestine Frost will make doll clothes, any size, any kind. She may be reached at 369-1273.

GRADUATES TO BE HONORED BY CHURCH

Three of our youth will graduate June 4 from Hayes High School. They are Alison Linn, Debby Syler, and Susan VanBrimmer. They will be recognized and given a gift during the morning service June 4.

CHURCH YOUTH IN SPRING SPORTS

Three of our young people participated in the spring sports program at Hayes High School. Jeff Richards is a member of the Golf Team, and Bob Stephenson and Rick VanBrimmer are on the Tennis Team. Bob and Rick were also members of the second place bowling team in the youth league.

BOB SMITH RECEIVE SCIENCE AWARDS

Bob Smith, son of Mrs. Elvira Smith, received high ratings at the local, district, regional, and state science fairs. Bob's project was Topology, which is the "math which decides what is possible. It is also called the distortion of mathematics and the rubber sheet geometry." Bob received an excellent rating at Hayes, a superior at the district at Ohio State University, a certificate at the regional at Otterbein, and an excellent at the state fair which was held in Columbus at the Lausche Building.

Anyone for summer camping? Materials are available from the minister and displays are on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

When I sit up there in the Choir, and look out at you in the congregation, it gives me a warm, happy feeling of belonging to a very special branch of God's family. I hope you look back at the Choir members with the same warm feeling. And more than that, I hope you once in a while give a little thought to the role we play in the worship service. Please don't always expect perfection, either in behavior or musically. Remember we sometimes have colds, or are very tired, and we get bubbles at the wrong moment, or sing a wrong note. And while we are supposed to be as unobtrusive as the furniture, and we do try not to "eye-walk" the congregation, we cannot help but smile back at those kind souls that smile at us, or to smile when some youngster does something funny. Mostly, I think we are pretty attentive to the service.

Did you know that we can, from our vantage point, hear both what goes on in the sanctuary and what goes on in the back of the building? And that sometimes our breakfastless tummies rumble and roar? Also, when communion is passed, unless the deacon puts his handkerchief over the edge of the plate, the first person in the group, usually Donna Brown, gets a shock from the static electricity he generates as he walks across the wool rug. So if we smile then, it is not because we mean to be disrespectful at that time, but because we unconsciously wait for Donna's reaction.

Has it occurred to you that we would really like to know all of you personally a little better.... to know your name, and how your voice sounds. But by the time we file out, put away our hymnals and song folders, hand up our robes neatly, don our coats, collect Bibles, books, purses, or whatever we must collect, including, in the case of several choir members, their little children, you have departed for home. Won't you just

once come back and ask those of us you do know to introduce you to the Choir members you don't know? And when we please you, and really add to your worship, let us know that, too. Jot down anything you especially like, and let the Director know, so that we may repeat those anthems most meaningful to you. If you don't like a particular anthem, remember we sometimes are not all wild about everyone we do - each of us has favorites, too. But we remember that the one we do not like may be the most meaningful to someone else in the Choir or congregation. Anyway, we are grateful to God for the gift of singing, and we hope that gift adds to your reasons for being thankful too.

Here is a neat little limerick, contributed by Polly Focke's friend:

There was a young girl in the choir,
Whose voice rose higher and higher,
Till finally one night,
It rose clear out of sight,
And they found it next day, in the spire.

Jean Wickum,
Seventh soprano

DORIS SMALE WINS IN FLAG CONTEST

Doris Smale won first place in the Jaycee contest to find a flag design for Delaware city and county. Doris submitted the winning design for the city flag. She was given a watch and an American flag that has flown over the nation's capital.

PURPOSE OF THE WOMEN'S LOVE GIFT

Our Love Gift for 1971 was \$87.83, not a large amount, but important in our Christian mission endeavor. Just as little drops of water make the mighty ocean, our modest love gift, added to the pennies, dimes, and dollars of American Baptist women everywhere, build to a total each year of well over a half million dollars.

The Love Gift is over and above our regular pladge to God's mission. It is not a duty, it is not an obligation, but truly a gift of love

to supplement the Christian work of the whole denomination.

The Love Gift box in our hands can enable us to act through others, to reach those we cannot personally reach. The Love Gift box in our hands may be baptizing a youth in the Congo; may be giving a Bible to a man in Latin America; may be holding a picture of Christ and the children in a Christian Center; may be performing an operation in a mission hospital; or offering a bowl of rice to a refugee child.

The Love Gift goal for 1972 is \$700.00, a figure not impossible to reach if we all give with love.

Claudia Eliot
Love Gift Chr., 1971

HOSPITAL NOTES

During the past few months the following of our fellowship were in the hospital. All are now well and at home. Mary Milhoan, Dianna Brower, Diana Lathrop, Fred Leaper, Doris Smale, and George Young. Have we missed anyone?

LADIES CONDUCT MORNING SERVICE

April 16 was celebrated as American Baptist Women's Day in our church. The ladies had complete responsibility for the entire worship, also serving as ushers and greeters. Our speaker was Miss Carol Jochen, a missionary to Thailand. A dinner followed the service.

CONFERENCES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

The annual Women's Conference is scheduled for Otterbein College, June 28-30.

The annual Men's Conference will also be at Otterbein, August 11-13.

Check the bulletin board in the vestibule for further details, and plan to attend. YOU'LL LIKE IT!

OPEN HOUSE AT BAPTIST CAMPS

An open house, free swimming, etc. is scheduled for both Judson Hills and Kirkwood May 29, 11 A.M. until dark. No reservations needed.

A NEW ADDRESS

Miss Susan Mussard has moved to 126 S. Franklin St. Her phone now is 369-5062.

EXPECTANCY

I cannot tell why some things hold for me
A sense of unplumbed marvels to befall,
Or of a rift in the horizon's wall
Opening to worlds where only gods can be.
There is a breathless, vague expectancy,
As of vast ancient pomps I half recall,
Or wild adventures, uncorporeal,
Ecstasy-fraught, and as a day-dream free.

It is in sunsets and strange city spires,
Old villages and woods and misty downs,
South winds, the sea, low hills, and lighted towns,
Old gardens, half-heard songs, and the moon's fires,
But though its lure alone makes life worth living,
None gains or guesses what it hints at giving.

- H. P. Lovecraft

One vision of the Eternal does not satisfy; one vision opens up another, and so it goes through life after life. Evolution does not suddenly begin at a certain moment, nor stop at a given moment, nor after one life; it is an endless road.

- J. Krishnamurti

HELPERS NEEDED HOW ABOUT YOU?

We need greeters; persons to assist in the worship services; and helpers in the nursery during the morning service. Sign up in the vestibule, or fill in below.....

I will be available to help in

Worship _____

As greeter _____

In nursery _____

NAME _____

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THIS IS THE LAST issue of your newsletter until September. We hope all of you have a great vacation and that you will write a brief account of it for NEWS AND VIEWS. May the summer be a time of rest and refreshment! Take time to visit a church or two if you travel. Try a denomination very unlike our own and get a flavor of a different way of experiencing God. A suggestion - your minister will be doing a series of Lessons on the gospel of John this fall, so take time to read it during your vacation. The quote that follows is taken from the BAPTIST CORNER, the newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Ambridge, Pa. . . "As you travel, or even if you remain at home, be assured by the certainty that God goes with you wherever you are. Let His Spirit guide and direct you. Always turn to Him, saying, 'Lord, show me the way.' And be assured that He will." (JBS)

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OUR PICNIC . . . by Donald Brown

Chapter 1, "The Date"

Last week I was back in the choir room and another member of our church family came and asked me if I would get a committee together to plan a picnic for the church. I said I would. Being such a good sport, I decided not to hog the planning so I made my sister the chairman. Actually, I went to her and said, "Donna?" And she said, "Yes Donald dear." And I said, "How about helping me plan the church picnic on July 16?" And she said, "July 16?" And I said, "Yes, July 16." She said, "You know, that's my birthday," and I said, "What a coincidence. That's my birthday too." She said, "Sure I'll help, but I will be offended if everyone doesn't come to help me celebrate my birthday." I said, "No sweat. They wouldn't do that to us on July 16."

Chapter 2, "The Location"

After we decided to have the picnic on July 16, we had to decide where to have it. We thought about Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, and Blue Limestone, and after lengthy discussions we decided on Blue Limestone. Why, you ask, Blue Limestone?

- A. No bears.
- B. No big holes.
- C. It's close.

Of course we will miss Old Faithful,

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but Mr. Brower promised us he would spit water from between his teeth.

Chapter 3, "The Entertainment"

The place has been decided and the date, but when we get there what are we going to do? Well, with the help of all the members, the first thing we will do is prepare to have fun. Then we eat. Every family will bring dinner enough for their whole family, or the portion of their family which deserves to eat. Don't forget plates, cups, silverware, napkins, salt or pepper or anything else you may need. For games, we will use many of those from the last picnic and new ones. Jim Stephenson will show us how to properly comb our hair. Wick will show us how to open our choir books together. I will demonstrate the proper technique of cutting open boxes while saying, "Thank you for shopping Revco." And Peter and Linda will show you how to do your math lessons while sitting on your caboose. All in all it is going to be much fun. Dress informally on July 16 at Blue Limestone after church and prepare to have the time of your life. See you there!

WHY PEOPLE GO TO THEIR CHURCH

A survey conducted by a California Baptist minister, Rev. John Epp, asked why members began attending their church, and why they kept on attending. Here are the results:

What attracted you to this church?

1. Christian fellowship.
2. Biblical preaching.
3. Invitation from a friend.
4. Denominational background.

What keeps you attending this church?

1. Biblical preaching.
2. Music.
3. Church program.
4. Respect for persons in the church.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING TODAY

The quarterly business meeting of the church is scheduled for after worship today (July 9). In addition to routine business a trustee and a deacon are to be elected. The next regular meeting will be the second Sunday in October.

A NEW ADDRESS -

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Faulk and daughter are now living in Jerome. Their address is RFD #3
Plain City, Ohio 43064

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:
I'd like to express my thanks to the church for the wonderful graduation gift. I think everyone in my family has read it now. Thanks again!
Alison Linn

Dear Sir:
Thank you very much for the graduation present, THE PROPHET, and I'm sure I'll enjoy reading it.
Susan VanBrimmer

ORGANIZATIONS RELAX FOR SUMMER

The Women's Society and Circles are not meeting during the summer, but the officers are busy preparing the meetings for 72-73. The Choir is not holding Wednesday rehearsals but is getting together after church. The Youth Fellowship does not meet during vacation, and the Wednesday Bible study is closed until Sept.

MARION WOMEN TO MEET IN BRYN ZION

The women of the Marion Association

will meet at the Bryn Zion Baptist church July 20, beginning at 9:30 A.M. Evelyn Reeves, past president for the state will be the featured speaker. Lunch is \$1.00.

DEATH IN CHURCH FAMILY

Mrs. Myra Stephenson, mother of your minister, passed away May 18 in Pomeroy. Services were held May 21. The Stephensons wish to thank the church and individuals for the thoughtful expressions of sympathy.

CAMP FARTHEST OUT SCHEDULED

The annual meeting of the Ohio Camp Farthest Out will be held at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, July 23-29. Featured speakers will be Rev. Cliff Custer of Oregon and Ruth Stapleton. The Wickums are on the program as leaders of Junior High Youth. Your minister is a member of the Council Ring.

CHURCH HOLDS FAMILY SERVICE

Family Sunday was observed by the church June 11. Sharing in the service were Sue Leidtke, Bertha McTaggart, Douglas Lee, Florence Faulk, Carol Grubbs, Rick VanBrimmer, Helen Aleshire, Jim Stephenson. The Faulk family served as ushers. Sophia and Bob Stephenson were the greeters. After the service a picnic was held at the Blue Limestone park.

MINISTER SPEAKS IN DENVER

Your minister was guest speaker June 11 at the First Divine Science Church in Denver, Colorado. The church was founded 75 years ago by Dr. Nona Brooks, one of the pioneers of the spiritual healing movement.

OHIO BAPTISTS TO MEET IN DAYTON

The annual meeting of the Ohio Baptist Convention will be held at the First Baptist Church, Dayton, October 18, 19, and 20. Watch the

bulletin board and the next issue of NEWS AND VIEWS for details.

MEMBER RECEIVES NEW ASSIGNMENT

Bertha McTaggart has been elected Chairman of the Women's Conference for the Baptist women of the state. The annual conference is held at Otterbein College. Her name will also be placed before the Ohio Baptist Convention in October in nomination for the Board of Trustees.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP MEETS

The Young Adult Fellowship of the church met with Mr. and Mrs. White on July 4 for dinner. Afterwards they attended the community program at Selby Stadium.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH

Volunteers are needed to participate in a memory research project conducted by the Ohio Wesleyan University psychology department. In order to participate, you would have to own a high school yearbook from your graduation class (minimum class size of 100 people) and be willing to take a 40 minute test covering material from your yearbook. The project will pay \$2.00 for your time, which you may keep, or, if you prefer, donate to the church.

The memory tests form part of a research program supported by grants from the federal government. This particular project seeks to establish comparative losses of memory for various types of visual and verbal materials contained in high school annuals. By comparing the performance of groups whose high school graduation dates back from one month to 40 years, it becomes possible to establish memory functions over a period much longer than the usual laboratory studies of memory permit.

If you have a high school annual from your senior year and are willing to participate, leave your yearbook at the First Baptist Church (a

box will be in the vestibule). Be sure your name, also maiden name if female, address, and phone number are marked clearly in the yearbook. The University will phone you when the test is ready, and, at your convenience, arrange a time for you to take the test. It is requested that you do not look thru the yearbook from now until after you have taken the test and that you do not discuss details of the test with others who may be taking the test later. If you wish to participate, call the minister.

HOW ABOUT SOME GOOD READING?????

Take a moment now and then to look at the material in the literature rack in the vestibule. There are copies of old favorites, plus more recent periodicals. All free.

HOSPITAL NOTES . . .

Persons who have been hospitalized since the last newsletter are Evelyn Arthur, Bessie Dunham, and Carol Fogle. . . Carol had a miscarriage, and we all extend our sympathy to her and Will in this time of disappointment.

CHURCH YOUTH IN TOURNAMENT

Rick VanBrimmer and Bob Stephenson will be competing in the annual Recreation-Rotary tennis tournament which will be held July 15-16, 22-23 at the Wesleyan courts. Rick is entered in the 16 and under and 14 and under divisions, and Bob is in the 18 and under and 16 and under.

People who have no strong desires in life usually end up receiving very little. Desire is a motivator. It sets into motion the forces in ourselves that start us on the road to fulfillment. We have to be able to define our desires clearly. The wise person desires that which will not harm others, but will raise the quality of his own life. Desire is a natural element in a happy life.

Ralph Rhea

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August 21, 1972

Dear Carolyn,

On Sunday, October 1st, we of the First Baptist Church are honoring our pastor, James B. Stephenson and his wife in recognition of their 25 years with our fellowship.

The service will be at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Dr. Joseph J. Chapman, our Ohio Baptist Executive Minister will be the main speaker. Representatives of the Marion Baptist Association, community, and church will participate. A reception for all will follow in the Fellowship Hall. A surprise will take place during the social time.

The Planning Committee is trying to contact members and friends of the church from these 25 years. We invite you to participate in this celebration by attending this service.

A portfolio of Friendship letters to the Stephensons is being assembled for presentation that evening. We hope to include some from your family.

Contributions are being accepted for a gift of money also to be given during the service. Checks should be made out to Richard E. Lee, Financial Secretary, and plainly marked for the '25th Anniversary Gift.'

Both money and letters should be sent to address below or given to Mr. Lee no later than Tuesday, September 19th. Thank you.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and to seeing you at this special occasion.

Sincerely yours,

The Planning Committee

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September 13, 1972

Dear Carolyn,

The Planning Committee is delighted that you are going to be able to be with us on October 1, and that you are willing to be the spokesman for the congregation in bringing greetings of appreciation to Steve.

We are each one doing this with mixed feelings, but we are determined that with God's help it will be just as nice as we can make it for the sake of the Stephenson family and our Christian witness.

I think it would be interesting to tell, if you can, how you heard about him, how you got him to come to our church, and a little about the conditions then, what his coming meant. I know you couldn't and wouldn't say anything that you did not feel in your heart, so if you focus on the past rather than the present, perhaps it will be easier for you.

If I were doing it, I might find a poem to express a tribute or thought to end my talk. This might be a challenge to his future without saying it would be with us.

I am asking the participants to sit on the left front pew, and to go to the microphone to speak. The Stephensons will sit in the first right front pew.

Our prayers will be with you as you prepare and present your thoughts. I hope five minutes will give you the time you need.

Blessings on you,

The purpose of this Church is the study and practice of the Way of Jesus Christ. This is a pathway of freedom which binds no person to a creed but sets each one free to follow the Light of Christ within him.

With love - your friend - Praise the Lord!
Bertha McTaggart

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OUR MINISTER-EDITOR SPENT FIVE DAYS last month in the Rockies of Colorado. I was one of the speakers at the international meeting of the Divine Science Federation. This is an organization of churches and groups which believe that the Way of Jesus Christ is as precise, as accurate, and as practical as chemistry, physics, engineering, or any other of the great sciences of mankind. It was fascinating - and enlightening - to be with 200 people who take Jesus so seriously! After I gave my lecture one of my listeners said, "I know what you are. You're a Baptist Scientist." I rather liked the term! Baptists believe that the New Testament is the basic textbook for living abundantly. We teach that we are bound to no creed, no dogma, no organization, but to Jesus only. Suppose we took our discipleship so seriously that we not only believed in Jesus, but actually attempted to practice his way of thinking and living! Suppose we made him our teacher in the laboratory of life! We will get into this idea farther and deeper as we study the gospel of John on Sundays and Wednesdays. Join us! (JBS)

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AN INVITATION . . .

On Sunday, October 1, we of the First Baptist Church are honoring our minister and his wife in recognition of their 25 years with our fellowship. The service will be as 6:30 p.m. at the church. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking forward to seeing you at this special occasion. (The Planning Comm.)

CHURCH CLEAN-UP SCHEDULED

The ladies of the congregation are calling for all who would like to help make the church spotless and shining for Oct. 1 to come to a house-cleaning on Tuesday Sept. 26 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your cleaning equipment, etc., to use on wood, rugs, glass, paint, etc. Bring a sack lunch.

OUR NEWEST FELLOWSHIP - THE GROAN-UPS

Over the summer months the Groan-ups have had several meetings and activities. On July 4, the group was treated to dinner at the home of Peter and Linda White, and later attended the annual fireworks held at Selby Field. In August, we traveled to Cedar Point for a day of spinning rides, over eating, tired feet, a down-pour and lots of fun. On Thursday, Sept. 14, several members gave a presentation to the Women's Society on the "Concerns of the Upcoming Generation" as we see them. The following Sunday, a breakfast was prepared for the church family by hardworking Groan-ups. I think I can safely say it was a success. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Donna

Brown. All who have graduated from high school and who are not past 30 are invited to attend. (Donna Brown)

NEW BABY IN CHURCH FAMILY

Keri Lynn was born July 28 to Ed and Debbie Snouffer, weighing 6 lbs. and 9 oz. Keri's mother is the former Debbie Pettit. They are in service and stationed in the South Pacific.

PASTOR SEEKS ASPIRIN TO CURE SUNDAY ILLS

A somewhat discouraged and hard pressed pastor recently wrote the following letter to a famous pill manufacturer:

Dear Sir: You manufacture aspirin to relieve suffering, colds, and fever. The mixture used in your tablet makes it possible for a person to get out of bed and fight off headaches, muscle spasms, and bad nerves. I have noticed that these tablets work wonders on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and especially Saturdays. But people who take them on Sundays get no relief. They cannot get rid of their aches and pains. They are not able to attend church or church school. Is it possible for you to examine your tablet and put an ingredient in it that will be effective on Sundays?

BAKE SALE SCHEDULED BY W.M.S.

The ladies are planning to hold a bake sale Sat., Oct. 7, at O'Brien's Olds, to help raise money for the new drapes in the

Fellowship Hall. The sale begins at 9 a.m. and your contributions will be appreciated.

MARION ASSOCIATION MEETS AT TRINITY

The annual inspirational meeting of the Marion Association will be held today (Sept. 24) at the Trinity Baptist Church in Marion. The first session begins at 2:30 with your minister giving a devotional message. Rev. Sem Marseille of Haiti will speak after which opportunity will be given for everyone to have two experiences in small contact groups. The groups are 1) Feedback with Sem Marseille, 2) Key '73 with Paul Warford, 3) Institutional Support with representatives from Judson and Northern, 3) Communication with Chemical Users (drugs) and 4) Sounds for Now, contemporary music with the Chi Rhos. A snack supper will be served (\$1.00) and the evening session begins at 7:30, and features a concert by the Chi Rho, a group from Judson College.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETS NEW TIME

The Baptist Youth Fellowship has changed its meeting time from Sunday night to Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. It is open to all youth in grades 9 thru 12.

There's an old Chinese proverb that says, "If I keep a green bough in my heart, the singing bird will come." This means that if you want to be happy and have good things happen to you, you must create your own climate of happiness. It is your own state of mind that draws happiness to you. Happiness seeks the happy!

R.R.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO MEET

The Board of Christian Education will meet at the church Sunday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. All members, teachers, and youth advisors are asked to attend. (Bertha McTaggart)

OHIO BAPTIST CONVENTION SLATED FOR DAYTON

The annual meeting of the Ohio Baptist Convention is set for Dayton, Oct. 18, 19, & 20. Most session will be held at the First Baptist Church. Among the featured speakers are William F. Keucher, Harvey Everett, Jitsuo Morikawa, and Roger Fredrikson.

Visitors registration is \$1; delegate, \$2. A complete program is on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MEET AT ASBURY

The fall meeting of the Church Women United of Delaware will be held Thursday, Sept. 28, at 9:30 a.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Bertha McTaggart will provide transportation.

RECOGNITION SERVICE HELD FOR CHURCH SCHOOL

Recognition Day for church school personnel was held Sunday, Sept. 17. Classes met at 9:15 and then went to the Fellowship Hall where a breakfast was served by the Groan-ups, the young adult fellowship which was organized this spring by the adult chairman, Susan Mussard. 55 were in attendance for breakfast. During the morning worship service Bertha McTaggart, chairman of the Board of Christian Education, assisted the minister and gave a short statement concerning the goals of Christian Education. She also presented certificates to the children who were promoted. Those promoted were Ted Clements from nursery to kindergarten; Steven Mansfield from kindergarten to primary; Bruce Lee and Paul Mansfield from primary to junior. Bruce and Paul also received Bibles as gifts from the church which are presented to pupils when entering the fourth grade. Mark Brower, Douglas Lee, and Chris Westbrook went from junior into junior high. Our teachers are: nursery, Carol Grubbs; kindergarten, Jean Brower; primary, Sophia Stephenson; junior, Jean Wickum; junior high, Donald Brown; senior high, Marjorie Smale; adult, Joe Brower; Whatever Class, Helen Aleshire. Our clerk is Janet Lathrop and our pianist is Elsie Byerly. Youth advisors are Dorothy and Donald Brown, Donna Brown, and Linda White. The Board of Education members are Sue Leidtke, children's work; Donald Brown, youth work; Helen Aleshire, mission education; and Bertha McTaggart, board chairman. Upon conclusion of the service of presentation classes from nursery thru junior returned to their class rooms. The choir presented two special numbers, an anthem and a quartet. (Bertha McTaggart, *****
"I am the light of the world - you are the light of the world." Jesus the Christ

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION OCTOBER 1

The churches of the world traditionally observe the first Sunday in October as a day of fellowship thru the service of Holy Communion. American Baptists use this day as the time of their annual world fellowship offering. Although we work in 12 overseas fields, the three India fields are receiving special attention this year.

In South India, Baptists have worked with notable success with the Telugus. Many churches are being organized. From the very beginning literacy programs have been an important mission work in northeast India. Modern day Assamese in this area credit early missionaries with having saved their language by learning it and printing it. Literature has been translated and printed in some 45 languages. With her millions, India has faced the problem of hunger. Missionaries are providing training programs to produce a "green revolution." The Council of Baptist Churches of Northeast India recently took responsibility for 15,000 Bangladesh refugees, providing food, shelter, clothing, and medical care.

In addition to the attention given India in the world fellowship offering, it will be the subject of study by the Women's Mission Society and the entire church. Helen Aleshire and Bertha McTaggart recently attended a seminar on India at the Worthington Methodist Church sponsored by the Columbus Church Women United. Your minister will be attending an Asian Studies Seminar at Ohio State University later in October.

A few times in my life, I've gotten a glimpse of the real self of a person. It was only because I looked with eyes of love. I cannot say what I saw, but I knew it was something that was inexpressibly beautiful. I believe that's what I'd see if I saw the real self in you, but I have to look with eyes of love. Love raises vision to a higher power than eye charts can measure.

- James Dillet Freeman

The fool thinks, "I am a body." The wise man says, "I am spirit." (Indian Script.)

SUMMER CONFERENCES . . .

Many of our fellowship attended summer conferences. How about writing some of your experiences and impressions for our future issues of NEWS AND VIEWS? Here are some of the experiences shared which have come to your editor's attention
A number of our men went to the annual MEN'S CONFERENCE at Westerville and a number of our women were at the WOMEN'S CONFERENCE in the same city
The Wickums and your minister were at the OHIO CFO in Tiffin and your minister shared in the DIVINE SCIENCE FEDERATION INTERNATIONAL near Denver . . . the VanBrimmers went to GREEN LAKE as did Joe Brower . . . Rick VanBrimmer attended church camp at JUDSON HILLS and also attended the BYF Officers' Conference at the same place . . . Fred Grubbs went to a conference on contemporary church music at WACO, TEXAS . . . Rick Lee worked as conservationist at the LH CAMP near Utica. . . Polly Focke attended CFO in ONTARIO.

HOSPITAL NOTES . . .

Recent patients from our church fellowship include KAREN CAWLEY, who was in Mercy Hospital in Columbus; also HAROLD BATES, DONNA FAULK, FRED LEAPER, MARY MILHOAN, and MYRTLE SMITH, all in Jane M. Case. At publication time all had returned except Mr. Leaper.

The Department of Defense report released in August indicates that the war in Indochina cost \$9.3 billion in the fiscal year 1971-72. It estimates that the war will cost \$7.1 billion in 1972-73.

GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO JOHN TO BE STUDIED

The Christian life as demonstrated by Jesus was a practical way of living that had as its goal the abundant life for all persons everywhere. He called it by the ancient Hebrew term, The Kingdom of God on Earth. Another way of describing it is the Way of Fulfillment for all of life. He taught the spiritual nature of man, the presence of God as Life and Love, and the principles by means of which we can bring new and higher life to all...not in some future heaven, but "on earth." The fullest and clearest description of this Way of Jesus is to be found in the Gospel

(GOOD NEWS TO BE STUDIED, con't.)

of John, which was the last of the four to be written. Properly taught and understood, it gives insight concerning how to know your own self and how to use the Laws of Spirit for your own good, and, at the same time, the good of all others. This gospel will be the basis of our Sunday morning Lessons (sermons) for a number of weeks. Each Lesson is complete in itself and although it is to your advantage to hear them all, you will not lose the continuity if you must miss one. The gospel will also be the basis of study in our midweek Bible lessons. These Wednesday sessions will go into the subject much more thoroughly.

The study of John will begin Sunday, Oct. 1, and the subject will be the strange life of the author of the gospel, who was the youngest of the apostles, the most violent, yet the most loving. The first midweek study will be Sept. 27 and is to be an introductory session. Our midweek study is tentatively set for the church, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. A change in meeting is a possibility, so watch the bulletin or call the minister.

Nor can that endure which has not its foundation upon love. For love alone diminishes not, but shines with its own light; makes an end of discord, softens the fires of hate, restores peace in the world, brings together the sundered, redresses wrongs, aids all and injures none; and who so invokes its aid will find peace and safety and have no fear of future ill.

- Queen Ladwiga of Poland,
1413 A.D.

MEMBER RECEIVES HONOR NATIONALLY

Mary Frances (Polly) Focke has recently been honored with membership in the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine. Polly is Director of the Delaware Speech and Hearing Center. Congratulations!

BACK TO COLLEGE

A number of our church family are in college. The following list is hopefully

complete and accurate. Mistakes and omissions, if called to the attention of your editor, will be corrected in the next issue.

Donna Brown is at Ohio Wesleyan where she is a senior; Becky Haney (formerly Smale) is at Ohio State and her husband John is studying Law at Capitol; Rick Lee is a senior at Wooster and engaged in an independent study of centipedes (he is a Biology major) and is assisting the track coach; Allison Linn is a first year student at Ohio Wesleyan; DeAnn Henson is a junior at Ohio U. and her brother Greg is beginning his second year at the same school; Jim Stephenson is a junior at Ohio Wesleyan; and Debby Syler is a Freshman at Waldorf College in Iowa.

MORE SUMMER DOINGS

Donna Faulk represented her county in the formal dress competition at the Ohio State fair. . . Stephen Bougher was selected to take a special science course at Purdue University during the summer. Both are seniors; Donna at Dublin and Stephen at Delaware Hayes.

People who have no strong desires in life usually end up receiving very little. Desire is a motivator. It sets in motion the forces in ourself that starts us on the road to fulfillment. We have to be able to define our desires clearly. Often we are like the child who says, "I'm hungry, but I don't know what I want to eat." The wise person desires that which will not harm others, but will raise the quality of his own life. Desire is a natural element in a happy life. (R.R.)

FOR YOU - Did we miss something we should have published? If you can think of what was missed, then you were the one who could have prevented the omission. Please do not hesitate next month! We want to know about your family, your friends. And we want original poems, meditations, comments.

DEATH IN CHURCH FAMILY

Harry Smith, father of the late Willis Smith, passed away in Pennsylvania. Our sympathy goes to Elvira and Bob.

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THE NEWS STORY BELOW records an event in the life of a church fellowship. But to our family it is the manifestation of an attitude of mind, and a demonstration of a church's spirit. As I stated that night, how inadequate are words to convey the deeper feelings we experienced as a family the night of October 1. The entire event, so perfectly planned and coordinated, the thoughtful gifts, the many surprises, and the constructive comments made in person and in the letters, all testify to the inner state of love which is the chief characteristic of a vital church. The tape will keep alive the memories of the service itself, and the letters will all be treasured as the ink and paper embodiments of living, enduring human relationships. Again we all say, "Thank you!!!"

(The Stephensons - Steve, Sophia, Ted,
Jeannie, Jim, Bob)

***** CHURCH HOLDS RECOGNITION SERVICE

The Stephensons were honored at a service of recognition and appreciation for their 25 years ministry at our church. The affair was held Sunday evening, Oct. 1, in the church sanctuary.

John B. McTaggart conducted the service and James VanBrimmer, chairman of the board of deacons and deaconesses gave the opening prayer. A medley of the minister's favorite hymns was sung by the choir.

Bringing messages of greetings to the minister, his wife, and family were Mrs. Carolyn White, who was a member of the pulpit committee that presented his name to the church in 1947, speaking for the congregation; two former student ministers from Ohio Wesleyan University, Robert Nelson, now in Chicago, and Dr. Norman Edwards of Louisa, Kentucky; Father John Statmiller, president of the Delaware County Ministerial Association; William Chard, Grand Prairie, moderator of the Marion Baptist Association; the Rev. Herschell Roper, minister of the Trinity Baptist Church, Marion; the Rev. Louis Campbell, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, who spoke on behalf of his friendship of 22 years with the Stephensons, and Mrs. William Judd, librarian, who spoke for the Delaware County District Library Board.

Dr. Joseph Chapman, Granville, Executive Minister of the Ohio Baptist Convention of American Baptist Churches, brought greetings from the Convention and presented a plaque of recognition and commendation for the minister's 25 years of service to the local church and for Baptist work.

Following a message in song, "Reach Out and Touch," by Fred Grubbs, the Rev. Ted D. Stephenson, son of the honoree and minister of the First Baptist Church of Ambridge, Pa., gave a message of recol-

lections from both family and church experiences. He also gave tribute to his father as a parent and a minister.

Larry Daly, Galion, made a presentation for the Camp Farthest Out Council Ring of Ohio. This is a non-denominational retreat movement which Mr. Stephenson has served for many years.

McTaggart presented the Stephensons with gifts from the church. These were an engraved silver tray, a collection of letters sent by friends and members, a gift of money from the present congregation, a guest book with the names of those attending the service, and a tape of the program.

Mr. Stephenson gave a brief response of thanks for all the love and work that had gone into the celebration service, for the gifts, and most of all for the freedom over the years to speak what he feels led by the Spirit to say.

W. C. Wickum closed the service with a prayer in song, which is a favorite of Mrs. Stephenson, "Bless this House."

The Stephensons greeted everyone in a receiving line in the assembly room as guests went into the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and a social time.

There was also a continuous showing of slides from the 25 years both of the family and church events. This was in the youth room so people could see them any time during the social period. The slides were selected by the three Stephenson sons.

(The above story was written by Bertha McTaggart and appeared in the Delaware Gazette.)

Did you miss the anniversary service? If so, the tape can be brought to your home along with a tape recorder - next best thing to being there! Call minister at 363-7021.

NEW CHOIR ORGANIZED

A new junior choir has been organized under the direction of Polly Focke. It meets the first and second Tuesdays of each month at the church at 4:00 p.m. The choir is open to all in grades 1 thru 8. So far its membership is at 16. Plans are being made for it to sing at Morning Worship in the near future. New voices are invited.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir:

We wish to thank the church for the use of its facilities to conduct a training session for United Way workers of Delaware Township.

Evelyn Lee
Marjorie Smale

Sir:

My thanks to those who helped or offered to help during my recent surgery. I had a tumor removed from my back which was not serious but did mean that I could not use my left arm for a few days. Also Charles and Michael had their tonsils out on the 17th and your telephone calls at least helped relieve my days of having to stay in with two cranky kids! Michael's first food after surgery was a 10¢ bag of potato chips which shows his recovery. Charles is a little slower but doing fine (at least they both wanted to come to church!)

For those who do not know, our family moved this summer. We now live at 111 Hills Miller Rd., same telephone number that's in the book.

Jeanne Ekelberry

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brower are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Diana Jean, to Dale Allen Hedges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Welch, Lewis Center.

The wedding will be an event of Saturday, Jan. 20, at 3 p.m. at the church. Diana is a cosmetology student at Hayes. Dale attended Olentangy and is employed by Sherman Ball Painting Contractor.

Prayer is to religion what original research is to science. p. T. Forsythe

THOSE GOOD OLD HYMNS

Have you heard people say: "Why don't we sing the good old songs anymore?" Maybe we enjoy them more for sentimental reasons than for the message they convey!

There are folks who sing TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE, and put all the emphasis on the last three words, or . . .

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS, and wait to be drafted into His service, or . . .

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS, while they allow the least little offense to sever it, or . . .

WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION, but fail to march to church or church school, or . . .

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY, but never mention it, or . . .

SHOWERS OF BLESSING, but stay home on a rainy Sunday.

ARE YOU IN TUNE?

(from a Lutheran Church in
Cambridge, Ill. by way of
William St. here in Delaware)

FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

On Oct. 7, the Board of Christian Education met with four members and three teachers present. Each chairman gave a report of work done and plans for the future. The teachers had requests which will be taken care of such as a piano for the Primary Class, more materials for the Kindergarten and a chalk board for the adults.

Since the adult classes do not have enough time for their lessons and discussions, it was moved and carried that for a trial period of three months everyone will go directly to their classes. At the next quarterly breakfast there will be recognition of birthdays, reports, etc.

A fine "Look at India" is being planned by Helen Aleshire and her missions committee.

A Thanksgiving celebration will be sponsored by the Adult class. Details later.

It was suggested that we have a "Watch-night" service which would be on New Year's eve - a Sunday. We would like to know what you think of it. Would you attend?

We would provide transportation for those needing rides. The evening would have a varied format. Perhaps you have some suggestions. Give them to the chairman, the minister, or any member of the board.
Bertha McTaggart, Chr.

INTERESTED IN JOINING A SINGLES GROUP?

Interest has been expressed in several churches in forming one or more groups for single persons. If you have an interest, speak with the minister about it. Your suggestions are sought.

ISSUE TWO ON BALLOT

Issue 2, a constitutional amendment that stops collection of the state income tax, is on the ballot. It would repeal the two new Ohio graduated taxes which are providing nearly a fourth of the state's revenues.

Since the cuts would go into effect Jan. 1, schools, cities, counties, and the legislature would face an immediate emergency. This is why no responsible political figures have endorsed Issue 2, and why it is opposed by such groups as the League of Women Voters, Ohio Education Association, and the Ohio Council of Churches. This is truly a non-partisan question.

If Issue 2 is passed, it would cut corporation taxes by \$148.2 million the first year; more thereafter. It would raise property taxes by at least 10%. Local taxpayers would be asked to make up losses in state support. It would also end the Homestead Exemption funding at an average loss of \$105 to qualifying retired householders.

Even a 2 cent increase in the sales tax would not be enough to replace the revenues lost. Any increase in the sales tax will fall harder on those needing most of their incomes for necessities than on the more fortunate. Example: a two cent higher sales tax would cost the typical Ohio family of four, with \$10,000 income, a total of \$82. An Ohio family with \$50,000 income would pay only \$146. The sales tax increase would increase the tax burden of low income groups by as much as 300% while reducing the new taxes of high income groups to less than one tenth of their former amount.

Ohio House Speaker, Republican Charles Turfess, has taken a strong stand against Issue Two, and said that supporters of income tax repeal are "hoodwinking" the public with their proposal..

FINANCIAL PLANS IN PREPARATION

Your Finance Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Byron T. Leidtke, is preparing a budget for 1973. The proposed budget will be presented to the church at our Sunday service November 12, and pledge Sunday follows on Nov. 19. Details will be mailed to all.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY SCHEDULED

The annual world community day, sponsored by the Church Women United, will be held Friday, Nov. 3, at the Zion United Church of Christ. Registration is at 9 a.m. with the program following at 9:30. Each person is asked to bring an item of food which can be eaten with the fingers and shared with others.

BAPTIST DAY OF PRAYER SET FOR RADNOR

The Baptist Women's Day of Prayer will be held this year at the Radnor Baptist Church. The day is next Sunday, Nov. 6, and the time is 2:30 p.m.

NEED FOR FOOD -

The local Community Action Organization is in need of non-perishable foodstuffs. Items should be limited to commercially packaged foods which can be safely stored without refrigeration. Items can be brought to the church.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS SLATED FOR WINTER

This year's School of Missions will be a "Look at India." Dates set are January 7 and 21, and February 4 and 18. A varied program using films will be presented. The committee is under the chairmanship of Helen Aleshire. Details in next newsletter.

CHOIR NEWS

Choir Director W. C. Wickum has issued an invitation to prospective choir members. A particular need exists for tenors. Plans for the year include a Christmas Cantata.

The church has obtained 75 new (almost!) hymnals from the Karl Rd. Baptist Church in Columbus at 50¢ each. Arrangements were made by Karl Road's Minister of Music, Fred B. Grubbs.

BYF CONVENTION IN COLUMBUS

The annual BYF Convention will again be

held at the State Fairgrounds in Columbus. Details are available from Donald Brown. A deadline for registrations exists - so why not now?

THE COMINGS AND GOINGS AND DOINGS OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW

. . . The VIAS have recently returned from a trip to New England and Canada . . . JOE BROWER will be leading a Project Winsome International Weekend encounter at the Starcher Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 3-5 . . . the STEPHENSONS and BERTHA MCTAGGART recently attended the Ohio Baptist Convention at Dayton . . . and delivered a trunk load of various materials to the Dayton Christian Center, plus some for the Baptist Home in Cincinnati . . . HELEN ALESHIRE recently showed her India slides to the First Baptist Church at Jackson, Ohio . . . and she and CAROLYN WHITE visited Eva Shepard in Granville and attended services at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Columbus . . . NELLIE DICK, KIZZIE MAIN, and HELEN ALESHIRE recently had lunch with GRACE BALL

IMPORTANT LEVY BEFORE VOTERS

A levy for a new school for the retarded will be before the voters Nov. 7. The need is great and this new facility will care for the county's needs thru 1990. This deserves your full support. See the data on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

BEFORE YOU FORGET, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY FORGOTTEN, OR DON'T CARE, OR SOMETHING . . .

Last NEWS AND VIEWS carried a bit of vacation news that was submitted in response to a request for a vacation column. None came in for this month. Are you thinking of an item we should have printed but did not? If you had thought to call the parsonage, it would have been in print in this issue. We do need personal items.
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Have you made your pledge to UNITED APPEALS?

It's good to give the United Way!

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YOU DON'T NEED NEWS AND VIEWS to remind you that Advent is here once more. The TV, the decorations, the gift lists, the excitement - something is in the air, and the perceptive person knows that it is more than the outer circumstances, more than the material things. The word for Advent and Christmas is NEW. A new child is born, a new age begins, a new order is present in the midst of the old. We are the children of a new age that has dawned, that is here potentially for those who recognize it and deliberately will to live in it. "Joy to the world!" is the theme of Advent and Christmas. Clarence Jordan, founder of Koinonia Farm in Georgia, was a man ahead of his time. Here is the way he translated a portion of I John:

"Don't love the old order or the things which keep it going. If anyone loves the old order it is not the Father's love that's in him. For everything that's in the old order - the hankering for physical comforts, the hankering for material things, the emphasis on status - is not from the Father but from the old order itself. And the old order, with its hankering, is collapsing, but he who lives by the will of God moves into the New Age."

This is a good scripture to ponder during Advent. And may the New Age be yours! (JBS)

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Three special Christmas services will highlight our Advent-Christmas season at First Baptist.

A Family Service featuring the traditional hanging of the greens is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10, at 6:00 pm. Sponsored by the Women's Society and the Board of Education, it is directed by Helen Aleshire and Sue Leidtke. During a service of song and readings, the decorations of evergreen will be brought into the sanctuary. Afterwards everyone will go to the Fellowship Hall where the children will sing Happy Birthday to the baby Jesus, and all will have a time of fellowship and refreshment.

"Chimes of the Holy Night," a Christmas cantata for mixed voices by Fred B. Holton, will be presented by the Choir during the morning worship service Sunday, Dec. 24. The cantata will begin at the regular service hour of 10:30 am.

Christmas Eve Communion begins at 7:30 pm. It will be a service of carols and candlelight. The Communion meditation will be given by the Rev. Ted D. Stephenson, minister of the First Baptist Church of Ambridge, Pa.

A nursery will be available at all the services, and everyone is welcome!

See the weekly bulletin for further details.

UNITED WAY AND YOUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

At the time of writing, the United Way (formerly United Appeals) is still short of its goal. An additional effort is under way to meet this community responsibility. If you have not made your pledge, or if you feel that you can increase what you have already committed, do it NOW. The 13 agencies which make up United Way are doing the work of Christ and as a Christian you have an obvious responsibility - GIVE!

CHRISTMAS CARD!!!!!!

This year we are continuing a program begun last Advent at the suggestion of Mrs. Elsie Byerly in a letter to the editor. Instead of sending Christmas cards to your friends in the congregation, sign one card, bring it to church, and put it on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Give the money you save on cards and postage to the church for a Christian project.

This year we suggest that the money go to Vellore to help with the expense of laying pipeline from the Palar River to the college campus (Vellore is in India). This campus not only houses the students and families residing on campus, but also the pre-clinical laboratory departments, the Rural Hospital, the New Life Center, the Mental Health Center, and Rehabilitation facilities.

Give your contributions to Helen Aleshire.

REASONS FOR REFUSING TO ATTEND FOOTBALL GAMES (ALSO BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, ETC.)

What a pity if people refused to go to a football game for the same reasons (excuses) they give for refusing to attend church services. Here is a list of reasons to stay away from all football games:

1. Every time I go to a football game, someone at the gate asks me for money; in fact, they even tell me how much I should give.
2. Although I went often and yelled a lot, no one ever spoke to me personally; they're the most unfriendly people I ever met.
3. The seats are hard.
4. The referee said and did things I couldn't understand or agree with; they can just run things without me.
5. I consider myself a good, loyal fan, but the coach never did call on me.
6. I discovered there are a lot of hypocrites around me; they were more interested in refreshments than in watching the game.
7. The band played the same tunes; I could hear better music almost anyplace else.
8. Since buying All About Football, I prefer to stay home and read it. I get just as much out of it myself. I consider myself just as good a fan as those who go and sometimes get all excited about it.

from the Baptist Corner,
newsletter of the First
Baptist Church, Ambridge, Pa.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual community Thanksgiving Service was held this year at the Grace Methodist Church. The Rev. Louis Campbell of the First Presbyterian Church gave the sermon. Jean Ekelberry sang "Bless this House."

GROAN - UPS PLAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Groan-ups have scheduled their Christmas party for Saturday, Dec. 16. They will meet at 6:30 pm with Susan Mussard, 126 S. Franklin. After dinner and a gift exchange they will go caroling.

NEW BABY IN CHURCH FAMILY

A daughter, Stephanie Kay, was born Nov. 1 to Sgt. and Mrs. Steven Stoner, Honolulu, Hawaii. Jim and Bertha Van Brimmer are the maternal grandparents. Bertha has been with the Stoners in Hawaii and will be returning in a few days. Congratulations to Steve and Karen! And to the happy grandparents!

ADULT CLASS TO CAROL

The Adult Class will go caroling Sat., Dec. 16. Everyone meets with John and Sis Mansfield, 65 E. Lincoln, at 6:30 pm and will return after singing to the same address. The adults are invited to bring their children along. Persons not in the Adult Class are also invited to join the fun.

COMMUNITY CHORUS TO PRESENT CONCERT

The Community Chorus, under the direction of Roy Reed, will present a Christmas concert December 12 at 8:00 pm in St. Mary Catholic Church. There will be guest soloists and an orchestra of local and guest instrumentalists. Admission is \$2.00 for adults; \$1.00 for students.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF

The Board of Education, teachers in the Church School, and their wives or husbands, will have a Christmas dinner at the McTaggarts, 149 Grandview, Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7:00 pm.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

The Homestead Guys and Gals 4-H Club would like to thank the church for the use of its Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 22, for their achievement meeting. At this meeting the members' projects were displayed, reports of project work were given, and the members received their certificates and pins acknowledging their project completions. Ralph Jordan, County 4-H agent, was a guest speaker and presented slides of several areas of county 4-H work. About 70 persons were present. These included club members and their families who appreciated the opportunity to meet as a

whole group and to see the results of the club's summer work.

Doug Lee is a member of this group and Evelyn Lee is one of the advisors. We hope the church will continue to make its facilities available to community groups.

Evelyn Lee

CHRISTMAS CLEARING HOUSE & CHRISTMAS CENTER

The Christmas Clearing House and Christmas Center came into being as our county grew, to make sure that all the children who need help have a happy Christmas and avoid having some families receive an abundance and others nothing on Christmas morning.

Families are recommended by the Welfare Dept., Health Dept., CAO, schools, churches and are on file at the Council of Social Agencies office. They will be helped by being invited to the Christmas Center or by being adopted.

The Center came into being because of changing attitudes about how we help people in need. Only parents come to the center to receive what the community has given to help their families. In the act of coming in, there is involvement of the parents in having some part in making Christmas possible for their families. The response of these people has been so satisfying that we feel this kind of help in most cases is better than taking Christmas to people. There are always exceptions, of course.

Needed are all kinds of canned or boxed foods, including: fruit, juices, vegetables, soups, cereals, etc. NO home canned goods or perishables.

The JC's and JGettes have the toy shop at the Christmas Center. They need new toys to make sure there are enough for all the children.

Food and toys may be brought to the Delaware Inn from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday thru Saturday, thru Dec. 20.

Money is also needed. This provides gift certificates for clothing for children between the ages of 11 thru seniors in high school. These are non-transferable. Checks may be made out to Christmas Clearing House and sent to Council of Social Agencies, Delaware Inn.

Your contributions may be brought to the church anytime before Dec. 20 (there will be boxes for your convenience) or to the Center as explained above. **THIS CAN BE THE HEART AND ESSENCE OF YOUR CHRISTMAS.**

WE'LL HAVE A MITTEN TREE AGAIN!

We are continuing the custom of having a mitten tree in the church on which children (and adults) can place mittens (new please) which will be taken to the Christmas Center Dec. 20. This year the tree is the responsibility of Sophia Stephenson and her primary class. The tree will be available for mittens after Dec. 10.

Have any odd jobs around the house that you've just never gotten around to doing? Window washing, snow shoveling, or any other little job is the type of work I'm looking for this Christmas vacation from Nov. 27-Jan. 1. Wages can be worked out to mutual satisfaction. Call Rick Lee at 362-9107.

THE STAR AND THE LIGHT

Child, child, what do you see
Peering into infinity?
A child has the power of seeing far -
Do you see to faith? Is faith a star?
You are yourself the star and the light,
God's human candle lit in the night.
And all the darkness, all the doubt
Will never put the God-light out.
Christ in a stable far from bliss
Was born in a world as much amiss,
And Christ is born again and again,
The child of God in the children of men,
Infant and infinite intertwined,
In the mystery of body and mind.
Child, child, the light you see
Is the glimmer of your divinity.

James Dillet, Freeman

COME INSIDE INDIA - YOUR INVITATION

We invite you to come with us on Jan. 7, 21, Feb. 4, and 18, to see and hear some of the events and happenings inside India. We have a varied program to offer you and we think it will be both interesting and informative.

We will have a covered dish dinner at all sessions. Beginning at 5 pm we will present part of the program and then have a break for dinner. The program will resume as soon as the dinner is over. We should be finished by 7:30 or no later than 8:00. There will be a program for school age children. A baby sitter will

be available each night

The last evening the dinner will be an Indian meal, so find a recipe from India!

The committee suggests that you do some reading on India between now and Jan. 7.

The committee-
Helen Aleshire, Jean Wickum
Della Nofsinger, Mary Richards

FOR READING BEFORE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

We live in an overly competitive, profit-oriented, greedy society based on affluence and mass consumption - spending more and more dollars on more and more goods which we are convinced (by Madison Ave., et al.) that we need. And the more you and I earn, the more we spend and pay in taxes to support this system, insensitive to the needs of the rest of the world. The key to living a moral, pleasurable life is to reduce one's intake and outgo of material goods - to deal with the poverty of the world by rejecting America's materialistic standards - to deal with the negativity in the world by being as high, as joyous as possible in your daily life.

Dick Fairfield in the
Modern Utopian

to build a world without fear or hatred
to share one's life and livelihood
to become what one really is
to find the human way -

Patsy Sun

HOW TO ASSIST THE SPEECH & HEARING CLINIC

The Delaware Speech and Hearing Clinic will receive all proceeds from a rummage sale at St. Peter's Episcopal Church early in January.

As you know, our own Polly Focke is the director of the clinic and both Evelyn Lee and James Stephenson are current board members. There are many problems with this type of agency which provides such a worthwhile service to our county. One of the biggest problems at the present is lack of funds. Any of these people would be glad to discuss details or answer questions you have concerning the clinic.

We would appreciate your bringing any saleable items for the rummage sale to our church by Jan. 8. Household items such as curtains, draperies, rugs, dishes,

small appliances, skates, sport items, toys, and clothing are needed. It is important that all items be in good repair.

Anyone wishing to donate their services to help with this sale may contact any board member or Miss Focke.

FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The Women's Mission Society met Nov. 9 at 7:30 pm at the church. 14 were present. A very fine program, "Women of India," was given by Claudia Eliot. Ernestine Frost gave the Love Gift dedication. Hostesses for the evening were Frances Johnson and Della Dean. Refreshments and decorations were in keeping with the Thanksgiving season.

Our first Christmas activity will be the Family Service of the Hanging of the Greens.

I did not report on the Sept. or Oct. meetings but we had good attendance and fine programs. Won't you join us?

Della Dean
Program Chairman

REPORT ON PLEDGES TO DATE

Pledges thus far returned to the church are as follows:

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| Local | \$4481. |
| Bldg. | 1753 |
| Missions | 1718 |
| Repair | 511 |
| Undesignated | 3440 |
| | <u>\$11903</u> |

Ohio Forward Fund \$108

We still have a long way to go toward pledging our total budget....have you turned in your pledge?

MORNING CIRCLE GOES INTERNATIONAL

At the last meeting of the Morning Circle the members enjoyed Passion Fruit Candy - a gift from Bertha VanBrimmer in Hawaii. The group visited a number of our members.

Thou hast given us so much - give us one thing more - a grateful heart - for Christ's sake, Amen. (George Herbert)

FAITH ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD

Don Cockroft reclined in a chair by the sliding glass doors that opened onto a tiny patio. At his elbow a Bible lay open on an end table. He frequently referred to passages in the Bible to support his observations.

The Bible is the most important book in his life. It is more vital to him than his playbook.

It wasn't always that way, said Cockroft, the Cleveland Brown's punter and place kicker who is enjoying his finest season in pro football. Until this year the playbook ranked right up there with the Bible in his order of priorities. That was a mistake, he confessed.

"In the past," he said, "I was ready to give up everything to follow Christ except football. Now I can give up football."

"I would like to kick for as many years as I can," he said, "But God has a plan for all of us. Being a Christian and accepting the Word of God as it is, I want to follow the plan. I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future."

In the meantime, he believes he is playing football with God's blessing. He gives God credit for helping provide the recent 26-24 victory over Pittsburgh.

Cockroft said God was listening to him when he asked for a second chance to kick a field goal in that game. (He had missed a possible game winning field goal with time running out)

"When I missed the field goal with two minutes left I began to doubt. John Garlington was the first to meet me on the sidelines and he said I'd get another chance. Cliff Brooks said the same thing. So I hoped I'd get a second chance. There's faith in hope. God was listening."

Last winter and spring Don enrolled in a Bible course at Nazarene Bible College. He was seeking a refresher so he could make a greater contribution at weekly Bible discussions attended by some of the team members.

"I read that the Baltimore Colts held Bible meetings and I thought we needed that."

Certainly there has been a transformation in the Browns team as a whole. Backup men replaced regulars and are playing like all-conference candidates. Last minute

heroics have left national television viewers breathless and limp.

An unabashed evangelist, Cockroft knows that the next time he's standing alone with the outcome of a game hinged on his field goal, he won't really be alone.

"There are a lot of guys on our team just like me," says Cockroft.

Dan Coughlin (abridged from the Cleveland Plain Dealer, 11/26/72)

FIRST BAPTIST STUDENTS AT HAYES

The publication of the honor and merit rolls for the first quarter at Hayes High School revealed four of our youth listed. Making all A's was Steve Bougher. Making all A's and B's were Sharon Bougher, Mary Smale, and Bob Stephenson.

JUNIOR CHOIR PLANNING TO SING

The new Junior Choir, under the leadership of Polly Focke, is preparing to sing for the church in the near future. They will be rehearsing on the 5th and 12th of this month at 4:00 pm.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

Attendance in our Church School reached a high of 51 one Sunday in Nov. We also had an offering of \$10. You should peek in the nursery room and see how they are keeping a record of their attendance. How many feathers does your nursery child have?

This past Sunday you should have seen the banners the Primary class is making. Della Nofsinger was teaching for Sophia Stephenson, the regular teacher. She found the children anxious to make something to take home - for their creativeness is well challenged by Mrs. Stephenson.

A peek across the hall and you would have seen an interested group around Dick Lee who was teaching while Jean Wickum was on vacation.

Donald Brown feels that his Junior Hi class is very special and they enjoy the sessions together. Down the hall in another room you would have seen Jean Brower with her Kindergarteners working with clay as she excited their imaginations with Bible stories.

Our senior high class has been in a state of flux with the sickness of some, absence of others, and another two advancing to another class. But we are hopeful that the class will keep its interest and participation high for we love each one of our senior highers and want their class to be meaningful to them.

Our two adult classes have had one month of their two month trial of going directly to their classes. Some like it, others do not, and several miss the opening fellowship time. Let the chairman, Bertha McTaggart know how you feel about it and give her some suggestions to take to the Board for action.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, the Church School will hold its quarterly breakfast at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. The adult class will prepare and serve the breakfast. As this is the last day of 1972, something special is being planned. So we are asking for families to sign up on a list that will be in the vestibule. Let us know how many in your family will be present. This will let us know how many to prepare for. A free will offering will be received for the meal.

Do you know of anyone who has a piano just waiting to be used to the glory of the Lord? We need one for our assembly room. The piano in the primary room was brought out to the Sanctuary, then Mrs. Stephenson needed a piano for her class and the assembly room piano was moved out to her room. Now you can see why we need another piano. Thank you for any help you can give to the fulfillment of this need.

The Board of Education and the teachers wish to express their wish to each of you that you will have a blessed and meaningful Christmas season. May the true message of the coming of the Christ child fill your hearts and homes with the love, joy, peace and hope of the angel's message to the shepherds, this message of joy for all people. "Unto you is born...a savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Bertha McTaggart, Chr.

Board of Christian Education

HOSPITAL NOTES . . .

Charles Eliot was a recent patient in Jane Case Hospital. Grace Ball was also hospitalized and is now at 69 Baywood Dr. She will appreciate your cards, letters, and visits.

MEMBER SHARES IN DISPLAY OF DOLLS

Ernestine Frost, a member of the Olentangy Valley Doll Club, shared in a competition among the members in creating a handmade doll depicting an historical event or character. Her entry was a corn cob doll. It will be on display during January at the Worthington Public Library.

ANY BIKES TO SHARE WITH ANOTHER?

The Fraternal Order of Police in cooperation with the National Guard has begun a program to provide repaired bicycles for the Christmas Clearing House. If you have a repairable bike you may take it to the Armory or the Delaware Police Dept. by Dec. 9.

MEALS ON WHEELS AVAILABLE

Many persons are apparently unaware that there is a local program to provide hot meals for persons unable to adequately care for themselves. The meals are delivered six days per week; cost is \$7.50 per week for one meal each day; \$11.25 for two daily. Persons who cannot afford the cost can receive assistance. If interested call 369-2122. Marjorie Smale is involved in the program and would be glad to discuss it with you. Her number is 362-7107.

ANNUAL MEETING NOT FAR OFF

The annual congregational meeting of our fellowship is January 10th. It begins with a covered dish dinner. The annual reports are given and officers elected.

PROJECT CLEAN UP, PAINT UP

A new project has been started. While cleaning the church for the Stephensons' anniversary, many of us realized the need for year round care which can only come from concerned members willing to give some time each month. We've decided to work on the first Tuesday of each month. Three of us met in November to work in the nursery. There is still much to be done in the nursery before we move on to another room. Jobs range from painting, to scrubbing, sorting, and repair. All talents are needed. If you can't come on

the first Tuesday, perhaps you could set aside another monthly time when you could do your bit to keep our building lovelier.

Call Marjorie Smale or Evelyn Lee if you need help finding a job that needs to be done. Men, women, and children are all needed.

THE COMINGS...DOINGS...AND GOINGS OF SOME OF YOUR FIRST BAPTIST FRIENDS...

The MCTAGGARTS have returned from a vacation in Texas and points in between, including Oral Roberts University..... The WICKUMS vacationed in Florida with Wick's folks RICK VANBRIMMER attended the state BYF convention in Columbus The INSCHOS traveled to the Smokey Mountains..... JIM STEPHENSON, STEVE BOUGHER, and SHARON BOUGHER played in the OWU Symphonic Band Concert Nov. 21.. Your MINISTER spent a week at Ohio State in a continuing education seminar on preaching, picked up a traveling bug of somekind which led to JIM VANBRIMMER preaching Sunday, Nov. 19, and doing a great job of it....and a lot of strange looking "people" arrived at the church the night of Oct. 28 only to be met by the devil, escorted past a goblin, witnessed Dracula's resurrection, and chased by a ghost into the kettle of a witch... but despite this, had a ball....You had to be there!

FURTHERMORE . . .

What was your coming, doing, or going, which did not make it into NEWS AND VIEWS because your ed. was not reminded of it or hadn't heard of it?

THESE ARE TO HELP YOU These are affirmations, written by Lowell Fillmore, son of the founders of Unity School of Christianity . . . Your minister met him while in Unity for a national CFO meeting. . . Lowell seemed to shine with love and happiness, an old man by the calendar, but youthful with the Spirit of Christ. (In case you don't know, an affirmation is a statement of faith, of expectancy, a prayer as prayer is defined by our Lord in Mark 11:24) He uses these himself, and shares them with his friends - which means everyone . . .

'I go to meet my good. (to be used when answering doorbell, or phone, or on the

way to an appointment)

Divine love thru me blesses and multiplies this money. (to be used for blessing money when received or paid out)

I greet the presence and power of God here. (to be used in entering any home or building)

The Spirit of the Lord goes before me making safe, happy, and successful my way. (to be used when starting on a trip)

There is but one Presence and Power here. (to be used when you seem to be up against a stone wall and the problem facing you seems beyond human solution)

Life. (to be spoken silently in times of health emergency)

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Page 8 is a calendar of coming events in the church and community. Each newsletter will carry such a calendar for the month ahead. It will be to the advantage of your organization, etc., to submit the dates in advance of NEWS AND VIEWS publication.

A SUGGESTION -

It has been suggested that our newsletter list the birthdays and anniversaries of our friends in the church. A great idea but only possible if all of you give your editor your own dates. A phone call will do it - 363-7021.

If you could know from here where you were going, that wouldn't be the place to go.

Which means that life is full of the unexpected, great surprises, and you had better . . .

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OPPORTUNITIES IN DECEMBER

December

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| 3 | 9:15 am | Church School |
| | 10:30 am | Morning Worship (1st Sunday in Advent) |
| | 7:30 pm | Board of Deacons and Deaconesses |
| 5 | 4:00 pm | Junior Choir |
| 6 | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 8:00 pm | Bible Study |
| 10 | 9:15 am | Church School |
| | 10:30 am | Morning Worship (2nd Sunday in Advent) |
| | 6:00 pm | Family Christmas - Hanging of the Greens |
| 12 | 4:00 pm | Junior Choir |
| | 8:00 pm | Community Chorus at St. Mary Church |
| 13 | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 8:00 pm | Bible Study |
| 14 | 9:00 am | Morning Circle |
| | 7:30 pm | Shepard Circle with Bertha McTaggart |
| 16 | 6:30 pm | Groan-ups with Susan Mussard |
| | 6:30 pm | Adult Class meets at Mansfields for caroling |
| 17 | 9:15 am | Church School |
| | 10:30 am | Morning Worship (3rd Sunday in Advent) |
| | 4:00 pm | Hayes High School Christmas Concert at Willis |
| | 7:00 pm | Bd. of Ed., Teachers (& husbands & wives), Dinner with McTaggarts |
| 19 | 12:00 n | Delaware Clergy at St. Mary School |
| 20 | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 8:00 pm | Bible Study |
| 24 | 9:15 am | Church School |
| | 10:30 am | Morning Worship - Cantata (4th Sunday in Advent) |
| | 11:40 am | Board of Trustees |
| | 7:30 pm | Candlelight Communion |
| 25 | | Have a joyful Christmas ! ! ! |
| 26 | 7:30 pm | Interchurch Council at Asbury |
| 27 | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 8:00 pm | Bible Study |
| 31 | 9:15 am | Church School Breakfast in Fellowship Hall |
| | 10:30 am | Morning Worship |