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The Dec. 30 issue of TIME magazine carried an eight page feature article on the Bible. The editors titled it, THE BIBLE: THE BELIEVERS GAIN. Although some of you may find portions of the article to be negative, there are three points which deserve your attention. First, the Bible is gaining popularity "among people of all spiritual stripes - or none at all. Translated into 1,526 languages, it is being bought by or sent to more people than ever before . . . Zondervan Publishing House reports sales of all editions this year are five times as great as they were four years ago." Second, the article includes "A Bible Buyer's Catalogue" which describes 11 translations which are currently available. You will find this helpful when you purchase a new Bible for yourself or for a gift. Third, the article concludes with these words - "the persistent message of the Bible will not go away . . . God intervened in history to help man. Whether it was at the time of the Exodus, the giving of the Law, the Incarnation or the Resurrection . . . ordinary human history was interrupted, and has never since been the same."

Baptists are a people of the Bible. Our movement started with it and it is our only statement of faith. I feel a great need for us to go back (which is really going forward!) to the basics of Biblical Christianity. January is our month of dedication. January 19 is Sunday of Dedication when we shall have an opportunity to make a personal act of commitment to the Christ we meet both in the pages of the Scripture and within our own souls. Thus we begin a new year by placing ourselves and our church at the CENTER of God's purpose and plan.

A great year and a richer life to us all!

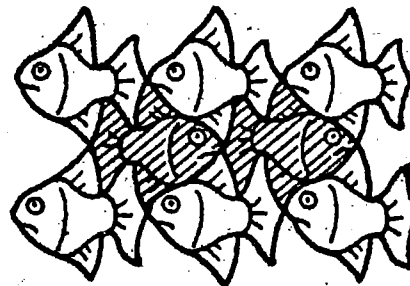
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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

All of us are appreciative of the efforts of those who worked long and diligently to make our Advent-Christmas time one of inspiration and pleasure. We began with our annual Advent celebration and concluded with Christmas Eve candlelight communion. The Women's Society joined with the Board of Christian Education to sponsor a program the Sunday before Christmas. The adult fellowship had a dinner and parties were held for the children of the Church School. Wick and the Choir, accompanied by Ruth Brown, sang us a merry Christmas by presenting "The Story of Love," a beautiful cantata. It is not possible to name everyone who shared in all the preparations, but a public thank you should go to Evelyn Lee, who was responsible for (among other things) the Advent celebration, and Jean Brower, who directed the program Dec. 22, and to Ruth Brown, who spent most of Advent at either the organ or the piano! God bless you all!

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Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore!  
- Anon.



Church Annual Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR JANUARY 8

The annual congregational meeting has been set for Wed., Jan. 8, at 6:30pm. We begin with a covered dish dinner (the beverage will be provided) and immediately following will hear the annual reports, elect officers and act on the budget.

ANNUAL REPORTS	
	BUDGET
	PASTOR
	ELECTION

## MORTGAGE PAID! SPECIAL SERVICE DEC. 8

A special service was held during Morning Worship Dec. 8 in celebration of the payment of our mortgage on our educational building.

Participating were W. C. Wickum, who told us the Way It Was in the Church School before we built. James VanBrimmer and John McTaggart told us What We Did About It in terms of planning, financing, etc. The paid up mortgage was presented to the church by Alfred B. Wise, president of the Delaware County Bank, and moderator Larry Faulk responded for the congregation. A letter of congratulations from the Ohio Baptist Convention was read.

The original Building Committee was composed of Laura Wagner and Charles Eliot, cochairmen, Donald Faulk, Richard Lee, James VanBrimmer, and W. C. Wickum.

## CHRISTMAS HAIKUS FROM JUNIOR CLASS

Mary holds her baby  
Does she see  
He's the Christ?

First a burning bush  
Then a little baby boy  
God was there in both.

Mary and Jesus  
Mary is holding Jesus  
They are together.

- submitted by Junior  
teacher, Jean Wickum

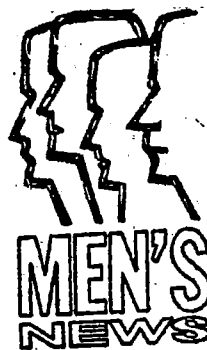
## LETTERS TO THE CHURCH . . . . .

On behalf of the Board of Christian Education I want to thank all of you who gave time and energy to the Christmas activities. We really appreciate you!

- Evelyn Lee Chr., Bd. of  
Christian Education

Our family is deeply appreciative of the generous Christmas gift you gave us during the Christmas Eve service. We also are thankful for the cards, etc., and all the kind words you sent our way. It is good to be part of such a wonderful family!

- the Stephensons,  
Steve, Sophia, & Bob



## MEN OF MARION ASSOC. TO MEET IN DELAWARE

The Men's Brotherhood of the Marion Baptist Association will meet at our church Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 6:30pm. It is ladies night and wives are expected. Dinner will be served by the women of our congregation at \$1.75 per person. Bill Bowser, minister of the Karl Rd.

Baptist Church, Columbus, and newly elected president of the Ohio Baptist Convention, will be the speaker. Reservations are necessary and may be phoned into the church office, 363-7021.

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Christ, with the Cross in his clairvoyant  
gaze,  
Cried "Joy" in nights as black as these  
we know;  
Cried "Joy" to lepers, bidding them to go  
Healed into life...and gave the blind new  
days.  
I dare to speak of joy because I know  
That One who knew the Cross knew joy  
despite  
Gethsemane, and agony in the night,  
And dread of the long harsh road which He  
must go.  
His word was promise given. I accept.  
And when the mind betrays me with its  
fright  
I will turn blinded eyes...and find the  
Light,  
And cry with joy to find that Promise kept.  
- Don Elandring

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## MARION WOMEN TO MEET AT MT. GILEAD

The women of the Marion Association will meet Jan. 16 at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Gilead at 9:45am. The theme is "Search for the Whole Life." Dr. Robert Ginn, pastor of Marion Trinity, will give a communion meditation during the afternoon session. Mrs. Ginn will be soloist. A nursery is available.

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For in Christ you have all of God in a  
human body. (Col. 2:9a)



### January

Your hands are  
expressions of your  
Christian Concern

close, construct, repair, hold, release,  
show . . . One way you can use them is to  
"give a hand" for Christ.

### MISSIONARY MESSAGE

What you do with your  
hands tells a potent  
story. How essential  
to you are your hands  
- and how expressive  
of your feelings!

Hands receive, grasp,  
strike, repel, beck-  
on, caress, accept,  
reject, give, open,

### THE DEACONS & DEACONESSES SAY . . .

Happy New Year to each and everyone of  
you. We hope for you a new year full of  
opportunities and blessings that only God  
can give you. The church can help you  
and we the deacons and deaconesses also  
want to help you by sharing with each  
other the love that is manifested in Jesus  
Christ. Many of the greatest gifts from  
God have to be actively sought for. The  
four propositions for spiritual growth  
are:

1. You'll get nothing unless you go after  
it. God does not force growth upon  
you.
2. You may have as much as you insist upon  
having.
3. You will have as little as you are sat-  
isfied with.
4. You now at this very moment have as  
much as you really want.

God's blessings upon you and may our  
church grow this year because we each  
are growing more Christlike.

- Donna Brown, Jean  
Wickum, John McTaggart, Wilbur  
Wickum, Jack Smith, & Joe Brower

### FROM THE TRUSTEES . . .

Repair work has slowed down as we are  
all collecting our thoughts about the hol-  
idays and the jobs that have been complet-  
ed this year.

The new office sign has been installed  
as well as the new draperies and hardware.

I, John Mansfield, would like to take  
this opportunity to thank all the members  
of this board of trustees for their time

and effort in the work that has been com-  
pleted this year. I would also thank every  
member and all outside helpers for making  
this a good year for our church mainten-  
ance. Thank you.

- John Mansfield, Chr.

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A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows -  
not good unless pushed.

Some are like canoes - they need to be  
paddled.

Some are like kites - if you don't keep a  
string on them they fly away.

Some are like footballs - you can't tell  
where they will bounce next.

Some are like balloons - full of wind and  
ready to blow up.

Some are like trailers - they have to be  
pulled.

Some are like a good watch - open face,  
pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good  
works.

- Anon.

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### FROM THE FOURTH GRADE CLASS

The fourth grade class has been very  
busy this month with their new teacher,  
Mrs. Faulk. They have finished their Med-  
iterranean clay village, made a wall mural  
of the nativity, and assembled Christmas  
mobiles. They have been learning a new  
song, reading from the Bible, acting out  
stories, and learning about witnessing.  
We welcome visitors anytime. Come in and  
see our creations.

- Fourth graders

### DEATH IN CHURCH FAMILY

Mrs. J. V. Ekelberry passed away Dec.  
18. We extend our Christian sympathy to  
Dick and Jean Ekelberry.

### A SMILE A SPECIAL GIFT

Nothing on earth can smile but man.  
Flowers cannot smile; this is a charm that  
even they cannot claim. It is a preroga-  
tive of mankind; it is the color which  
love wears and cheerfulness and joy - these  
three. It is a light in the windows of  
the face by which the heart signifies it is  
at home and waiting. It costs nothing but  
creates much. It enriches those who receive

without impoverishing those who give.

A smile happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich that he can get along without it and none so poor but he is richer for its benefits. It creates happiness in the home and fosters good will in business. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen. It is something that is no earthly good to anybody till it is given away. If at times you meet someone who fails to give you a smile, may I ask that you give one of your own? For nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none to give.

- submitted by Joe Brower

#### DISCIPLESHIP CLASS TO BEGIN

A discipleship class for any who are interested in receiving baptism will begin Saturday, Jan. 18, at 1:00pm at the church office. There are no age divisions for the first session, but the group will divide if the age range requires it. It will be helpful if you indicate your intention to attend in advance, but this is not required. The number of class sessions will depend upon the progress of the group. Check with pastor if you have any questions.

#### WHAT TO DO ABOUT WORLD-WIDE HUNGER

Daily the public media keeps us informed about the world famine situation. UN experts inform us that more than 700 million people are suffering from malnutrition and many of these are facing starvation. American Baptists are concerned and the denomination is anxious to assist you in meeting this need. The best way for American Baptists to channel their relief money is thru the regular treasurer's remittance report, clearing indicating that the money is for relief or famine. This way the money will automatically be channeled thru the ABC World Relief Committee. All the money goes where the donor wishes it to go.

In Delaware a Food Pantry is available for persons in need. You will find a box in the vestibule for contributions.

#### INSTALLATION SERVICE PLANNED

The officers elected at the annual meeting Jan. 8 will be installed at the morning worship service Jan. 12.

#### WHY "UGLY" THINGS ARE BEAUTIFUL

The students of Mel Glenn at Brooklyn's Lincoln High School were asked to write on the above theme. Below are some of the responses which were printed in the New York Times.

"Roaches are very friendly. You can always count on them being there. You never have to eat alone because they will walk right up to you, as if to say, move over and let's eat together. Even when you turn on the kitchen light in the middle of the night, they are there to welcome you. Roaches are lovable, and cute."

"Snakes aren't ugly; they are all different colors. If you would pick one up you'd see how strong and how beautiful snakes are. They have character."

"Platform shoes. How soft they are when you're walking tall. Just think, with platform shoes you can get high without having to come down."

#### HOW ABOUT CHECKING OUR LITERATURE RACK!??

All material in the literature rack in the vestibule is free. You are also invited to place material there that has had meaning for you and you'd like to share. Take a look at it now and then.

#### FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The Women's Mission Society met Dec. 12 at the church for their work day; the day was spent rolling bandages for White Cross. Myrtle Gabriel reported the White Cross work is ahead of schedule.

Our Christmas program was held Sunday, Dec. 22, 7:15 at the church. The program was "Mothers of the World," and was directed by Jean Brower. Those taking part were Linda White, mother of India; Edna Darling, mother of South Africa; Donna Brown, mother of El Salvador; Carol Grubbs, mother of Vietnam; Bertha McTaggart, mother of the United States; Karen Stoner, mother of Jesus.

There was also singing of Christmas carols. Thanks to all who participated. We were all invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and where we observed the birthday party for the baby Jesus which was directed by Evelyn Lee and Jean Wickum. It



was indeed an evening of inspiration.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 9 at 7:30pm at the home of Bertha McTaggart. Bertha will have the program, "Which Way and How for the Mission Fields." Assistant hostesses are Ruth and Donna Brown. Let's all try to attend.

Those who are saving nickles in the box which were distributed are asked to bring them at the meeting the 9th.

We are in need of old sheets for White Cross bandages. Call Myrtle Gabriel or Evelyn Lee if you have any to give.

We have had a good year in '74, let's strive for a better one in '75.

- Della Dean, Program Chr.

#### LOCAL BAPTISTS IN THE NEWS

Readers of the American Baptist Magazine should have seen the picture of Joe Brower in the Ohio section. Joe is the current president of the American Baptist Men of Ohio.

Bertha McTaggart is serving on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Baptist Convention.

Jim VanBrimmer was a recent president of the American Baptist Men of Ohio

and both he and Joe have served terms as vice-president.

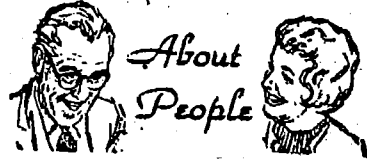
And speaking of the American Baptist magazine, are you getting your copy? If not, phone the church office.

#### FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We are beginning a new fiscal year and with the economic conditions at the present time the financial outlook of the church is not good. You received a proposed budget earlier that showed the needs for the coming year to be \$24,856.00. Pledges received to date total \$15,561.60 or \$9,294.40 short, approximately 37% less than the proposed budget. We know that there are other funds that will come in that is not pledged, but even that will leave us \$3,937.00 short or about 15%. Perhaps you feel the need to increase your pledge; if you didn't pledge yet and would like to, I need it before the Jan. 8 annual business meeting. Some who do not give at the present time need very much to examine their circumstances, the need of the church, and their commitment to the teachings of Jesus about our responsibility toward Him. Otherwise

serious cutbacks in the work of the church will be necessary to keep within the money available. God does not want this to happen I'm sure. He will provide for our needs, but we must be the vessels, willing to be used of God. God bless you in the new year.

- Joe Brower, Finance Chr.



Among the familiar faces seen in our worship services were students on vacation from various colleges and universities.... RICK and MARCIA LEE from the University of Minnesota, where both are graduate students ....PAM LATHROP from Bowling Green....and DARLENE BROWER from Stratford Women's College in Tampa, Florida...FRED and LUCILLE VIA visited their daughter NANCY and her family in Staunton, Va. for the holidays.. ..POLLY FOCKE visited her sister in South Carolina....PETER and LINDA WHITE entertained her parents, MR. & MRS. SECKMAN, and her brother, from Vienna, W. Va., and PETER'S mother, CAROLYN, from Fostoria.... after Christmas PETE and LINDA visited in Vienna....HARRY and TERRI KOLTOVITCH were in New Jersey visiting HARRY'S family.... TED, JEANNIE, and AMY STEPHENSON of Indianapolis spent Christmas with the BROWES and STEPHENSONS and TED was the speaker at our Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve..... the BROWERS had their entire family with them....STEVE and family from Zanesville and SHARON and husband from Kansas City where he is studying for the ministry..... DELLA NOFSINGER's new address is 57 North Washington and her phone is 362-1445..... RICHARD LEE suffered an eye injury while on a Scout camping trip and after several painful weeks is now fine....RUFUS and HELEN CRANE celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec 26 and had as guests their daughters DOROTHY from Washington Court House, MARJORIE from Niagra Falls, and MARJORIE's son DAVID, daughter PEGGY and her son DAVID from Los Angeles....the CHOIR enjoyed a covered dish supper Dec. 27 with GEORGE and MARGARET YOUNG.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

OCT. BALANCE \$281.93

Received Nov. 3 \$616.16  
 Nov. 10 215.00  
 Nov. 17 329.69  
 Nov. 24 83.26

\$1244.11  
 Plus CROP 179.75  
 " Salary Support 104.20  
 " Repair Fund transfer 1161.61  
 \$2971.60

November Disbursements 2467.88

NOVEMBER BALANCE \$ 503.72

Received Dec. 1 200.79  
 Dec. 8 247.01  
 Dec. 15 315.93  
 Dec. 22 155.03  
 Dec. 29 214.10

Plus CROP 3.00  
 " Repair fund transfer 215.04  
 " Salary Support 104.20  
 " Christmas offering 38.50  
 \$1997.32

December Disbursements 1948.36

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD \$ 48.96  
 TO 1975

## MISSIONS TO VALLEY FORGE

NOVEMBER, '74

Undesignated \$ 89.00  
 Judson College 50.00  
 Northern Seminary 75.00  
 Love Gift 6.15  
 M. & M. Communion Offering 25.69  
 \$245.84

DECEMBER, '74

Undesignated \$138.50  
 Judson College 50.00  
 Northern Seminary 60.00  
 Love Gift 18.64  
 \$267.14

- Ruth Brown,  
 Treasurer

## NO OTHER WAY

(this beautiful poem is meant to help us face the new year in an expectant and positive state of mind. Use it in your meditation - it has power)

Could we but see the pattern of our days,  
 We should discern how devious were the ways  
 By which we came to this, the present time,  
 This place in life; and we should see the  
 climb

Our soul has made up thru the years.  
 We should forget the hurts, the wanderings,  
 the fears,

The wastelands of our life, and know  
 That we could come no other way or grow  
 Into our good without these steps our feet  
 Found hard to take, our faith found hard  
 to meet.

The road of life winds on, and we like  
 travelers go

From turn to turn until we come to know  
 The truth that life is endless and that we  
 Forever are inhabitants of all eternity.

- Martha Smock

## INTERCHURCH COUNCIL EMPLOYS CHAPLAIN

The Interchurch Council, made up of the cooperating churches of Delaware city and county, have employed the Rev. James Miller as chaplain at Grady Memorial Hospital. Chaplain Miller will begin his service this month. Jim VanBrimmer served on the committee which hired the new chaplain.

## DEDICATION MONTH

How do you see the New Year? Your church believes it can be a year of spiritual growth in our ministry for Christ. Therefore January is our month of dedication to the Master of the Years. January 19 is Sunday of Dedication, and as part of our worship you will have an opportunity to make an act of personal dedication. The Lessons for the month have this as their theme.

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Come to me and I will give you rest - all of you who work so hard beneath a heavy yoke. Wear my yoke - for it fits perfectly - and let me teach you; for I am gentle and humble, and you shall find rest for your souls; for I give you only light burdens.  
 (Matthew 11:28-30, from Living Bible)

# DEATH IN LEE FAMILY

Mrs. Grace Lee, grandmother of Richard Lee, passed away December 17. She was 93 at the time of her death. We extend our sympathy to Dick, Evelyn, and their family.

## SENIOR HIGH ROOM GETS FACE-LIFT

The Senior Hi Class has begun the task of remodeling their class room with the supervision of their teacher, Joe Brower. Plans include a new south wall, paneling of all walls, etc. Stop in and see the work in progress.

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## THE HOUSEWIFE

Jesus, teach me how to be  
Proud of my simplicity.

Sweep the floors, wash the clothes,  
Gather for each vase a rose,

Iron and mend a tiny frock  
Keeping one eye on the clock.

Always having time kept free  
For childish questions asked of me.

Grant me wisdom Mary had  
When she taught her little Lad,

- Catherine C. Coblentz

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"But, I went LAST Sunday!"

## CHURCH CALENDAR

JANUARY,

1975

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	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

- 1 Wednesday HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!
- 2 Thursday 7:30 Nominating Committee.
- 5 Sunday 9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Communion (Epiphany).  
2:00 Nominating Committee.  
8:00 Bd. of Education.
- 6 Monday 5:30 Alcoholism Council.
- + 8 Wednesday 6:30 Annual Meeting & Dinner.
- 9 Thursday 7:30 Women's Society with  
Bertha McTaggart.
- 12 Sunday 9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Worship. Installation  
of officers.  
11:30 Board of Trustees.
- 14 Tuesday 6:30 Marion Men here. Dinner  
and speaker. \$1.75.
- 15 Wednesday 9:00 Morning Circle with  
Carol Grubbs.  
7:00 Bible study.  
8:00 Choir rehearsal.
- 16 Thursday 9:45 Marion Women at Mt.  
Gilead.  
7:30 Shephard Circle with  
Ernestine Frost.
- 19 Sunday 9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Worship. Day of Ded-  
ication.  
6:00 Deacons & Deaconesses.  
7:15 Song service.
- 22 Wednesday 7:00 Bible study.  
8:00 Choir rehearsal.
- 25 Saturday 8:00 Adult social.
- 26 Sunday 9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Worship.
- 27 Monday 7:30 Parish Council.
- 28 Tuesday 7:30 Interchurch Council at  
St. Peter's.
- 29 Wednesday 7:00 Bible study.  
8:00 Choir rehearsal.

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+ Teachers meet at church from 9-11am.

Discipleship class meets each Saturday at  
1:00pm. Additional sessions may be sched-  
uled.

Ohio Pastors Convocation meets in Columbus  
Jan. 27-29 and may require change in Parish  
Council's date.

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Thirty persons offered themselves to Christ in dedication during our worship service January 19. What an enormous difference this response can make in their lives! I challenged them to do something specific about their dedication and to do it quickly. This is a Spiritual Principle. You either use it or lose it so do it! Their dedication comes at an ideal time in the church year. Lent begins Wednesday, Feb. 12. So to the thirty and to all of us I make the following suggestions: Start a study program and join our new Lenten Group - see the article below. Get instructions in meditation and start practicing it. Do something generous and loving for someone and do it right away. Increase your giving for others. Participate regularly and actively in your church's life. Call the church office if you have questions or suggestions. The major purpose of the church is to take people from where they are to where they ought to be! Shall we get going? (JBS)  
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#### LENTEN SCHEDULE



Lent Begins

Lent is the season of 40 days preceding Easter, not counting Sundays. It has been observed in the church since early times as a time of fasting and penitence, but the emphasis most common now is renewal and growth in Christ. In other words, it is better to grow up than to cry out. The word "Lent" is from an old Anglo-Saxon term for spring. Below you will find listed some of the activities prepared for

you by your church. By the way, why is a lamb used as a symbol for Christ?

There will be a special Lenten Group scheduled which will have as its theme, "Living the Christ-Way." It might also be called a Discipleship Class for adults. The group will meet each Sunday night at 7:15 beginning February 16 - but note - the first session will be after the monthly song service, about 8pm or a few minutes later. The March 16 session will also be after the monthly song service. So, every Sunday night in Lent at 7:15 except for Feb. 16 and March 16 when it will be after the song service. OK? Every person who attends will receive a free copy of "Jesus," published by the American Bible Society and consisting of the story of Jesus taken from Today's English Version. If you have questions about the group and what we are planning, call the church office.

In addition to the class on Sundays, the Wednesday night Bible study will continue at 7:00pm. We are now studying the letter to Ephesus but by Lent will be on a different portion of Scripture. Watch the weekly bulletin for details.

Maundy Thursday Communion in the Fellowship Hall will be at 8:00pm, March 27. The community Good Friday service will be held but details are not now available. We anticipate holding an Easter Sunrise service followed by breakfast and Easter worship in our Sanctuary at 10:30am. Easter is March 30.

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This may sound irreverent, but we really don't do too well on our knees. Jesus wanted more to be followed than worshipped. I think we sometimes believe that if we approach Jesus on our knees He will be disarmed by our apparent piety and not notice that we haven't pitched in anywhere.  
- Input

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#### STATEMENT OF MISSION

We believe that creation continues. We are confident that, as one expression of God's love, there is a purpose and process unfolding in every individual's life, and that the individual's joy and fulfillment depend on discovering and cooperating with that process.

Our mission is to meet and accept people where they are in their own process; to encourage and enable them in making choices

of life patterns that harmonize with the divine purpose in them; and to give supportive fellowship as together we seek further growth.

- the Statement of Purpose of Shadybrook House, a retreat center near Mentor, Ohio

#### FORMER PASTOR ILL IN MICHIGAN

The Rev. Morgan L. Williams, a former pastor of our church, is ill in a Detroit hospital. He suffered a massive coronary attack on Aug. 27, and since then he has been in and out of the hospital several times due to the heart problem and other major complications. His condition is now listed as very serious.

The Williams' have lived for the past five years at a retirement home under the management of the Michigan Baptist Convention. Their address is:

Whittier Towers  
415 Burns Drive  
Detroit, Michigan 48214

#### FROM THE TRUSTEES

The new board of trustees consists of Don Faulk, Don Brown, Steve Stoner, Peter White, and John Mansfield. These men are looking forward to serving you in the coming year.

Among the first items to be taken care of in 1975 is changing of filters and setting up maintenance programs for our buildings.

One major problem arose on Jan. 19 at the parsonage. An electrical fire in the main fuse box caused some anxious moments for the Stephenson family about 9:00pm when fire began to fly. The power was restored via temporary hookup about 10:30pm. Phil Richert has installed a new electric service this week.

We ask your continued support and prayers.

John Mansfield, Chr.

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You don't have to wait 20 years for cigarettes to affect you. In just three seconds, a cigarette makes your heart beat faster, shoots your blood pressure up, replaces oxygen in your blood with carbon monoxide, and leaves cancer-causing chemicals in your body.

- Input

#### LETTERS . . .

Dear friends in the First Baptist Church:

For almost two years, a series of various illnesses has kept us from church attendance and activities. We regret this, for we have missed being with you. Although it has been so long since we have participated in person, many times you have been in our thoughts, hearts and prayers. Often we are with you in spirit.

This letter to you is long overdue and for this we are sorry. Never the less, we are truly grateful to so many of you for your thoughtfulness. We take this method of saying "thank you" to Rev. Stephenson for his visits and help; to you who have stopped by to chat with us, who have called by telephone or sent friendly notes or cards; for the extra little things many of you have done for us; and to the carollers at Christmas time and to the church school children who visited us on Easter. We appreciate everything. It is good to realize that we are remembered so fondly.

We appreciate and enjoy the news letter. We look forward to reading about church activities and the personal news about the church families. It helps us to keep in touch. Also, we always profit from the messages of our pastor and others.

Health-wise, we are progressing, but the pace is still slow. We are hopeful that, with the coming of spring and better weather, we may be back with you on Sunday mornings.

We hope you will continue to remember us in your prayers.

May God bless each one of you.

Charles and Claudia Eliot

Dear friends,

I want to thank all of you who have contributed to our adult socials for the past year. We will continue them in 1975 and I will need volunteer hosts and hostesses. We can meet in your home or in the church.

Pam Faulk  
Adult Chr., Bd. of Ed.

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The only reality in the world is the passion for growth. (Pierre de Chardin)

# AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING DUE MARCH 2

We are looking forward to our annual America for Christ offering which will be received March 2. . . FreeINdeed, the theme, has two meanings - in the name of Christ, be free in deed so that others may indeed be free; and you give a hand when you help others to find Christ and thus be freeindeed.

Give a Hand to Help Them  
be Freeindeed "...if the Son makes you free  
**freeindeed**  
you will be free indeed."

## FROM THE DEACONS & DEACONESSSES

At the first meeting of the Board of Deacons & Deaconesses John B. McTaggart was elected chairman. The board members are: Jean Wickum, Jack Smith, Donna Brown, Larry Faulk, James VanBrimmer, and the chairman. James VanBrimmer was appointed to the constitution committee established by vote at the annual meeting of the church. Jean Wickum will represent the board on the raminating committee. A communication was sent to the moderator of the Marion Association requesting the convening of an ordination council for the purpose of examining Edna Darling who is requesting ordination. The Board of Deacons & Deaconesses will do its best to serve the church throughout the coming year.

John B. McTaggart

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A man is incomplete until he is married.  
Then he is finished.

Zsa Zsa Gabor

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## NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The Women's Mission Society met Thursday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 at the home of Bertha McTaggart with 17 present. Bertha gave a

very fine program, "Which Way and How Far to the Mission Fields." Thanks Bertha, I'm sorry I had to miss the meeting. Mrs. Pat Johnson was a guest. Ruth Brown was assistant hostess. Our next meeting will be a workday, Feb. 13, at the church, 10:00 - 2:30. Bring sewing equipment.

- Della Dean, Pro. Chr.

## GUEST COLUMNIST

Jean Wickum

It was very kind of the minister and choir director to give Doris Smale and me credit for the words of the anthem the women of the choir sang on Jan. 19. But the real author was Christina Rosetti. Several years ago, the young people of the church came back from camp singing the old Welsh song, "The Ashgrove." It was so pretty that we wanted to sing it as an anthem. We couldn't find the tune with sacred words set to it, so we took the words of the poem we all love so much, and Doris and Jean fitted them to the tune. Mostly Doris did it, really. She is a very talented young woman. Anyway, we hope all of you enjoyed both words and music, and that you were helped to a more worshipful mood by it.

When Wick and I were in Florida the first part of January, we had the pleasure of seeing Myrtle Smith, and spending a day with her. She is very busy working on her place, scrubbing, painting, planting, etc., and is in good health. We went over on a Monday morning, a lovely sunny day, and she came back with us to Deland to Wick's folks' place, and the three "Floridians" talked plants and flowers while we "northerners" listened. She greatly admired Dad Wickum's big camellia bush with about 300 rosy red blossoms on it. We then went out to lunch and over to Daytona Beach, to drive along the sands and admire the ocean view...and I think Dad and Wick enjoyed the pretty girls on the beach, too. Before we went back to Altoona we stopped in a huge fabric store, and went to a drug store for a soda. So a very good time was had by all, and Miss Myrtle sends you all her love.

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An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have. The older she gets, the more interest he has in her.

- Agatha Christie

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## DISCIPLESHIP CLASS TO TRY AGAIN!

The first meeting of our Discipleship Class resulted in the attendance of one pupil! Future meetings will be on each Tuesday, at the church, at 3:45pm. The next session will not be until Feb. 4 as the pastor will be attending the Ohio Pastors Convocation.

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The more you give, the more you get -  
The more you laugh,  
The less you fret -  
The more you do unselfishly,  
The more you live abundantly,

The more of everything you share,  
The more you'll always  
have to spare -

The more you love, the more you'll find  
That life is good  
And friends are kind...

For only what we give away,  
Enriches us from day to day....  
So let's live Christmas thru the year  
And fill the world  
With love and cheer.

- Helen Steiner Rice

(contributed by Karen Stoner)

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## MISSION EFFORT PLANNED FOR APRIL

According to reliable sources, the Board of Christian Education has secured the services of the two top persons in the Ohio Baptist Convention mission picture to serve as resource leaders for mission education programs in April.

Rev. George Calhoun, minister of World Mission Support, and Rev. Focke Ferre, Director of the Ohio Forward program have been confirmed for special services on two consecutive Sundays. The Board of Deacons and Deaconesses have approved the use of the regular worship service time for their presentations. These men will also be available for informal discussion during the church school hour and at a luncheon at the church if there is interest enough to make it worthwhile.

A spokesman for the Board declared that changing concepts of Christian mission calls for a fresh approach in efforts to

make the whole church aware of the changes and of the emerging role of denominations, churches and individuals in this phase of Christian ministry, and it is hoped that these encounters will not only be inspirational and informative, but also times for critical questioning of policy and administration.

Since the availability of the two OBC staff persons has just recently been confirmed, detail planning has yet to be worked out. Hopefully this will involve all of the church boards as well as the WMS.

If these efforts are well received, there are plans for focusing attention upon mission needs and opportunities right here in Delaware, on a subsequent Sunday.

Watch NEWS AND VIEWS, and listen for announcements as planning for these special Sundays unfolds.

- Jim VanBrimmer,  
Missions Chr.

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## SUNDAY OR SON-DAY by Steve Stoner

Sunday? What is Sunday to you? According to the dictionary it is "the Sabbath of most Christian sects, observed in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ." I think everyone agrees on this statement - but how many of us really observe it as such? Do you look forward to it as a day of worship or as a day to read the Sunday paper? To see what football game is on the tube and wonder if you are going to get upset at the outcome of the game? Nobody is perfect, I admit, and if we would just stop and think about the real reason that we get up on Sunday and go to church - is it because we were taken there since we were a child, or is it because we really have a spiritual need of it? Well, I did some thinking on the reason why I go to church on Sunday. And it is for these reasons the spirit has led me to share them with you.

I have several reasons why I enjoy Sunday and all that happens on that glorious day. But first - I have always wondered, why the title "Sunday?" "Sun" could be pointing out that the sun always appears on this day. At least, as far back as I can remember into my younger days, the sun always shone on this day, a special day of the week. Maybe not for long, but it did show at least for a split second on every Sunday since I can

remember. And it still does every Sunday. Every Sunday when I am sitting in the church and listening to the pastor speak, I always get a glimpse of the sun coming in through the stained glass windows as though the Son was proclaiming that it was His day and that He was grateful for all the people that know the meaning of Sunday. The fellowship that is aroused among the people that the Son's rays touch, and the words the pastor speaks seem to somehow filter through the Son's rays. The next time that you sit in the Sanctuary and look at the stained glass windows, see if you cannot see the Son's rays present in the warmth of the church and the sun's rays acting as the Son's arms around us all. What is your reason for getting up on Sunday morning - is it the morning paper or the sunshine - or is it the warmth of the SON-shine?

#### ANNUAL MEETING HELD JAN. 8

The annual congregational meeting and election of officers was held Wednesday, Jan. 8, beginning with a covered dish dinner. Chief news coming from the evening was a resolution to rewrite the church's constitution. A committee has been appointed and your suggestions - and sample constitutions - are solicited. Give them to moderator Larry Faulk or the minister. Copies of the annual report, budget, and slate of elected officers, are available on the table in the vestibule.

#### AND ALSO . . . . .

DALE HEDGES has entered the army and is stationed at Fort Knox. Watch the bulletin board for his address when it is available. ....MARY STARLING and WILL HAMILTON were married in our Sanctuary Jan. 17....Have you obtained offering envelopes for '75? See the Lees if you need a set....the youth of the association will have a rally at Marion Trinity Feb. 16....see bulletin board for details....our ladies served about 100 dinners Jan. 14 when we entertained the men of the association and their wives....the annual pulpit exchange is set for Feb. 23; speaker here will be David Lyons of Asbury.....an open board meeting of Church Women United is set for Jan. 30, 9:30am, at the Zion United Church of Christ.

#### CHURCH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY  
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| 2 Sunday     | 9:15 Church School.<br>10:30 Morning Worship & Holy Communion.<br>8:00 Board of Education.   |
| 3 Monday     | 5:00 Alcoholism Council.   |
| 4 Tuesday    | 3:45 Discipleship Class.   |
| 5 Wednesday  | 7:00 Bible study-Ephesians.<br>8:00 Choir Rehearsal.   |
| 6 Thursday   | 12:00-6 Blood Bank at Wm. St.<br>9:00-11:00 Teachers.  |
| 7 Friday     | 10:00-4 Blood Bank at Wm. St.  |
| 9 Sunday     | 9:15 Church School.<br>10:30 Morning Worship. Lesson: "The Second Coming."<br>11:30 Trustees.  |
| 11 Tuesday   | 3:45 Discipleship Class.   |
| 12 Wednesday | ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS<br>7:00 Bible study.<br>8:00 Choir Rehearsal.  |
| 13 Thursday  | 10:00-2 WMS Workday at church.   |
| 16 Sunday    | 9:15 Church School.<br>10:30 Morning Worship. Lesson: "The Second Coming." (Part 2)<br>6:00 Deacons & Deaconesses.<br>7:00 Youth Rally at Marion Trinity for Assoc.<br>7:15 Song Service<br>8:00 Lenten Group - "Living the Christ-Way." |
| 18 Tuesday   | 3:45 Discipleship Class.<br>7:30 Parish Council at Lees.   |
| 19 Wednesday | 9:00 Morning Circle at Grubbs.<br>7:00 Bible Study.<br>8:00 Choir Rehearsal.   |
| 20 Thursday  | 7:30 Shephard Circle at Deans.   |
| 22 Saturday  | 8:00 Adult Social at Church - Koltovich & Mansfield hosts.   |
| 23 Sunday    | 9:15 Church School.<br>10:30 Morning Worship. Pulpit exchange. Speaker, David Lyons, Asbury.<br>7:15 Lenten Group - "Living the Christ-Way."   |
| 25 Tuesday   | 3:45 Discipleship Class.   |
| 26 Wednesday | 7:00 Bible study.<br>8:00 Choir Rehearsal.   |

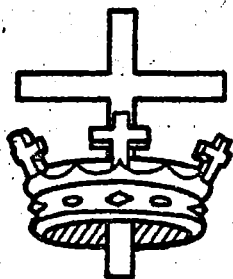


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I'm sure that part of your Easter celebration will be the reading of the resurrection story in the four gospels. Let me suggest something else - meditate on your resurrection! I do not mean some experience that comes to you after death, but an experience that should be a part of your life right now, right here. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power by which Jesus healed and it is the same power that is available to us if we learn to use it! It is the Divine Potency that is inherent in every atom and which is most perfectly available and at work in our consciousness. Paul called it the Mind of Christ. It is also referred to as the Holy Spirit. Sometimes it is called the Word, or the Divine Wisdom. But no matter how we name it, it is here, it is in you, and it can change your life and circumstances. This is the meaning of the "resurrecting power of God." Read Romans 8: 11. And have a live and colorful Easter. (JBS)

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Easter

#### EVENTS OF EASTER

Holy Week begins with our Palm Sunday Worship, March 23. It will mark the final meeting of our Sunday night Lenten Group at 7:15pm.

Both Discipleship Classes meet at their regular times, and the Wednesday night Bible Study concludes its

Lenten studies.

Maundy Thursday Communion will be in the Fellowship Hall by candlelight at 8:00pm.

Community Good Friday services begin at 12 noon in the First Presbyterian Church with an hour of meditation. The formal service is at 1:00-2:00pm with the Rev. James Miller, chaplain at Grady Memorial Hospital as speaker.

Easter Sunday begins with our Early Service, sponsored by our youth, at 7:30am. Breakfast follows at 8:15, Church School at 9:15, and Easter Worship at 10:30.

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Spring bursts today,  
For Christ is risen and all the earth's  
at play.

Bud, fig and vine,  
Bud, olive, fat with fruit and oil, and  
wine.

Sing, creatures, sing,  
Angels and men and birds, and everything.  
- Christina G. Rossetti

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#### FORMER PASTOR DIES IN DETROIT

The Rev. Morgan L. Williams, 85, resident of Whittier Towers Retirement Home in Detroit, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Jennings Memorial Hospital. A Baptist minister for more than 50 years, he held pastorates in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Ohio. He was pastor of our church from 1938-1946. He also was Director of Christian Education for the Michigan Baptist Convention for several years.

He was graduated from Union College in Schenectady, N. Y., and did postgraduate work at Yale and Chicago Universities. He held memberships in Sigma Xi Honorary Fraternity for geology and Alpha Kappa Delta Honorary Fraternity in sociology.

Our sympathies go to his wife, Clara Belle, his sons Donald, of 1781 Fishinger Rd., Columbus, Ohio, and Roger, of Carthage, N. Y., and his seven grandchildren. Mrs. Williams' address is Whittier Towers, 415 Burns Dr., Detroit, Michigan 48214.

#### MISSIONARY NOTES . . .



**March**  
Give a hand to  
share God's  
Good News

Give a hand to share  
God's Word of Good News.  
You give a hand to share  
the Good News of Christ  
in places you have not  
seen with people you do  
not know.

Ever hear the criticism  
that our missionaries  
are cultural imperial-  
ists? Note that on our  
mission fields overseas,  
of all our Baptist re-  
lated workers, only 2.6%

are westerners!

Figures are interesting when one looks back and tries to discern trends. In our overseas mission work, with a 20 year span, using the years 1953 and 1973, check these: Baptisms up 44%; membership up 82%; number of churches up 65%; students in theological training up 46%.

#### NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The Women's Mission Society will meet Thursday, Feb. 27, at the church for a workday from 10 till 2. Bringing sewing equipment.

The next regular meeting will be March 13, 7:30pm at the church. Helen Aleshire will have the program. We have no theme so come out and see what Helen has in store for us.

Hostesses are Carol Grubbs and Linda White.

- Della Dean, Pro. Chr.

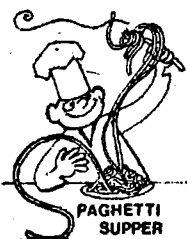
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The Bible contains two Testaments.  
The Old is the Law, the New is Love,  
The Old is the Bud, the New is the Bloom.  
In the Old, man is reaching up for God.  
In the New, God is reaching down for man.  
In the Old, man is in the valley but can  
see the sun shining on the mountaintop.  
In the New, he is on the mountaintop  
basking in the sunlight of God's infinite love.

The purpose of the Bible is to assist  
you to experience in life what the  
Bible points to in history.

If you won't live by the New Testament  
you will have to be judged by the Old  
Testament.

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Each year the  
Delaware County  
Council for Re-  
tarded Citizens  
conducts a  
spaghetti dinner  
for the sole pur-  
pose of providing  
a summer camp  
experience for  
these persons.

This year the dinner is at the Pizza Villa  
Monday, March 10, from noon until 8:00pm.

Tickets are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.25  
for children. They may be purchased at  
the door. Carry out orders are available.

#### A LETTER TO THE CHURCH . . .

When you go into a home, what impression  
do you get? Does it speak to you of people  
who love and care for it? First Baptist  
Church is our home just as much as the one  
we live in. If that is true, then, we are  
each participants in its care.

But do we care? Do you and I feel a  
sense of responsibility for helping our  
church look loved and appreciated? Oh, I  
am not talking about the cleaning which we  
need to share in each week since we have  
no paid help. By the way, have you taken  
your turn? A signup sheet is in the ves-  
tibule. I am concerned about something  
much more personal, that we must be re-  
sponsible for our church home, children,  
youth and adult alike. This includes  
taking care of the educational building,  
class rooms, turning off lights, etc.

But especially after the benediction,  
before we leave our places in the pews,  
let us each check our hymnal racks. Have  
we replaced the hymnals in the proper po-  
sition, or are they upside down or backside  
to? Have we removed all papers and bul-  
letins or left them in the books or racks?  
Have we left the pews clean or littered  
with bulletins or scraps of paper? Whose  
responsibility is it to do this? Someone  
has to go into each pew and remove all  
debris and straighten up the books in the  
racks, or anyone coming into the church  
would find a very untidy and disarrayed  
sanctuary...Is this what you would be  
pleased to have someone see?

I feel this is a little part of the  
stewardship we should be exercising in the  
care and keeping of something we love and  
want to be proud to share with others. If  
you and I will each take a moment or two  
to check as to the condition of our "home"  
before we leave, it will not be said of us  
as the statement says that is etched into  
the wall of a beautiful Baptist church in  
Bloomington, Ind., "Let it not be said to  
your shame, that this place was more beau-  
tiful before you came."

Cordially,

Bertha McTaggart

## America for Christ OFFERING

Some of us are free in body, but captive in soul: others of us are free in spirit, but oppressed in body. That's what your America for Christ offering emphasis has in mind when it offers you an opportunity to be "freeindeed."

To be received Sunday, March 2, this annual offering will be used by the American Baptist Educational Ministries and our National Ministries. Aging citizens and youth alike will benefit from what you contribute. It is to help all people of all ages. The national goal is \$850,000.

### FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION . .

The Board of Ed. appreciates the leadership of W. C. Wickum, John Mansfield, John McTaggart, Jean & Joe Brower, Jim VanBrimmer, and the pastor in the opening moments of our Church School. Attendance has averaged 40. We welcome you to join us regularly at 9:15 to start each new week in Christian learning and service. Classes, lesson materials, and excellent teachers are available at all age levels.

The men of the church will serve as hosts for the quarterly breakfast March 2 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. The classes from Kindergarten thru high school will each have a table. It is suggested that teachers and parents sit with their children to become better acquainted with the class. Other adults may join any of the classes. Each table will be taking part in a game before the song service. Rick VanBrimmer will show slides and tell about his trip to the National Youth Conference last summer. A contribution of about 50¢ each will help with the costs. Please be on time to start a new quarter of church school. See you March? At 8:30am? With a friend?

Have you reserved Sept 5-7 for our 3rd annual all church retreat? We will again meet at Camp Ohio near Utica. Details will soon be available. Remember the dates - and it is for all ages!

Plan now to attend the early service on Easter Sunday. It will be presented by our youth at 8:30am. Breakfast follows with the Bd. of Ed. as hosts. You'll find it inspiring and a great way to start

your Easter.

(Evelyn Lee, Chr.)

. . . . . and from the Adult Chairman

Don & Florance Faulk will be hosting the adult social for March. The date has been changed to March 22 to avoid any Easter conflicts, so please come for the fun.

Bertha McTaggart will be teaching the adult Sunday school class for the month of March. We hope to see you there.

.....from the Fourth Grade Class

The past few weeks we have been learning the books of the Bible - five each week. We have been singing songs and doing fun things with the lesson. For the months of February and March we are collecting canceled postage stamps for a service project. These should be in fairly good condition and can be from any country. If you have any to contribute, please give them to a member of the fourth grade class, Mrs. Faulk, or drop in the box in our room. Please come and join our class.

### NEED OFFERING ENVELOPES???????

Envelopes are available for the asking. If you would like a box of church envelopes for your giving please contact Richard Lee or the church office. These may be used even if you have not pledged. They will assure you of an annual record of your giving. Any questions concerning a pledge or giving are always welcomed by Richard Lee - 362-9107.

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Jesus throws down the dividing prejudices of nationality, and teaches universal love, without distinction of race, merit, or rank. A man's neighbor is everyone that needs help.

- J. C. Geikie.

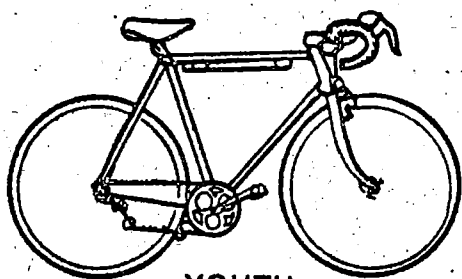
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Recent patients in Grady Memorial Hospital included Dorothy Brown and David Byerly..... Nellie Dick and the Marshalls all:

send their greetings to their friends in our congregation.....following are some new

addresses.....John & Ann Linn, 1478 Stratford Rd. (same phone).....Fred & Lucille Via, 1152 Seaway Dr., Ft. Pierce Beach, Florida, 33450.....Miss Adelene Tittsworth, Columbus Home for the Aged, 1776 E. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio, 43203, Phone 258-6348.....Pvt. Dale A. Hedges, 277-54-4492, Co. B. 8th Br 4th Trg Bde, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, 40121, 3 Rd Plt.



### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

A new Junior Hi Fellowship has been organized with Connie Breece as president and Cindy Lathrop as Vice-president.

The Senior Hi class shoveled snow Feb. 9 with donations going to their remodeling project. Total received was \$39.

Several car loads of youth attended an association rally Feb. 16 at Marion Trinity Church.

### DEATHS IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Frank Z. Smith of Columbus, died Jan. 29. He was Ruth Brown's stepfather-in-law.

Elbert Lathrop, Gene Lathrop's father, died Feb. 1.

We extend our sympathy to the families.

### BAPTISTS MEET AT COLUMBUS

Fifty Baptists leaders from around the world will meet in Columbus Feb. 27 - March 3. A public rally is set for Sunday, March 2, at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 720 Mt. Vernon St., at 3:00pm. Sharing in the program will be 50 or more leaders drawn from around the world, including the Communist countries. Visitors may use the parking lot at the First Baptist Church, 583 E. Broad, and free bus service will be available to Shiloh. If you want to attend please use the sign-up sheet on

the table in the vestibule and indicate if you can drive.

### FROM THE TREASURER

To meet local expenses:

Needed weekly \$421.

Needed monthly \$1822.

Receipts:	Jan. 5	\$635.01
	" 12	223.93
	" 19	213.51
	" 26	390.04
		<u>\$1462.49</u>

Additional receipts:

Salary support \$41.70

for Speech &  
Hearing Center 6.00

Benevolences received & paid out in Jan.

Undesignated	\$139.80
Love gift	41.53
OBC Forward Fund	50.00
Judson College	100.00
	<u>\$331.33</u>

\$331.33 we shared with the American Baptist Mission Budget.

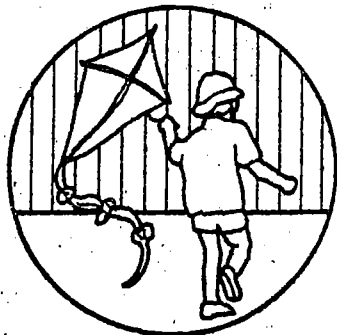
### NEED GREAT - CHURCH WORLD SERVICE RESPONDS

The pickup of needed items by the Church World Service truck is scheduled for this month. Bring your contributions to our church by Sunday, March 9. A list of needs is being distributed with this mailing and is also posted on the bulletin board. For information call church office.

### AND ADDITIONAL NEWS . . .

MRS. EDNA DARLING will be ordained in our sanctuary April 13, at 3:30pm.....She met with the ordination council Feb. 18 and received their approval.....World Day of Prayer will be held at Asbury March 7 from 9:30 to 11:30.....MRS. BERTHA MCTAGGART is chairman of the event and urges that you keep date in mind.....the Secret Place is available in the vestibule.....you may take a copy for yourself and friends without cost.....Keep APRIL 20 & 27 open for our mission emphasis Sundays with Folke Ferre and George Calhoun.

# CHURCH CALENDAR



**MARCH**

MARCH, 1975

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- 2 Sunday 8:30 Breakfast; 9:15 Church School; 10:30 Morning Worship; 7:15 Lenten Group; 8:15 Bd. of Christian Ed.
- 3 Monday 5:30 Alcoholism Council.
- 4 Tuesday 4:30 Discipleship Class.
- 5 Wednesday 6:00 Discipleship Class; 7:00 Bible Study; 8:00 Choir Rehearsal.
- 7 Friday 9:30-11:30 World Day of Prayer at Asbury.
- 9 Sunday 9:15 Church School; 10:30 Morning Worship; 11:30 Trustees; 2:30 Teachers; 6:00 Youth; 7:15 Lenten Group.
- 11 Tuesday 4:30 Discipleship Class.
- 12 Wednesday 6:00 Discipleship Class; 7:00 Bible Study; 8:00 Choir Rehearsal.
- 13 Thursday 7:30 Women's Mission Society.
- 14 Friday Junior Hi Camp-o-rama at Judson Hills thru 16th.
- 16 Sunday 9:15 Church School; 10:30 Morning Worship; 6:00 Deacons & Deaconesses; 7:15 Song Service; 8:05 Lenten Group.
- 18 Tuesday 4:30 Discipleship Class; 7:30 ICC here; Parish Council at Lees.
- 19 Wednesday 9:00 Morning Circle at Grubbs; 6:00 Discipleship Class; 7:00 Bible Study; 8:00 Choir Rehearsal.
- 20 Thursday 7:30 Shephard Circle with Frances Johnson.
- 22 Saturday 8:00 Adult Social at Faulks (Jerome).
- 23 Sunday PALM SUNDAY. 9:15 Church School; 10:30 Morning Worship; 6:00 Youth; 7:15 Lenten Group.
- 25 Tuesday 4:30 Discipleship Class; 7:30 ICC.
- 26 Wednesday 6:00 Discipleship Class; 7:00 Bible Study; 8:00 Choir Rehearsal.
- 27 Thursday MAUNDY THURSDAY 8:00 Candlelight Communion in Fellowship Hall.
- 28 Friday 12:00-2:00 Good Friday Service at First Presbyterian. (1st hour meditation)
- 30 Sunday EASTER SUNDAY. 7:30 Early Service; 8:15 Breakfast; 9:15 Church School; 10:30 Easter Worship.

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This issue of your newsletter is one week early due to the activities of Holy Week which make the regular publishing date somewhat inconvenient. In other words, this is not the Easter edition. You've had that one, remember? You might call this one the Spring Number since it arrives near the first day of that season. Or, if you have a sense of humor, you might think of it as the April Fool edition. By the way, if you do not have a sense of humor you are dead, so call and arrange a date for your funeral!

April Fools' Day is of ancient origin, actually undatable. It was celebrated in ancient India as well as ancient Britain. It was associated with festivities celebrating the vernal equinox. But its purpose was always the same - a time for innocent tricks, a time for fooling your friends. I see it as having an important religious significance. First of all, it suggests that a sense of humor is a part of God's image within us. I'm sure God enjoyed creating this wonderful world of kids, birds, animals, music, etc. The creator of the giraffe and the hippopotamus had to have a sense of humor! Some philosophers of India describe the whole universe as "divine play," that is, God having a good time. I see a bit of God in Mel Brooks, and vice-versa. The first miracle in Jesus' ministry was at a party. All of his healings were really setting people free to see, hear, run, dance, laugh, love, and enjoy what he called the abundant life. Isn't it great to know that God wants you to be happy! The next time some pessimistic, negative, gossipy individual hands you a chunk of bad news about yourself or God's world, I'll tell you what to do - Look them straight in the eye, and loudly and lovingly shout, "APRIL FOOL!" (JBS)

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#### EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

##### SUNDAY, March 23

9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Worship.  
6:00 Junior High fellowship.  
6:30 Senior High fellowship.  
7:15 Lenten Group, final session.

##### SUNDAY, March 30

7:30 Early Service.  
8:15 Breakfast.  
9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Easter Worship.

##### TUESDAY, March 25

4:30 Discipleship Class.

##### WEDNESDAY, March 26

6:00 Discipleship Class.  
7:00 Bible study on the Seven Last Words.  
8:00 Choir rehearsal.

##### THURSDAY, March 27

8:00 Maundy Thursday Candlelight  
Communion in Fellowship Hall.

##### FRIDAY, March 28

1:00 Community Good Friday Service  
at First Presbyterian. Speaker,  
Chaplain James Miller. (Church  
open at 12 for meditation.



AMERICAN BAPTIST  
WOMEN'S SUNDAY

#### WOMEN TO CONDUCT MORNING WORSHIP

All over the U.S.A. churches within our denomination will celebrate April 6 as American Baptist Women's Sunday. The theme is, "Rejoice in Hope, Encourage Each Other." The entire Morning Worship will be provided by the

women of the church. Della Nofsinger will be the speaker. Others participating are: Frances Belt, Jean Brower, Della Dean, Bertha McTaggart, Karen Stoner, Sophia Stephenson, Bertha VanBrimmer, Jean Wickum, Edna Darling, Myrtle Gabriel, and Carol Fogle.

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The following powerful poem is reprinted from POWER LINES (published by Brother Mandus) and is anonymous. It can be used as a spiritual treatment for feelings of frustration and depression.

Forget ye not that, till I come again,  
Through you I manifest myself to men.  
I need your voice to speak the Father's  
truth,  
Your help to guide the questing steps of  
youth;  
You are the glass within whose depths  
they see  
Their earliest ne'er-forgotten glimpse  
of ME.  
As on earth's roads their destiny they  
meet,  
Yours be the echo of My following feet.

Throughout the length and breadth of  
every land  
Strong and invincible My House must stand.  
Upon the threshold you shall wait to be  
Host at My Inn of Immortality.  
A starving flock are clamoring to be fed  
With mystic manna and with Living Bread.  
Hold ye the cup to lips that pant and  
pine  
For saving nectar from the One True Vine.

Lo! I have chosen you from out your peers  
To be My stewards and My overseers,  
My people are your charge, I bid you keep  
Safe in the appointed path My wandering  
sheep.  
Forth from the maze of subterfuge and sin  
They press to claim the prize I died to  
win.  
Take thou Heaven's keys - unlock the  
gracious door  
That opens on a Living Church once more.

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#### GROAN-UPS PLAN ALL CHURCH PRESENTATION

The Groan-Ups would like to announce to the church that there will be an all-church social April 19 at 7:00pm. The program will be a mad-cap menagerie of nutty nonsense! We will serve some light refreshments, but the really refreshing part of the evening is our light hearted acting. There will be surprises and laughter galore! See you there, OK? (Attention: all performers in the above, please note that our practices will be April 5 and

12, not the 13, due to the ordination for Edna Darling.)

- Karen Stoner

#### FROM THE DEACONS AND DEACONESSSES

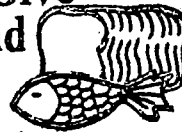
The Deacons and Deaconesses are making arrangements for a spiritual renewal and/or evangelistic weekend during the latter part of October. Suggestions for possible speakers are welcomed. Please contact either the pastor of John B. McTaggart. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the ordination celebration for Edna Darling to be held April 13, 1975 at 3:30pm followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Say what you wish to say now. Each of you is a beautiful person who needs to be appreciated for the unique gifts that you freely give to your friends and to the church family. There is always something on which you can sincerely compliment a friend, a fellow church member or guest. Every person we know has earned praise and is deserving of it - not flattery, which has a false ring to it. So take a look around you and give thanks for those close to you. Remember that they are a gift from God, and say with St. Paul, "Rejoice."

- John B. McTaggart, Chr.

### Miracles Do Happen When You Give a Hand

APRIL



Miracles do happen when you give a hand. Each year more than 8 million people receive direct assistance from your mission dollars in the form of food, shelter, or medical aid;

and thousands more are taught, trained, or supplied with a means of developing their lives and environment toward a better way of life because you care.

#### GREETERS AT YOUR DOOR -

April 6	Women
" 13	L. Faulks
" 20	Wickums
" 27	Donna Brown
May 4	Mansfields
" 11	Grubbs
" 18	H. Aleshire & J. McTaggart
" 25	Lees

## PAULINE NASH - WOMAN OF THE YEAR - 1950

(The Delaware Gazette carried the following story in its 25 YEARS AGO column)

Miss Pauline Nash was named 1950 "woman of the year" by Beta Sigma Phi. Miss Nash "has earned - many fold - another undisputed title: that of this county's No. 1 volunteer," said Wayne Hilborn, president of Delaware's Chamber of Commerce when he presented Miss Nash her award. "This woman serves full time, yes, eight hours and more a day including Sundays...in serving Delaware Countians and veterans," Hilborn said.

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In every heart there is a God-shaped vacuum that cannot be filled with man created things. It can be filled only with a relationship to God as revealed through Jesus Christ.

Pascal

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## FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Easter Offering Envelopes. There is a special Easter Offering Envelope in your box of church envelopes. All that is received in this Easter offering will go for supplementing camp and conference expenses of our church youth. Please keep these young people in mind when you fill that envelope and dream about the influence these experiences will have on their lives. (In the past we have paid half of the costs of those needing help)

Cooperative Bible School. Asbury United Methodist, First Presbyterian, St. Peter's Episcopal Churches will again be working with us to present a Bible School for children ages three years thru Junior High. The school will be held June 9-13 at the Presbyterian Church. Classes will be held daily from 9:30-11:45am with a closing session the evening of June 13 for the families of those enrolled. Please reserve the week now on your children's schedule and help them plan for this exciting week. Formal registration will be in May. Teachers and helpers are needed from each church. If you would like to volunteer your services contact Evelyn Lee, 362-9107, by April 6.

Breakfast fun. Fifty-two Church School

members joined together for breakfast on March 2. Our thanks to the men for their efforts in hosting the gathering. Fellowship at the class tables, a game of Shouting Song Titles, singing led by Wick; and Rick VanBrimmer's slides and comments of his trip to the west coast youth conference combined for an enthusiastic start of a new quarter.

And also. Our thanks to Bertha McTaggart, Jim and Rick VanBrimmer for their open Church School moments.

- Evelyn Lee, Chr.

Adult Class. The teacher of the Adult Class in April will be the pastor.

- Pam Faulk, Adult Chr.

## CHILDREN'S DEFINITIONS

Here is a sampling of definitions of religious terms provided by children:

Adultery: The sin of saying you're older than you really are.

Conversion: The point after a touch-down.

Epistle: The wife of an apostle.

Fast Days: The days you have to eat in a hurry.

Hannukkah: An island off the coast of Florida.

Hymn: The botton of a lady's dress.

Lent: The fuzzy stuff under your bed.

- from Dick Van Dyke's "Faith, Hope & Hilarity" by way of The Master's Voice

## ADVENTURES IN OUT-REACH

We are looking forward with great anticipation to having two outstanding state leaders with us April 20 and 27. Rev. Folke Ferre is scheduled for the first date and Rev. George Calhoun the second. They will share with us in our Church School, Worship, have lunch with us, and remain for part of the afternoon. Both men are with the Ohio Baptist Convention, Ferre as head of the Forward Fund program, and Calhoun as head of World Mission Support.

Besides sharing in the 9:15 session, they will each spend some time with the



SCHOOL OF MISSIONS



children's and youth classes. There will be opportunity to get better acquainted during the lunch hour and in the time of discussion and fellowship to follow.

We want to have everyone in our Church School and Church fellowship meet these men personally and to hear the exciting things they both have to tell us of their work. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to be here with your families and friends.

Since our speakers have responsibilities both in Ohio and around the world we are calling these two Sundays "Our Adventures in Outreach." It will be a chance to find out answers to questions we have about our Baptist work. How does our concern and giving meet the great needs in the world today? With the growing anti-Western feeling in many countries how does mission work continue? Why are we doing here in Ohio to cope with problems that are confronting people in our church families? What are the joys we share in outreach? What should be our response and commitment to the Great Commission? - as a church? as individuals? These and many other questions that we will be asking these friends will be discussed during Our Adventures in Outreach Sundays. Watch and listen for more details.

#### OUR NURSERY HELPERS

We want to thank all those who take a turn with our little ones in the nursery during church. A sign-up sheet is in the nursery and we invite you to join those listed below.

March 23	Evelyn Lee.
" 30	Pam Faulk.
April 6	Teresa Grubbs.
" 13	Karen Stoner.
" 20	Terry Koltovich
" 27	Jean Ekelberry

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A plain bar of iron is worth about \$5.00.  
Made into horseshoes it is worth \$10.50.  
Made into screwdrivers it is worth \$250.  
Made into needles it is worth \$3250.  
Made into balance springs for watches it is worth \$250,000!

The same is true of another kind of material - YOU!

THE VALUE IS DETERMINED BY WHAT YOU MAKE OF YOURSELF

Anon.

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#### NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The Women's Society met Thursday, March 13 at 7:30 in the church with 14 present. Helen Aleshire was in charge of the program assisted by Jane Maxwell who was a guest. They showed slides of their recent trip to England, Scotland, Holland, Brussels, and Paris. Bertha VanBrimmer gave the Love Gift dedication. Thanks to Carol Grubbs and Linda White who served delicious refreshments from a beautiful decorated table. Our next meeting will be March 27 from 10:00-2:00 at the church.

- Della Dean, Pro. Chr.

The women of the WMS are making and buying layette items for our missionaries as part of our White Cross work. The layettes will be taken to the associational meeting in April and then to the state convention in June to be given to the missionaries there. Anyone wishing to contribute new items or money for buying them please contact Myrtle Gabriel, Sophia Stephenson, or Bertha VanBrimmer.

- Bertha VanBrimmer

#### VISITATION PROGRAM PROCEEDS

With the busy Easter season, our visitation group has seen a slow down these past two weeks. But I'm happy to report that we have visited a total of 35 people since our group was organized. This is a very vital ministry in any church for many reasons. If you know of anyone who should be contacted, or who would like a friendly call, please give this information to Steve or myself soon. May we continue to let our light shine for Christ!

Karen Stoner,  
Visitation secretary

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Trouble and perplexity drive us to prayer,  
and prayer drives away trouble and perplexity.

Philip Melanchthon

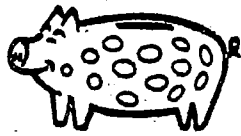
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Needed to meet our  
local expenses:

weekly - \$421.  
monthly - \$1822.

Received in Feb.:

2	-	\$518.20
9	-	256.35
16	-	267.04
23	-	<u>346.40</u>
		\$1387.99



FINANCIALLY  
SPEAKING...

Additional received in Feb:

\$237.22 from insurance for parsonage fire  
41.70 salary support from M & M  
276.00 transfer from Repair Fund

Benevolences received & paid out:

Undesignated:	\$102.05
Love Gift	7.16
Ohio Forward Program	50.00
Northern Baptist Seminary	100.00
Famine Fund	<u>14.00</u>
	\$273.21

We shared \$273.21 with the American Baptist Mission budget.

- Ruth Brown, Treas.

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Among so many, can He care?  
Can special love be everywhere?  
A myriad homes, a myriad ways -  
And God's eye over everyplace?

I asked: My soul bethought of this; -  
In just that very place of His  
Where He hath put and keepeth you,  
God hath no other thing to do!

- Adeline Whitney (b. 1824)

Make yourselves nests of pleasant  
thoughts...bright fancies, satisfied  
memories, noble histories, faithful say-  
ings, treasure-houses of precious and  
restful thoughts, which cannot disturb,  
nor pain make gloomy, nor poverty take  
away from us, - houses built without  
hands, for our souls to live in.

- John Ruskin (b. 1819)

The two quotes above and the previous  
one by Melancthon were submitted by  
Polly Focke.

## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR HI'S . . .

If you are a Senior Higher, we sure hope  
you can be with us on the evening of March  
23, at 6:30pm, for a good time of fellow-  
ship, fun and food. Our special speaker  
will be Richard Harris - his message will  
pertain to Easter, and is given in such a  
forceful way you won't want to miss it. We  
will have some refreshments and informal  
fellowship as well as a portion of the WORD.  
Rick VanBrimmer and his fellow Sr. Hi'ers  
are planning a super sunrise service for  
the 30th. Everybody please come and support  
this effort. Then stick around for some  
breakfast and a happy morning of worship in  
Jesus' name.

-The Stoners

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The trickling of rain  
Is music from heaven to me.  
When clouds blindfold the sun,  
A rainbow is all I see.  
When darkness creeps upon the earth,  
Dawn is all I'm thinking of.  
If someone hurts me deeply,  
I mend my wound with love.  
And when people wonder why a smile  
Kisses my lips constantly,  
I simply reply that when I look around,  
God is all I ever see!

Rosemary Mazzo

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## MEMBERS OF FELLOWSHIP ATTEND CONFERENCES

Three upcoming conferences will be at-  
tended by members of First Baptist.

NEW WINESKINS, a 4 day learning and  
training seminar for ministers and lay  
leadership, will be held at First Commu-  
nity Church, Columbus, March 31-April 3. Based  
on a research project at the host church it  
will deal with bio-feedback, dream research,  
meditative techniques, ESP research, healing,  
and related topics. Leaders will be Edgar  
Mitchell, sixth man on the moon and head of  
The Institute of Noetic Sciences, Palo Alto,  
Calif., Dr. Joseph Kamiya, a top researcher  
in bio-feedback, and Rev. Bob Keck of the  
host church who is head of the church's re-  
search project. Your pastor will attend the  
entire conference and you may attend the  
evening lectures at \$2.00 per evening. See  
Steve for details.

LEARN BY DOING WORKSHOP III, sponsored  
by the OBC and the Columbus Assoc., will be

held at the Karl Rd. Baptist Church, Columbus, Saturday, April 12, from 9am-3pm. It is designed for Sunday School teachers of children, youth and adults, potential teachers, administrators, and others. Cost is \$4 which includes materials and lunch. See bulletin boards for details and speak to Evelyn Lee if you want to attend.

A DEVELOPMENTAL STUDY SURVEY for the Ohio Sesquicentennial Celebration is set for Monday, April 28, 6:30pm, at the Trinity Church, Marion. Six persons from our fellowship will participate.

#### YOUTH TO VISIT KARL RD. FELLOWSHIP

Our Junior and Senior High fellowships will go to the Karl Rd. Baptist Church Sunday, April 20, 6:30pm, to visit that church's youth groups. Watch bulletin for further details.

#### ABOUT PEOPLE . . . . .

BERTHA MCTAGGART, EVELYN LEE, CAROL GRUBBS, SOPHIA STEPHENSON, and BERTHA VANBRIMMER participated in the community World Day of Prayer at Asbury, March 7.....EDNA DARLING was the speaker at our worship service March 9.....She will be ordained at our church Sunday, April 13, at 3:30pm..... REV. LOUIS CAMPBELL was honored March 9 on his 25th anniversary as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and your pastor brought greetings from the churches and community.....HARRY & TERRY KOLTOVICH were recently in New Jersey where Harry's mother was seriously ill...she is now improving.....recent hospital patients were DIANNA HEDGES in Grady Memorial and NEVIN GABRIEL in Phoenix....both are at home and recovered.....MARY MCKEAN is a surgical patient in Riverside Hospital, Columbus.

#### FOLLOWING IS LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED AT THE COLUMBUS STATE HOSPITAL....BRING TO CHURCH

Scrap wood, scrap wire, coat hangers, silverware, pieces of material (all kinds), pictures & frames (for hanging, decoupage, etc.), plastic gloves, stains, paints, etc., knitting yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, current magazines, etc., sewing materials, (thread, needles, etc.), needle point canvas and yarn, make up, personal hygiene items for men and women, burlap, felt material, macrame cord and beads,

plastic spray bottles (for plant watering, ironing, etc.), plastic detergent bottles, jewelry (any condition), purses, cards (Christmas, get well, valentine, etc. - give cards to Bertha McTaggart), ribbons, art paper (all kinds), paints (oil, water color, etc.), embroidery yarn and patterns (stamp or unstamped), puzzles (picture, crosswords, etc.), coloring books, crayons, color pencils, pipe cleaners, glue (all kinds), modeling clay, tissue paper (all colors), egg cartons, sea shells, etc., (macaroni), string and cords.

For their library use: books, records, slides, filmstrips.

ALSO - volunteers are needed. Watch bulletin board for details.

A PASTORAL LETTER: to the congregation -

Dear friends,

Last Sunday's Lesson (March 16) was in part a discussion of healing and health in light of the resurrection. I had not originally planned to get into this but I found myself drawn in this direction and assumed it was the leading of the Holy Spirit. Your response has confirmed my conviction that I was guided.

You may recall that I said that no one had ever suggested that we hold healing services although I have had many suggestions as to other types of services, programs, etc. After the service five persons came to me with the request that we begin offering healing services as a part of our total ministry.

Baptists claim to be a New Testament Church using that document as our only source of written authority; in addition, we believe it can only be understood and applied thru the Spirit's presence and our faithful response. Twenty percent of the gospels are concerned with healing of the mind and body. Jesus' directions seem to be quite clear and emphatic that healing is part of the church's total ministry.

We will be thinking about these facts and I'll have more to say to you on the subject - verbal and written. My conference (NEW WINESKINS) may also offer some light and direction.

Many of us have asked, "What is God's purpose for us in Delaware?" Is this new (or renewed) interest the dawning of the Light? Affectionately, *Steve*

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- 2 Wednesday 7:00 Bible Study.  
8:00 Choir Rehearsal.
- 6 Sunday 9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Morning Worship. Women's Sunday.  
5:00 Constitution Committee.  
8:00 Board of Christian Ed.
- 8 Tuesday 4:30 Discipleship Class.  
7:00 Youth Com. with Koltovichs.
- 9 Wednesday 6:00 Discipleship Class.  
7:00 Bible Study.  
8:00 Choir Rehearsal.
- 10 Thursday 10:00 - 2:00 WMS Work on layettes.
- 12 Saturday 9:00 - 3:00 Workshop at Karl Rd.
- 13 Sunday 9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Morning Worship. Holy Communion.  
3:30 Ordination of Edna Darling & Reception.
- 14 Monday 7:30 Teachers.
- 15 Tuesday 4:30 Discipleship Class.
- 16 Wednesday 9:00 Morning Circle with Grubbs.  
6:00 Discipleship Class.  
7:00 Bible Study.  
8:00 Choir Rehearsal.
- 17 Thursday Women at Richmond.  
7:30 Shephard Circle with Barkeloos.  
7:30 Trustees.
- 19 Saturday 7:00 Adult Social & Show sponsored by Groan-Ups.
- 20 Sunday "Adventure in Outreach." Guest: Focke Ferre.  
9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Morning Worship.  
11:30 Lunch...discussion.  
6:00 Deacons & Deaconesses (?).  
6:30 Youth at Karl Rd.  
7:15 Song Service (?).
- 21 Monday 7:30 Parish Council.
- 22 Tuesday 4:30 Discipleship Class.  
7:30 VBS teachers at First Presbyterian.  
7:30 InterChurch Council.
- 23 Wednesday 6:00 Discipleship Class.  
7:00 Bible Study.  
8:00 Choir Rehearsal.
- 24 Thursday 10:00 - 2:00 WMS Workday.
- 27 Sunday "Adventure in Outreach." Guest: George Calhoun.  
9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Morning Worship.  
11:30 Lunch...discussion.
- 28 Monday 6:30 Sesqui. dinner at Marion Trinity.
- 29 Tuesday 4:30 Discipleship Class.
- 30 Wednesday 6:00 Discipleship Class.  
7:00 Bible Study.  
8:00 Choir Rehearsal.

(Youth watch  
bulletin for  
additional info.)

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

## NEWS AND VIEWS

April 13, 1975  
Vol. 6, No. 9

Published in the cause of the Abundant Life  
by the First Baptist Church, Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, pastor

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Your newsletter comes to you today as a news EXTRA for the first time in its six year history. Which means that we think our news is extra special, extra important, and extra inspiring (along with being extra fun - see the editorial in the last issue!) (JBS)

### ADVENTURES IN OUTREACH BEGINS SUNDAY

### PASTOR ATTENDS SEMINAR ON MEDITATION

Two of our state leaders in the field of local and world missions will be with us on successive Sundays, April 20 and 27. Rev. Focke Ferre, Minister of the Ohio Baptist Forward Program and area minister for northeast Ohio, will be with us on the first of the two Sundays, and he will be followed by Rev. George Calhoun, Minister of World Mission Support.

Both men will visit with our children and youth during the Church School hour, and will be our speaker during the morning worship. Each has indicated that he will bring an inspirational address.

There will be a lunch after church each of the Sundays in the Fellowship Hall. You will find signup sheets for both Sundays on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room. Our guests will be available then for answering questions and discussion.

This program provides an excellent opportunity for you and your family to come into personal contact with two leaders in our state and out of state mission. It has been planned by our Mission Chairman, Jim VanBrimmer, and the Board of Christian Education.

### SPECIAL PROGRAM HERE BY FBI!!!

The F.B.I. will be at our church on Saturday, April 19, at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The F.B.I. (First Baptist Improvisationalists) have an evening of fun in the way of skits and music for the whole family. The highlight of the evening will be a musical salute to the Fellowship Hall, from planning to the present. The F.B.I. does not have the power to promise that this will make your weekend better, but you have the power to make our weekend better just by showing up. The F.B.I. wants you to be just like a wedding ring.....on hand. Bring your friends, too. Thank you.

Don Brown

Steve attended the NEW WINESKINS seminar at the First Community Church, Columbus, March 31 - April 3. Led by astronaut Ed Mitchell, bio-feedback pioneer Dr. Joe Kamiya, and meditation researcher Robert Keck, the conference investigated the areas of meditation and prayer, psychic research, dream analysis, healing, and related fields. The group experimented with techniques of relaxation, meditation, and telepathy.

MORE LATER.

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The end is, not to emancipate the spirit from the instrument it entered into at birth, but to fill it with the wonder and mystery of this interworking of mind and body.

Jennette Lee

Even as radio waves are picked up wherever a set is tuned in to their wave length, so the thoughts which each of us think each moment of the day go forth into the world to influence for good or bad each other human mind.

C. Humphreys

Many things  
that start off easily  
end in misery.  
Meditation  
starts with difficulty  
and ends in pleasure  
bliss harmony

Bernard Gunther

When you sit with a nice girl for two hours you think it's only a minute. But when you sit on a hot stove for a minute you think it's two hours. That's relativity.

Albert Einstein

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The Abundant Life, in the cause of which NEWS & VIEWS is published, often seems to be just beyond our grasp. Which may be part of the problem, since spiritual/material good is not grasped but is received in tranquillity and rest. Jesus tied all his promises to our obedience, the nature of which we have misunderstood for almost 2000 years. We usually say that to repent is to obey, but metanoia, the Greek word we mistranslate "repentance," literally means to change our minds; or, to put it a better way, to achieve a new state of consciousness. This is not accomplished by gritting our teeth and buckling down to a hard job. It is in quietness, reflection, imagination, responsiveness, that we find the Kingdom of God (abundance) which is within us. The name of the game is MEDITATION. (JBS)

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MIRACLES HAPPEN WHEN YOU GIVE A HAND

On Sunday, May 4, we will join with other churches in an act of compassion know as ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. In this one hour we can help relieve hunger, heal disease, give hope, dispel despair. "Miracles Do Happen," the theme of this year's offering, is based on the miracle of the loaves and fishes. A child shared his food with Christ, and by that act Jesus fed thousands of hungry people.

The dollar you give can send 271 pounds of food, or \$38.47 worth of medicine, or 88.8 pounds of self-help items such as seeds, tools, building materials. In planning your giving, think of sharing a day of your life - a day's pay - as a way of helping assure that "miracles do happen."

The goal of American Baptist Churches is \$365,000 - a thousand dollars a day - to work a miracle. Our church - you - can have a significant part in this.

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To the millions who have to go without two meals a day, the only acceptable form in which God dare appear is food.  
Mahatma Gandhi

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ORDINATION CELEBRATION HELD APRIL 13

Edna P. Darling became the second member in our church's history to be ordained to the Christian ministry when she received the ancient ceremony of the laying on of hands, Sunday, April 13. Edna is a senior at the Methodist Theological School and plans a career in the institutional chaplaincy.

Among those sharing in the service were

Dr. Bryan Archibald, minister of Christian Higher Education for the Ohio Baptist Convention and former president of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Van Bogard Dunn, dean of the Methodist Theological School, Dr. Paul Strickland, director of Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors for the American Baptist Churches, Rev. Vance Milligan, pastor of the Zion A.M.E. Church, John McTaggart, and our pastor.

The ordination sermon was delivered by Edna's father, Rev. W. L. Phillips, pastor of the Maineville Interdenominational Church, Maineville, Ohio.

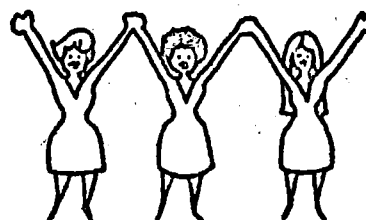
A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall.

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A TABLE GRACE

We thank Thee, Lord, for bread to eat  
In every common lane and street;  
We thank Thee more for bread to share  
With hungry children everywhere.

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MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

Friday, May 2, is the date for another new adventure! May Fellowship Day, sponsored by Church Women United, will be observed at Zion A.M.E. Church at S. Washington

and Bernard Street. I am on the committee and we've planned an exciting new format designed to help you be OPEN TO LIVE FULLY. Come at 9:30-11:00am to experience this happy adventure with us. Contact Bertha McTaggart if you want a ride. See you there.

Karen Stoner

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL



A cooperative Bible School for children ages 3 years thru Junior Hi will be held June 9-13. Classes will meet in the First Presbyterian Church. Enrollment forms will be

available May 10 at our morning services. The school is open to all children in the community. The Concordia texts will be taught. Teachers assisting from our church are Jean Ekelberry, Carol Grubbs, Marge Smale, and Karen Stoner. Kitchen helpers are Ann Linn and Bertha VanBrimmer. Cookies and beverages will be needed. Mrs. Rex Sprague is coordinating the school.  
Evelyn Lee

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## SUGGESTIONS FOR A SPRING GARDEN

Here's a plan for a garden which is guaranteed, with proper cultivation, to produce a bountiful crop.

1. Plant five rows of peas - preparation, promptness, perseverance, politeness, and prayer.
2. Next, plant three rows of squash - squash gossip, squash criticism, squash indifference.
3. Then plant five rows of lettuce - let us be thankful, let us be loyal, let us be unselfish, let us be grateful, let us love one another.
4. No garden is complete without turnips - turn up for church, turn up with a smile, turn up with a new idea, turn up with real dedication, and turn up for all activities.

submitted by Janet Inscho

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## THE CIA AND THE ABC

The CIA has not been above penetrating into the ranks of business, industry, academia, the media, and even the religious ranks for purposes of recruiting and gathering information. Richard Cummings, our International ministries secretary for public relations, doubts seriously that any ABC missionary is actively engaged in work as a CIA informant and he is totally

unaware of any missionary having been approached by the CIA for purposes of clandestine activity..

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## YOUR ASSISTANCE PLEASE!

Saturday morning, May 10, the Youth Fellowships are sponsoring a Bake Sale. If you have contact with a business establishment that would allow one of our stations out front of it you would help the youth for several hours on Saturday morning the 10th of May, please notify Terri Koltovich, 363-1842, at your earliest convenience. Any one caring to contribute baked goods such as pies, cookies, brownies, breads, cakes or home made candy will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you  
Baptist Youth Fellowship

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## CHURCH SCHOOL DINNER SCHEDULED

The entire Church School will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 18 from 5:00 to 7:00pm for a special dinner. Entertainment will be provided by the Junior & Senior Hi youth groups. Reserve the hours now. You will be contacted concerning dinner plans. Let's have perfect attendance for each class.

Evelyn Lee

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## AN INVITATION TO EVERYONE!!!!!!

It's most important that you keep Saturday evening, June 14, open. We appreciate you and will try our best to prove it!

Thank you

1st Baptist Youth Fellowship

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## NURSERY WORKERS FOR MAY

May 4	Jean Ekelberry
May 11	Sis Mansfield
May 18	Carol Grubbs
May 25	Pam Faulk



# MEDITATION GROUP TO MEET TUESDAYS

A class on meditation will begin Tuesday, April 29, at 7:30pm. This will replace Wednesday night Bible study for a number of weeks. Sessions will consist of tapes from the NEW WINESKINS conference, discussions led by the pastor, presentation of theories and techniques of meditation, and practice in these techniques. The group is open to anyone 18 and over but the number of participants may be limited. If you cannot attend the first session let Steve know that you plan to attend later. As quiet in essential, the church will be closed to other activities while the class is meeting. If you have questions call the church office.

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A holy man once gave two men each a chicken and said: "Go kill them where no one can see" . . . One guy went behind a fence and killed his chicken. The other guy walked around for two days and came back with his chicken. The holy man said to him, "Why didn't you kill the chicken?" The guy said, "Well, everywhere I go, the chicken sees."

Baba Ram Dass

(This is a legend from the Sikh religion and is used something like a riddle. (See what you can do with it)

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## T A F T S Y G

Presenting the first great installment of TAFTSYG - "To and from the Senior Youth Gang." We're on the move now and here are the latest bulletins . . . Those who attended the youth meeting at Karl Road Baptist Church thought it was a great experience, but even greater was the unbelievable conversation it generated on the way home . . . the guys took down plenty of names and phone numbers, too . . . Remember to save May 10 for bake sale - this also happens to be Monnett weekend and the Delaware Arts and Crafts Fair, so we expect a thriving business . . . the proceeds will go towards the great "Pizza Blast" scheduled June 14 . . . further details to follow . . . Doug Lee has been unanimously elected treasurer of our gang - as an award winning Eagle Scout he seems

trustworthy . . . Read your Bibles daily; the Lord can't speak to you if you aren't listening . . . Clean, absorbent rags to be sold to World Wide Games are still requested . . . give to Stoners or Evelyn Lee, please . . . With a little more prodding, the gang may take a canoe trip this summer. Also up one advosor's sleeve is a Jr./Sr. Hi barbeque and a special surprise for those who like to Y.A.C.K. This one's a doozy! \*\*\*\*\*Please note, there are funds right now (from the Easter offering) that are earmarked for youth camp and conference fees! Anyone planning or thinking on going to any camp is urgently reminded he/she may receive approximately one-half its cost by speaking to Steve. This applies to you Jr. Hi people, too . . . got that? \*\*\*\*\*Everyone in the gangs save time all through May for Operation Work Force . . . We intend to work hard and make a few dollars in the bargain, by cleaning, repairing, carrying, planting, painting, or whatever else the good people of this church will hire us to do! . . . A note to the good people: please be getting in mind these jobs so we can start arranging a schedule! . . . May represents a happy warm new lease on life to Steve and me - I hope you have a happy month too! . . . an early happy birthday to Rick VanBrimmer . . . that's about all, but please keep in touch . . . we all need each other . . .

Karen Stoner

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Malnutrition is a fact of life for 2/3 of the world's children. In developing countries of Asia, Africa, and Latin America, between 25% and 30% of the children die before their 5th birthday. 20% of the world's people enjoy 80% of the world's resources. Today there are more than 15 million refugees in the world.

GIVE TO THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING!!!!

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## DEATH IN CHURCH FAMILY

Robert Lutz, brother of Janet Inscho, passed away Wednesday, April 23, in California. We extend our sympathy and offer our prayers at this time of sadness.





**MAY**  
Give a  
hand to help  
where and when  
there is a need.

#### TRUSTEES REPORT . . .

Everyone's help is needed to keep the church looking neat and clean; that dropped piece of paper is as untidy as the mud on the floor in the hall way so please help yourself and others keep the church clean.

Work will be continuing on the educational building when the weather gets a little warmer. This work is described in detail in your 1975 budget under Church Maintenance, item #4.

Work to be done on the parsonage is as follows: eve repair without painting. The eves will be painted with volunteer help. Also minor interior work.

The trustees would like to have an all church cleanup week of May 19-24. Pick up paper and junk around the buildings, wash interior and exterior windows, check all rooms for untidy and unsightly messes, and last but not least any repairs that should be made must be brought to the attention of the trustees. Anything you feel should be done write it down and give to any trustee. We are not mind readers and will possibly forget if you don't make a sincere effort to let us know your ideas in writing.

**SPECIAL - No Scotch tape of any kind is to be used on the painted walls!!!!!!**  
The use of tape damages the paint. This applies to all buildings.

Respectfully,  
John Mansfield

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#### ADVICE TO MY CHILDREN -

Map your route, then follow your own road. And carry your own luggage along the way.

Be kind to the people you meet; they have burdens to carry, too. But watch out for importunate hitchhikers.

Be kind to yourself, but not at the expense of other people. Your right-of-way ends where theirs begin.

Don't loudly blame the world for the potholes you encounter; no one ever said that life is easy. If you're not willing

to exert yourself to help patch them up, then shut up and make a detour.

If you travel with a companion, accommodate your strides, for each of you has weakness as well as strength. But don't lean upon your mate; instead, walk each alone but side by side, near enough to touch a lot. Then do so, especially when the wind is blowing hard.

Don't get so hung up on ultimate destinations that you forget to enjoy the trip.

Margie Breckenridge

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#### DELAWARE AS THE WORLD IN MINIATURE

Let us look at Delaware, a city of 15,000, as if it were the world in miniature. In this city, there would be 2100 North and South Americans (900 of them representing the United States); 3250 Europeans; 1275 Africans; 8475 Asians. There would be 4500 white people; 10,500 non-white people. 4500 of the 15,000 would be Christians. Half of the total income of the city would be in the hands of 900 people, representing the U.S.A. Almost all the affluent part of the city would be composed of Christians from Europe and North America. Over 10,500 of the 15,000 citizens would be unable to read. Over 7500 would be suffering from malnutrition. Only 900 would not live in what we call sub-standard housing. No more than 150 would have a university education.

And you think there would be no revolution?  
from The Cross & Keys,  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church

#### FINANCIALLY SPEAKING . . .

Needed to meet our local expenses -  
weekly - \$421.  
monthly - \$1822.

#### Received in March:

March 2	\$431.36
" 9	308.33
" 16	312.36
" 23	176.12
" 30	454.66
	<u>\$1682.83</u>

Additional: Salary Support \$41.70

Repair	36.22
Easter offering	61.00

benevolences received and paid out:

Undesignated	\$133.50
Love Gift	16.34
America for Christ Offering	79.49
Judson College	100.00
Forward Fund	50.00
Famine relief	8.00
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	\$387.33

Ruth Brown,  
Treasurer

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#### A PARAPHRASE OF THE 23rd PSALM

TV is my shepherd and I shall want for nothing: for I am Sure there is a deodorant that combines dryness with anti-per-sperant qualities, a detergent that gets even the bold one's clothes clean, a piece of the rock that will remove every risk from living. It makes me lie down on a posturpedic designed by an orthopedic specialist. It leads me in paths that cater to my every dream and wish for the sponsor's sake. And it creates new wishes where there were none before. Yea, though I walk through the valley of indigestion or insomnia or simple nervous tension I will fear no evil. For TV is with me. And two Alka Seltzers or the formula that doctors prefer three to one will comfort me. It prearest a table before me in the presence of my in-laws, my husband's boss, and all the women in my new neighborhood, replete with the spread that fools Mother Nature, jello, for which there is always room, and Maxwell House, which cures all my loneliness. And when my cup runneth over, I wipe it up with Bounty, which has twice the absorbancy of other paper towels. Surely goodness, well being, and success shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall watch TV forever.

(by David Lyons in the Asbury newsletter)

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We are running away all the time to avoid coming face to face with our real selves, and we barter the Truth for trifles.

Way of a Pilgrim

#### CHURCH YOUTH IN SPRING SPORTS

Among our church youth involved in the spring sports program of area schools are: Doug Lee, track at Hayes; Bob Stephenson, captain of Hayes Tennis Team which is to date undefeated in OCC play; Chris Westbrook, track at Buckeye Valley; and Kelly Westbrook, track at Ashley.

#### WHY THE FELLOWSHIP FUND & WHAT IT DOES

The source of this fund is the offering taken prior to Holy Communion each month. Its history goes back to the early church when there was conflict over the teaching in James 1:27, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit the orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

We see the young church in Acts 6:1-6 facing the feeling of discrimination and unfair distribution of help and care by the Hebrews to the Hellenists' (Greek speaking Jews) widows and orphans. To resolve this situation seven men were chosen whose responsibility was to care for the physical needs of the congregation - while the disciples-apostles gave their time and energy to the "higher" spiritual life-needs. BUT life-needs cannot be divided into compartments and we find the seven chosen to put their faith into social action - deeds, becoming great spiritual leaders also.

Be that as it may - our Fellowship Fund given freely and anonymously makes possible a resource for the deacons, deaconesses, and pastor to use at their discretion to help people whether in our congregation or outside of it, in a time of emergency and need.

The list is long and the needs are great of people who have received help with a gift of love from this Fund. It is understandably kept confidential - but our deacons, deaconesses, and pastor consider this a vital part of their work and a matter of stewardship. We can trust them to use the Fund wisely as a God-given mission in your behalf.

But our Fellowship Fund is low. Knowing the emergencies that can occur in our lives at unexpected times and ways, and the devastating circumstances that can bring persons to the door of the parsonage and the church, we should keep this fund growing. Let us extend our love and concern to others

by sharing our dollars where we have been giving dimes and quarters to this Communion offering, for this is truly our mission opportunity right here on our own doorstep.

Won't you make this a matter of prayer as you consider your monetary gift of love at each Communion? Let us build up our Fellowship Fund that more persons with emergency needs can be helped in Jesus' name. God bless you with the joy "extra giving" brings to the giver.

John B. McTaggart, Chr.  
Bd. of Deacons & Deaconesses

#### FROM THE CHR. OF ADULT WORK . . .

The Adult class teacher for May will be Joe Brower, who is our regular senior high teacher (along with Jean), and Larry Faulk will take the seniors for the month.

The Adult Social for May is set for the 31st with the McTaggarts as hosts.

Pam Faulk

#### FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The Women's Mission Society met March 27 and April 10 at the church. Both days were spent making layettes and clothing for small children to be sent to mission fields.

Our next meeting will be May 8 at the church. Officers for the coming year will be installed by Evelyn Lee. Hostesses will be Myrtle Gabriel and Carol Fogle.

Della Dean,  
Program Chr.

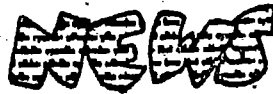
The White Cross quota was filled and we also contributed to Church World Service. 10,000 quilt blocks were sent to Veteran's Village, Ilo. Ilo, Philippines. We worked on layettes and clothing for small children, sent used clothing, made hospital squares, and rolled bandages. We still need used quilt pieces, cotton or double knit. Many thanks to those who took time out to make these things possible.

Myrtle Gabriel,  
White Cross Chr.

Our thanks to all those who helped with the reception for Edna Darling. You did a good job. Our thanks also to the men who lent a helping hand. Bertha VanBrimmer was installed as Chairman of White Cross of the Marion Association Women's Society for 1975-76 at the association meeting at Richwood, held April 17. All items for Care

and Share were brought to the Richwood meeting and put on display. These will be taken by Bertha to the State Conference at Capital University this June to be distributed to the missionaries. This is part of White Cross work. A luncheon, consisting of soup and drink, was served to 200 women, the largest gathering of the association for some time, and the balance of the luncheon proceeds (\$1.00 was paid by each) was donated to the hunger campaign amounting to \$165.70. "Mission Fair" was the program of the day with displays, food, slides, talks on these countries, India, Burma, Haiti, Zaire, Philippines, Mexico, and central America. Attending from our church, Bertha VanBrimmer, Myrtle Gabriel, Frances Johnson, and Helen Aleshire. It is time to make reservations for the Ohio Baptist Women's Conference to be held at Capital University June 9-11. Reservations must be in by May 15.

Helen Aleshire  
President



CARY BETH LINN and ARCHIE JOSEPH TRIGG will be married at the church May 10 at 2:30pm. It is an open church wedding

and a reception follows in the Fellowship Hall.....FRED and LUCILLE VIA have returned to Delaware after several months in Florida.....PETER and LINDA WHITE were in New York and New Jersey over Easter..... JANET INSCHO has returned after a 5 month visit with her family in California..... BERTHA MCTAGGART was a recent Woman of the Day on WDLR.....TED, JEANNIE, and AMY STEPHENSON of Indianapolis were in Delaware, while Ted and his Dad attended the New Winkskins Seminar in Columbus.....Playwright DONALD BROWN and the FBI entertained an enthusiastic audience April 19 in which all performers displayed unusual and sometimes unexpected talent.....HARRY and TERRI KOLTOVITCH attended a youth conference in Cincinnati April 26.....DELLA NOFSINGER and the women of the church led us in our worship April 6.....and we all benefited from ADVENTURES IN OUTREACH led by JIM VANBRIMMER, FOLKE FERRE and GEORGE CALHOUN (more in next NEWS AND VIEWS)..... BRUCE & DOUG LEE, PAUL & STEVE MANSFIELD & their Dads attended an all county SCOUT 1st Aid camp April 19-20 where Doug, Bruce & Paul were in award winning patrols.



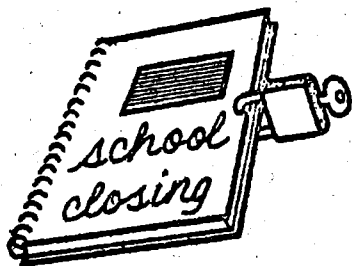
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2 Friday	9:30	May Fellowship Day at Zion A.M.E.
4 Sunday	9:15	Church School.
	10:30	Morning Worship & Communion.
	8:00	Bd. of Christian Education.
5 Monday	5:30	Alcoholism Council.
6 Tuesday	4:30	Discipleship Class.
	6:30	Youth Com. with Koltovichs.
	7:45	Meditation Group.
7 Wednesday	6:00	Discipleship Class.
	8:00	Choir Rehearsal.
8 Thursday	7:30	Women's Mission Society.
10 Saturday		Youth Bake sale...Majestic Paint & Buehlers.
	2:30	Linn-Trigg wedding.
11 Sunday	9:15	Church School.
	10:30	Morning Worship (Mothers' Day)
	6:00	Junior Hi Fellowship...Senior Hi Fellowship.
12 Monday	7:30	Teachers.
13 Tuesday	4:30	Discipleship Class.
	7:30	Meditation Group.
14 Wednesday	6:00	Discipleship Class.
	8:00	Choir Rehearsal.
15 Thursday	7:30	Shephard Circle with F. Belt.
	7:30	Trustees.
18 Sunday	9:15	Church School.
	10:30	Morning Worship.
	5:00	Church School dinner.
19 Monday	7:00	Constitution Committee.
	7:30	Parish Council.
20 Tuesday	4:30	Discipleship Class.
	7:30	Meditation Group.
21 Wednesday	9:00	Morning Circle with C. Grubbs.
	6:00	Discipleship Class.
	8:00	Choir Rehearsal.
25 Sunday	9:15	Church School.
	10:30	Morning Worship.
	6:00	Senior Hi Fellowship.
27 Tuesday	4:30	Discipleship Class.
	7:30	Inter-church Council.
	7:30	Meditation Group.
28 Wednesday	6:00	Discipleship Class.
	8:00	Choir Rehearsal.
29 Thursday		Blood Bank at Wm. St.
30 Friday		Blood Bank at Wm. St.
31 Saturday	7:30	Adult Social.

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by the First Baptist Church, Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, pastor



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You like the picture? School closed, notebook locked, tight schedule relaxed? Sure you do! Whether adult or student you thrill with anticipation when the grass greens, the flowers bloom, and school ends for the summer. It's the call of freedom - freedom to follow our intuition; freedom to explore new life styles; freedom to throw away schedules imposed from without so we can follow nonschedules which unfold from within! To be yourself for a change!

It's a good time to reflect on the often ignored fact that Jesus never intended to put us under a yoke of slavery but came to set us free to live without fear or compulsion. He

said, "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (Jn. 8:36) Paul wrote, "For freedom Christ has set us free...do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Gal. 5:1) When we read of the hassles other denominations get into over the ordination of women, problems of ritual and creed, and questions of personal behavior, we should be glad for our tradition of freedom. BUT THE TROUBLE IS . . . too many American Baptists choose the chains of tradition rather than the freedom of the Sons and Daughters of God. Here in Delaware we kicked the chain habit a long time ago!!! And we intend to stay free! ENJOY (JBS)

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MEDITATION GROUP BEGINS ON TUESDAYS

Our newly formed meditation group has enjoyed three meetings thus far. Sessions are held each Tuesday at 7:30pm. They have listened to tapes by astronaut Edgar Mitchell and psychologist Harriett Freeman. They have practiced relaxation as a prelude to meditative prayer. Future plans call for experiments in various forms of meditation and research in ESP. It is still possible to become a part of the group by coming to any Tuesday meeting provided you bring an open mind and a willingness to try the untried!

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We often wonder why we feel fatigued, but at the same time we know that we haven't been taking the time to relax. Real relaxation is a learned exercise. When things pile up during the day, a good night's sleep does not always replenish us. Take time each day to sit quietly; make yourself comfortable, start at the top of your head, and go to all parts of your body, telling each to relax. Pleasure and relaxation opens the way for a flow of strength and energy.

Ralph Rhea

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I AM AT HOME WHEREVER I GO IN GOD'S WORLD.

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CHURCH SCHOOL RECOGNITION DINNER

Sixty of our church gathered Sunday evening, May 18, for an evening of fellowship and good food and to recognize our teachers and church school workers. Music was provided by six OWU students. Harry Koltovich and Rick VanBrimmer conducted teacher-pupil interviews. A Don Brown "original" about our teachers was presented with the help of Bob Stephenson, Rick VanBrimmer, and those in attendance. Gifts were presented to the teachers and youth workers by class members. Carol Grubbs, Carol Fogle, and Janet Lathrop served as the planning committee. The Board of Education thanks all who worked together to make our "Thank you" evening a success.

Evelyn Lee

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A sigh is little altered  
Beside the slow oak;  
As the rustling fingers  
Of the sun  
Stir through the silvery ash  
That begins to collect on the forest floor.  
It is the hour  
When the day seems to die  
In our arms;  
And we have not done  
Much that was beautiful.

Kenneth Patchen (submitted by  
Karen Stoner)

## BAPTISM SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1

Five of our youth will be baptized during our Morning Worship service June 1. Receiving New Testament baptism will be Mark and Melodie Brower, Teresa Grubbs, Cindy Lathrop, and Douglas Lee. Holy Communion will follow baptism and the five will be officially received into the fellowship of the church.

## MAY I HAVE A DATE WITH YOU???????

On Saturday evening, June 14, at 7pm, the 1st Baptist Youth Fellowship will be sponsoring a FANTASTIC program for the whole church.

It is to say THANKS for letting us grow up in the Best Church in Delaware. We also want to pay special tribute to our parents for being there when we need them most.

Featured will be the Mid-Ohio Premiere showing of SURVIVAL, a Mark IV technicolor feature production involving suspense, intrigue, love, and a tour through a real ghost town.

After the movie we are all going to Gene's Pizza Parlor, where many varieties of pizza will be especially prepared. And for those who cannot eat pizza we have something very special for you folks too.

Much preparation has gone into this special occasion, and we hope that everyone that can possibly make it, WILL TRY AND COME.

THANKS SO MUCH!!  
THE KIDS FROM YOUR  
CHURCH

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## PEACE IN THE WORLD'S GREAT RELIGIONS

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.  
- Christianity

Seek to be in harmony with all your neighbors...live in peace with your brethren.  
- Confucianism

There is no happiness greater than peace.  
- Buddhism

Without meditation, where is peace? Without peace, where is happiness? All of

mankind is born for perfection, and each shall attain it.

- Hinduism

God will guide men to peace. If they will heed Him, He will lead them from the darkness of war to the light of peace.

- Islam

The wise esteem peace and quiet above all else.

- Taoism

Only in the name of the Lord do we find our peace.

- Sikhism

When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

- Judaism

All men should live in peace with their fellows. This is the Lord's desire.

- Jainism

I will sacrifice to peace, whose breath is friendly.

- Zoroastrianism

War is death while peace is life.

- Baha'i

Let the earth be free from trouble and men live at peace under the protection of the Divine.

- Shinto

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## TAFTSYG

Here comes TAFTSYG #2...All senior highers better be at church May 25 at 6:30 or we'll come over to your house and burp on your albatross!...(Does that sound like a threat? Oops!)...Bring a Bible, a brain, and a friend--if you manage 2 out of 3 we'll give you a prize...Save June 22 and June 29 at 6:30 and 6:00 respectively for our meetings--on the 29th we ask you to go directly to Carson's miniature golf course. Do not pass up the chance, do not collect dust at home...Have a great Memorial Day. Do something unexpectedly nice for someone...The Sunday School is planning a wonderful new format for summer. Everyone is urged to support the church family in this.

If you have any ideas for something unique to do at this time, just give them to us or your teachers or put them in a sealed envelope and mail to your secret love. They may not understand it, but it will give them a good laugh...Well we'll see you tonight...Go ahead and read the rest of this paper, now that you've read the comics. (This kind of stuff is what killed vaudeville.)

Love,  
Karen and Steve

### THE LORD'S TREASURY

Needed to meet  
local expenses:

weekly - \$421.  
monthly - \$1822.

Received in April:

6	\$499.80
13	239.68
20	232.08
27	467.15
	<u>\$1438.71</u>

additional:

late Easter  
offering: \$10.; salary support: \$41.70

Benevolences received and paid out:

Undesignated	\$125.30
Love Gift	5.68
Northern Baptist Seminary	100.00
Ohio Forward Program	50.00
	<u>\$ 280.98</u>

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$ 104.45

Respectively submitted,  
Ruth J. Brown  
Treasurer

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Don't ever say wife to me  
it's too cold  
if someone asks who I am  
tell them I am the one you love  
if they quiver, "Are you married?"  
then say that we are sharing our lives  
together.

(Susan P. Schutz) Submitted by Karen Stoner

### REMINDER . . .

Things we all will be doing during the  
spring and summer:

outdoor Cooking  
fishing  
music  
gardening  
spring Cleaning  
Horseback riding

Reading  
exercising  
Picture taking  
traveling  
golfing  
baseball  
resting  
Swimming

If you look closely you will see church expenses continue down through all these activities. Regular giving during the summer is the only way we can share and mark these expenses PAID.

Ruth J. Brown

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Home the shepherd and the sheep  
Come at evening from the hill,  
Through a silence kind and deep,  
Full of shadows soft and still.  
Still and soft and deep and kind  
The gentle blessings of a prayer  
Falls like evening on the mind.  
Homeward from the hills of care  
Now my thoughts return like sheep.  
I shall pray and pray until  
Peace comes dropping down like sleep,  
And I am home, and I am still.

James Dillett Freeman

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### LETTERS TO THE CHURCH -

Dear friends,

The Board of Directors of the Delaware City/County Speech and Hearing Center and I wish to thank you for the use of the Fellowship Hall for its Annual Meeting last month. Everyone present felt that the Church was an excellent place for the meeting and although our attendance was not as large as hoped, we felt the meeting was a success.

We, also, greatly appreciate the gift of

six dollars which you so kindly sent us recently. This amount has been added to the savings account to be used for the sound proof booth.

Gratefully,  
Mary Frances Focke  
Director/Therapist

Delaware Speech and  
Hearing Center  
April 28, 1975

Dear friends,

My most sincere, heartfelt thanks to the members of the First Baptist Church for the so very thoughtful gift of the communion set that you gave me for my ordination...and, even more, I thank you for your love....

God bless and keep you!

Edna P. Darling

April 27, 1975

#### TRUSTEES' NEWS

Broken sidewalk blocks are going to be replaced this summer, so please excuse the inconvenience. A new power pole will be placed in the southwest portion of the church lot so new service may be completed at the parsonage and church.

Painters will be needed this summer to paint ceilings and walls. More about this later.

John Mansfield, Chr.

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Old French proverb: "Some of your griefs you have cured, and the sharpest you still have survived; but what torments of pain you endured, from evils that never arrived!"

Submitted by Karen Stoner

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#### NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The Women's Mission Society met in the Fellowship Hall Thursday, May 15, at 7:30 with 15 present.

Bertha McTaggart gave a very interesting program on "What We Can Do in Missions Today." Thanks Bertha.

A short business meeting was held. We donated money to Weekday Religious Education and to the Youth Fellowship for fixing up the old basement.

Officers for the coming year were installed by Della Dean.

President - Helen Aleshire  
Secretary - Sophia Stephenson  
Treasurer - Mary Barkeloo  
Program Chr. - Ernestine Frost  
Chr. of Special Interest Missionaries - Karen Stoner  
Chr. of White Cross - Myrtle Gabriel  
Chr. of Christian Service - Jean Brower  
Chr. of Christian Social Relations - Marjorie Smale  
Chr. of Love Gift - Bertha VanBrimmer  
V. Pres. of Leadership Development, Scholarship, and Literature - Della Nofsinger  
Chr. of Spiritual Growth - Frances Belt  
Delicious refreshments were served by our hostess, Myrtle Gabriel.

This is our last meeting of the year and my last as program chairman. We will have a new face and new ideas for next year. In the six years I've been program chairman we have had many fine programs and accomplished a lot, not because of me but by us all working together. A great big "Thank you" to all of you who helped make my job an easy one.

So, let's give Ernestine the same fine cooperation.

Della Dean, Pro. Chr.

(A note from your editor) - I know I speak for the ladies as well as for all the church in thanking Della for her great contribution to our fellowship through her fine work as program chairman of the Society. Also: she has always been the first each month to get her material to me for your newsletter!!!!!!

#### AN INVITATION TO THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

The Faulks extend to all of us the joy of sharing in Jim's graduation from Dublin High School by inviting us to an open house at their home, Wednesday, June 4, at 9:15pm. This follows graduation ceremonies at Dublin Stadium. Maps are to be available for those needing directions.

#### ADULT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

The May Adult Social will be at the McTaggart's Saturday, May 31, at 7:30pm.

The June activity will be a picnic, June 28 at 6pm, place to be announced.

Jim VanBrimmer will teach the adult class



for the summer quarter.

### PAULINE NASH DIES SUNDAY, MAY 11

Pauline Nash, a member of our church fellowship for 68 years, died at Grady Memorial Hospital, Sunday, May 11, at 11:55pm.

She is the donor of the property that is now the site of the Delaware County Historical Society. In 1954 she transferred the home along with a large collection of historical objects including guns, Indian relics, articles from the Delaware home of Rutherford B. Hayes to the Society.

Pauline was the first Gray Lady of the Delaware County Red Cross and gave thousands of hours of volunteer service both in the local chapter office and at the Chillicothe Veterans Hospital. She was named "Woman of the Year" for Delaware County in 1950 by Beta Sigma Phi.

Pauline was well known in arts and crafts organizations.

She served her church with great love and faithfulness and was a former member of the Board of Deaconesses.

### CHILDREN'S DAY ACTIVITIES PREPARED

A Children's Day program and promotion service will be held June 8 during the Church School hour. The Children's committee - Sis Mansfield, Della Nofsinger, and Carol Grubbs - have organized the program. There will be special music as well as family puppet presentations. Gifts will be presented to the children at the close of the service.

Evelyn Lee

### CUT THIS OUT.....KEEP IT

At long last we have a sufficient supply so we have included one of these in each copy of NEWS AND VIEWS. Please cut it out and save it. Guard it! Don't lose it! Don't lend it. These tuits are hard to come by, especially the round ones. But now yours is printed above. We rejoice with you because the demand has been great and now that each family has its own round tuit, we expect great changes in the church. Many problems will be solved and Sunday attendance should at least double now that each family has a round tuit available to them.

TUIT ! !

For you see, so many have said: Pastor, I will get started in church just as soon as I can get a round tuit. Others have said: I know I should come to Bible study, I just never seem to get a round tuit. Or: I've been wanting to begin tithing my income, or I've been meaning to start singing in the choir or teaching Church School, but I've been so busy that I just haven't gotten a round tuit.

NOW, all that is past. Everyone has his own round tuit, & great things are in store for us all.

Submitted by Jean Brower



Summer Church School sessions begin June 15. Adult classes are to be as usual with Helen Ale-shire and Jim VanBrimmer teaching. Children from the Kindergarten department

through the 6th grade will meet as one unit with various adults leading these sessions through August 31. Emphasis will be on music, missions, crafts, visitation of shut-ins, and Bible study. Junior Hi's and Senior Hi's will meet as one group. Nursery will continue for children under 4 years of age.

Evelyn Lee

### DONALD BROWN'S SONG!

Requests have come in for the song prepared by Don Brown for the Church School dinner. By popular request - HERE IT IS!

### NURSERY

In the Nursery is a teach named Sis,  
Hey teacher, teacher, teach! (repeat after each line)

Our kids with her they cannot miss,  
She'll still teach when these kids have gone,  
But she'll still have that big kid John.

### KINDERGARTEN

Now Marge Smale's Kindergarten class is small,  
But should be taller by next fall.

Marge is not the type to race  
She teaches at a "Smales" pace.

### PRIMARY

Sophie teaches our Primary,  
She'll teach any Tom, Dick, or Harry.  
She's really never taught a Fred,  
Just Amy, Bob, and Jim and Ted.

### MIDDLER

In Middler is a girl named Pam,  
She teaches how we are His lambs,  
Just Jeff right now but the family's  
"bubblin'",  
Cause we all know the Faulks are  
"Dublin."

### JUNIORS

Juniors are Jean Wickum's chore,  
She has stories from the past galore.  
She teaches love, not with a stick,  
Except when she is teaching Wick.

### JUNIOR HI

Junior High's have their delight  
And her name is Linda White,  
She teaches love, she will explain,  
Get on the right track, like a train.

### SENIOR HI

Jean and Joe teach Senior Hi,  
Love and honor is their cry,  
Jean teaches love on His behalf,  
Joe teaches Senior Highs to laugh.

### ADULTS

Whatever has Helen Aleshire,  
She's the one that they admire,  
She's the best, that's how we feel,  
Just like a brand new Oldsmobile.

McTaggarts, Larry, Jim, and Steve,  
Teach adults what to believe,  
Jim just gives them certain looks,  
McTaggarts show them certain books,  
Steve has the edge - it isn't fair,  
Larry tells them  $\sqrt{R^2}$ .

Dick Lee is a substitute,  
You either listen or get the boot,  
If teachers are here, where does he stunt?  
When you look like him, wherever you want!

### BOB STEPHENSON SELECTED BY HONOR SOCIETY

Bob Stephenson was inducted into the  
Hayes High School chapter of the National  
Honor Society Thursday, May 22. Member-  
ship in this honorary organization is based  
upon a student's scholastic achievement,  
character, leadership, and service. Only  
10% of the senior class can be inducted.  
Bob is captain of the Hayes Tennis Team  
which placed second in the OCC, and is  
Sports Editor of the student newspaper,  
THE TALISMAN.

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NOTICE! Nursery helpers are needed during  
Sunday worship. Check the signup sheet in  
the nursery or see Sis Mansfield.

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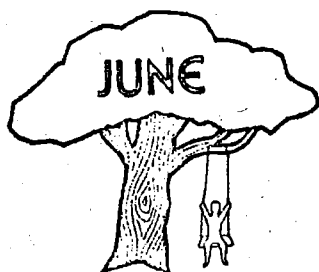
### GRADUATES FROM OUR CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Graduating from area schools are Jim  
Faulk, from Dublin High School; Gina Evans,  
Amy Smale, Bob Stephenson, and Rick Van-  
Brimmer from Hayes High School. Susan  
VanBrimmer graduated May 9 from the Colum-  
bus Career Academy as a dental assistant.  
Congratulations to these youth will be  
officially offered by the congregation  
early in June. Watch bulletin and news-  
paper for the date.

AND ABOUT PEOPLE . . . . . FOCKE FERRE  
and GEORGE CALHOUN of the Ohio Baptist Con-  
vention led us in two Sundays of Adventures  
in Outreach in April under the fine leader-  
ship of JIM VANBRIMMER . . . BASIL HALL has  
been a patient in Grady Hospital after suf-  
fering a broken hip May 5 . . . EDNA DARL-  
ING presented a concert at the Zion AME  
Church May 8 . . . BETH LINN and ARCHIE  
TRIGG were married in our Sanctuary May 10  
. . . RICK VANBRIMMER and BOB STEPHENSON  
participated in the recent March of Dimes  
Walkathon . . . MYRTLE SMITH is back with  
us after wintering in Florida.

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\* We are a free church. Our purpose 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 fol- \*  
\* low the Light of Christ within him. \*  
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# CALENDAR

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Delaware, Ohio

Pay Church Pledge  
Before Vacation

JUNE 1975						
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29	30					

- 1 Sunday 9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Morning Worship. Baptism & Communion.  
8:00 Board of Christian Education.
- 2 Monday 5:30 Alcoholism Council.
- 3 Tuesday 7:30 Meditation Group.  
7:30 VBS workers at 1st Presbyterian Church.
- 4 Wednesday 7:30 Choir.
- 8 Sunday 9:15 Church School Promotion. Children's Day.  
10:30 Morning Worship.  
6:00 Hayes High School Commencement, OWU Phillip's Glen.
- 9 Monday 9:30 - 11:45 Vacation Bible School thru Friday  
at 1st Presbyterian Church.
- 10 Tuesday 7:30 Meditation Group.
- 11 Wednesday 7:30 Choir.
- 12 Thursday 7:30 Trustees.
- 13 Friday 7:30 VBS Recognition Service at 1st Presbyterian.
- 14 Saturday 7:00 Pizza Blast & movie in Fellowship Hall.
- 15 Sunday 9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Morning Worship. Fathers' Day.  
6:00 Deacons & Deaconesses.  
7:15 Song Service.
- 16 Monday 7:30 Parish Council.
- 17 Tuesday 7:30 Meditation Group.
- 18 Wednesday 10:00 Morning Circle Salad Luncheon at Linns'.
- 19 Thursday 6:00 WMS Picnic with Helen Aleshire.
- 22 Sunday 9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Morning Worship.  
6:00 Junior Hi's at Koltovitchs'.
- 6:00 Senior Hi's at church.
- 24 Tuesday 7:30 Meditation Group.
- 25 Wednesday 7:30 Choir.
- 28 Saturday 6:00 Church Picnic.
- 29 Sunday 9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Morning Worship.  
6:00 Junior \* Senior Youth at Carson's.



Annual Church Picnic



GRADUATION

Published in the cause of the Abundant Life  
by the First Baptist Church, Delaware, Ohio

James B. Stephenson, pastor

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Your newsletter will continue publication during the summer months but this issue, along with August's, will be briefer than is customary. Church activity is more relaxed, less structured in vacation season. "Be still and know that I am God," is the theme, rather than, "Get with it!" We are attempting to catch this same attitude in our worship services and church school. Structure and schedule are essential to an industrialized, mechanized social order, but, in fact, it is this very social order which is wrecking our good planet earth! I spent over an hour last week feeding deer and playing with dolphins. Truthfully, I felt closer to God while stroking a dolphin's belly than I do now pounding out a stencil. But then, I get to type any day, anytime, whereas I meet very few dolphins! And that's what summer is for!  
(JBS)

#### COOPERATIVE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We shared with three other churches in a vacation Bible school the week of June 9. These were Asbury Methodist, St. Peter's Episcopal, and First Presbyterian. Our congregation was represented by 15 pupils and 4 teachers; Jean Ekelberry, Carol Grubbs, Marjorie Smale, and Karen Stoner.

#### A SUMMER VACATION ADVENTURE STORY

The vacationer, a church member, was caught in a sudden summer downpour. To escape a drenching, he crawled into a hollow log. Safe from the rain, and lulled by its sound, he fell asleep. When he awoke, he found that the rain had swelled the wood of the log and he was held fast. Try as he might, he could not get out, and realized that he might die there. His life began to pass before his eyes. As he thought of his unpaid church pledge, this made him feel so small that he was able to crawl out of the log with ease.

- G. C.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Educational Building has had some face lifting. All the overhang has been painted, the windows recaulked and painted as well as tapered ledges installed. All the concrete beams and supports have been cleaned and painted. The exterior doors will be cleaned and repainted in the near future.

The eaves have been repaired at the parsonage. Other work there completed recently includes removal of all trash and brush around the buildings.

- John Mansfield,  
Chairman

#### TWO TO ATTEND BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

Two members of our church, Carolyn White and Helen Aleshire, will be leaving for Europe in July to attend the 13th Baptist World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden, July 8-13. This Congress is held every five years to allow all the members of participating bodies in the Baptist World Alliance to gather together to share mutual interests in the life of the church and set goals for the next few years. The theme is, "New People for a New World through Christ." Swedish Baptists who number 45,000 are preparing to receive 10,000 visitors from 80 countries.

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Just to be faithful in things that are  
small,  
Just to walk steady where others may fall,  
Just to be willing if Jesus should call,  
This is my duty to him.

Just to let Jesus have perfect control,  
Just to know daily his grace makes me whole,  
Just to have heavenly peace in my soul,  
This is my duty to him.

- submitted by Terri Koltovich

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#### MARION MEN TO MEET FOR DINNER

The Marion Men's Brotherhood will meet for a dinner and program Tuesday, July 8, at 7:00pm in the First Baptist Church, West Mansfield. Speaker will be Bob Hardy, head of the Dayton Christian Center. You must phone your reservations to the church office or contact Jim VanBrimmer or Joe Brower by July 6.

## NEWS FROM THE HEDGES

Dale and Dianna Hedges are now living in Arizona. The address is:

Pv 2 Dale and Dianna Hedges  
YPG (stands for Yuma Proving Ground)  
P.O. Box 3172  
Yuma, Arizona 85364

Dianna would love to hear from anyone who would like to drop a line, and she'll answer too, I'm sure. They are a long way from home, but are liking it very much. Dale is a clerk-typist there with the army. They are living "on base" in a tiny apartment, and even share a bath with another couple. They are on the list for another apartment, only a little bit bigger and hopefully their own bathroom.

- submitted by Jean Brower

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Child to Sunday School teacher: "What color is God?"

Teacher's reply: "Tell me what color love and peace and happiness, and kindness and forgiveness is and I will tell you what color God is."

- submitted by Terri Koltovich

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## PIZZA BLAST MIND-BLOWING EXPERIENCE!!!!!!

The youth of the church, under the able leadership of Youth Chairman Harry Koltovich and aided by Terri and the Stoners, entertained and inspired the church with a pizza blast and movie June 14. About 60 persons were thrilled by watching the movie, "Survival," enjoyed the music of the new church orchestra under the leadership of John Mansfield. Afterwards Chef Gino Lathrop took over and served pizza unsurpassed to the hungry crowd. For those with pizzaphobia, pies, baked by Terri, were available.

## NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

Final meeting of the year was a picnic at Helen Aleshire's June 19.

Helen Aleshire, Bertha McTaggart, and Bertha VanBrimmer attended the annual Women's Conference in Columbus, while Della Nofsinger and Myrtle Smith visited the

session for one day.

The women of the association will meet July 17 at Sunbury, beginning at 9:30am.

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One rule of life that never seems to change is that what we send out, likewise returns to us. It isn't always easy to see the balance, but it continues to work. We must sow good seeds if we would reap the good harvest. Carelessness and negativism in our thoughts, words, and actions may be a habit pattern, throwing roadblocks onto our path. But the law of compensation works with similar strength on the positive side. We have a greater insurance than money can buy, and that is to think, speak, and act with optimism.

Ralph Rhea

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## PEOPLE making NEWS . . . . .

JAMES RINGLEY and ANNETTE TREESE were married May 31 at the home of her parents, JOHN and ANN LINN.

THE STEPHENSONS recently visited in Indianapolis and the Indianapolis STEPHENSONS were in Delaware for the graduation of BOB.

LARRY and COLLEEN GRIFFIN have moved to Baltimore, Ohio (415 S. Main St., Baltimore, Ohio 43105) where LARRY is pastor of the Beulah and Olive United Methodist Churches.

NANCY SUMMERS of Staunton, Va. was in Delaware to see her parents FRED and LUCILLE VIA.

PETER and LINDA WHITE were in Virginia Beach for a vacation.

EDNA DARLING graduated from the Methodist Theological School and is working in Dayton at a hospital where she is completing her clinical training.

LES and LOUISE CANTWELL, former members, visited STEVE and SOPHIA June 21 and send their love to all their friends at First Baptist.

MARGARET YOUNG vacationed in West Virginia and : southern Ohio.

ELSIE BYERLY and son DAVID vacationed in

Indiana and northern Ohio.

JIM STEPHENSON of Indianapolis spent his vacation in Delaware with his family.

JEAN WICKUM was installed by CAROLYN WHITE as president of the Altrusa Club and will attend their national conference in Arizona.

LOUISE SOMERLOT of Phoenix is vacationing in Delaware with JOHN and BERTHA MCTAGGART and in Marion with her son.

PHILIP SHEARMAN, pastor of the Ashland Ave. Baptist Church in Toledo will be the speaker at our renewal weekend October 10-12...and NORMAN ARMSTRONG, former pastor of the 1st Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio and now director of that city's Neighbor Clinic has been invited to lead our RETREAT Sept. 5-7.

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We are surrounded by eternity and by the uniting of love. There is one center from which all species issue, as rays from a sun, and to which all species return.  
Giordano Bruno

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#### PROMOTION SUNDAY OBSERVED JUNE 8

Promotion Sunday and Children's Day were combined this year and were celebrated during the Church School hour June 8.

The Fogles, Mansfields, and Grubbs presented skits, Margaret Young played a flute solo, and Jean Wickum led the group in a dramatic presentation of a parable.

Bible were presented to Raymond Hudnall and Steve Mansfield.

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When Christ wished to teach us what God is like, he pointed to the God-like in man. Even in the worst sinner he could discover the hidden good and appeal to it, knowing that the good and not the evil is the essential man. The man's true self is that within him which responds to God.

G.H.C. MacGregor (from the bulletin of The Church of the Master, Indianapolis, Ind.)

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#### PAM FAULK IN HOSPITAL

Pam Faulk was a recent patient in Riverside Hospital in Columbus for a tonsillectomy. She is now at home.

#### PARSONAGE PAINTED AS GIFT TO CHURCH

The outside of the parsonage has received a beautiful new coat of paint thanks to a very generous gift of the Whites. Their gift included clearing out the area between the church and the house. Take time to look around and see the improvement to the church property!

#### JULY CALENDAR

The church's summer schedule varies from our usual calendar.

Suggestion: cut out and keep!



#### Sundays:

Church School	9:15
Morning Worship	10:30

#### Tuesdays:

Meditation Group	7:30
(If you do not attend regularly, check with Steve in case of cancellation)	

6 - Bd. of Ed.	8:00
8 - Marion Men (see story)	7:00
13 - Business Meeting	11:30
14 - Teachers	7:30
17 - Marion Women (Sunbury)	9:30
20 - Deacons & Deaconesses	6:00
21 - Parish Council	7:30
26 - Adult Fellowship	6:30

ENJOY

Published in the cause of the Abundant Life  
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James B. Stephenson, minister

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This is the last issue of your newsletter prior to the Fall Edition, which is always loaded with schedules, plans, announcements, suggestions, calling us away from the easier pace of summer to the more intense activities of fall and winter. I predict the Fall Edition will be at least twice the size of this one with a long calendar page! Here is the question: can we carry the relaxed attitude of summer over into the activities of fall? Can there be an inner relaxation which will bring peace, joy, and power into the outer realm? For your consideration I am printing a paragraph by Ralph Rhea in which he talks about relaxation and accomplishment. Hope it helps!

"The easiest way is often the best way. A friend of mine once asked me a good question, 'Why don't you learn to sit loose in the saddle?' Any long distance swimmer knows that he must swim easily, that he must not fight the water. This principle of ease applies to anything we want to do, but it is often difficult to believe that we can actually accomplish more by working in an easy, relaxed manner. You will make more progress if you approach difficulties with an 'easy does it' attitude!" ENJOY! (JBS)

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THIRD ANNUAL RETREAT SCHEDULED

Our third annual church retreat, scheduled for Sept. 5, 6, & 7, is in its final planning phase. The Rev. Norman Armstrong, former pastor of the 1st Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio, and now director of the city's Neighborhood Church Clinic, will lead us. We will again travel to Camp Ohio for a weekend of spiritual enrichment, fellowship, and relaxation in the surroundings of a beautiful Ohio area.

The cost this year is again \$12.50 per person. This covers five meals at \$1.60 each and two nights lodging at \$1.60 each. Our costs at the camp have increased this year but we are asking the same price with the hope that some will contribute extra to cover the costs of leadership, additional staff, snacks, and other retreat expenses.

Camp Ohio is located near Utica and is only a little over an hour's drive from Delaware. Detailed directions will be given those who register. You will find the area very conducive to a weekend of renewal. We will be staying in cabins which hold eight double bunk beds. The camp will house 250 people so there is ample choice of housing facilities. Families may choose their cabin at the time of registration with the hope that our Friday evening will get off to a smoother start. Plan to bring a Bible, notebook, flashlight, bedding, toilet articles, camping clothes, and comfortable walking shoes.

You may arrive at camp anytime after 5:00pm. Perhaps your family would like to bring a simple sack supper to enjoy at the camp. The Retreat officially begins at

7:00pm with an organized fellowship time followed at 8 with a session by Norman. Family stunt night is our traditional Saturday evening starting event. Departure time is Sunday afternoon with lunch the last scheduled activity. We will provide separate activities for the younger children so that parents may be a part of our study sessions. The hours between Friday evening and Sunday noon will be filled with varied features and you will come away feeling closer to God and your fellow church members.

Registration must be in by August 24. It would be helpful if payment accompanied your registration. However, it may be made at the retreat as we pay the camp that weekend before leaving. Registration may be made with Dick or Evelyn Lee.

Any questions concerning the retreat will be cheerfully answered by Board of Christian Education members. We want this to be a very high point in the year and are working toward that goal.

- Evelyn Lee

#### QUIZ

Can you identify the author of the following statement?

"To be nobody but yourself - in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else - means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight; and never stop fighting."

from THE MASTER'S VOICE,  
Church of the Master,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

## WEEKEND OF RENEWAL SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER

The Rev. Philip Shearman, pastor of the Ashland Avenue Baptist of Toledo, is the leader of our Weekend of Renewal which is set for October 10-12. Tentative plans call for a Friday evening session sponsored by the Adult Fellowship, a men's breakfast on Saturday, youth meetings Saturday afternoon or evening, and special events during the Church School hour and morning worship. A Sunday dinner will conclude the weekend.

The Board of Deacons and Deaconesses are anxious to learn of your expectation concerning the weekend and any ideas you may have for it. Contact any member of the Board or Steve.

## JUNIOR HIGHS TO CEDAR POINT

The Jr. High B.Y.F. members have earned \$50.05 doing odd jobs. They are planning to use the money to go to Cedar Point on the 28th of July. The girls that will be going are Teresa Grubbs, Connie Breece, and Cindy Lathrop. Terri Koltovich will be driving the girls to Sandusky.

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Little people spend most of their time evaluating other people rather than generating new ideas.

If you want to remake your life a certain way, start living as though it was already remade. When you do that you will discover that a greater power within you is working with you.

from MAKE IT AN ADVENTURE,  
by Marcus Bach

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READ A GOOD BOOK LATELY?? - BOOK SALE!!!!

An assortment of about 75 books, both hardback & paperback, and some magazines, are available for purchase in the Assembly Room. They are from Steve's library and are selling at 25¢ for hardbacks, 10¢ for paperbacks, and 5¢ for magazines. All proceeds are for famine relief. They may be seen and purchased before and after church July 27 and August 3 or by appointment.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Received in July for local expenses:

July 6	\$201.01
July 13	206.71
July 20	328.36
	<u>\$736.38</u>

To accomplish all that our budget asks for we should have \$1000 more for the month!

Balance on hand as of July 21 is \$285

Benevolences for June, 1975 \$417.29

Ruth Brown,  
Treasurer

## OHIO BAPTIST MEN'S CONFERENCE

The annual Conference of Ohio Baptist Men is set for August 8 - 10 at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio. Featured leader is the Rev. W. Lowell Fairley of Scottsdale, Arizona. Total cost of the conference is \$22.00.

Joe Brower is president of the Baptist Men of Ohio. (By the way, have you read Joe's article in the current issue of the American Baptist Magazine?)

See Joe if you are interested in going to Otterbein!

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Have you taken it to Jesus?  
Have you left your burden there?  
Does he tenderly support you?  
Have you rolled on him your care?  
O, the sweet unfailing refuge  
Of the everlasting arms;  
In their loving clasp enfolded  
Nothing worries or alarms.

Have you taken it to Jesus,  
Just the thing that's pressing now?  
Are you trusting him completely  
With the when, and where and how?  
O, the joy of full surrender  
Of our life, our plans, our all;  
Proving, far above our asking  
That God answers when we call.

- submitted by  
Terri Koltovich

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What have you done for someone else today?



## WANT TO BE A REPORTER?????????

All reader preference surveys made to date reveal that the thing most people like about NEWS AND VIEWS is news about other members! So how about telling us what you did for your summer vacation? Beginning next week there will be a place in the vestibule for you to record your story.

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It is a fine thing to go through life with a smile...but your big job is to say something or do something that will lift the other fellow's load a trifle so he may smile too.

- submitted by Joe Brower

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## GUEST SPEAKER AT CHURCH JULY 20

The Rev. Ted D. Stephenson, minister of the Church of the Master, Indianapolis, Ind., was guest speaker during our morning worship Sunday, July 20.

Ted, Jeannie, and Amy were in Delaware a week visiting their families - the Browns and Stephensons - following a trip to Topeka, Kansas.

## PEOPLE making NEWS . . .

MARY MILHOAN was a patient in Grady Memorial hospital and is now at the Hel-Ene Nursing Home, 36 Griswold. She expects to be there approximately two weeks before returning to her apartment.

JOHN and MARY MCKEAN celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Saturday, July 12. They were married July 11, 1925, in Bills Creek, W. Va.

LARRY and COLLEEN GRIFFIN are the happy parents of a daughter, DAWN RENEE, who was born July 20, weighing in at a healthy 9 pounds.

MARGARET HOPKINS is recuperating from a fall at her home, 276 N. Franklin.

IRENE ADAMS, who now resides in Florida, is visiting daughter DONNA.

CRYSTAL ARTHUR, CONNIE and CAREN BREECE, attended camp at Loudonville.

PAUL MANSFIELD, BRUCE and DOUG LEE, spent a week at the Camp Falling Rock Boy Scout Camp. DOUG was stung by a hornet & had a very severe allergic reaction. BRUCE also attended Camp Ohio for the Delaware County Jr.

POLLY FOCKE has returned from Florida where she attended a speech conference.

KAREN & STEVE STONER, STEFANIE, & RICK VAN-BRIMMER were in Philadelphia where they visited aunts DOROTHY and ELIZABETH and their families.

HARRY and TERRI KOLTOVICH visited recently in New Jersey

JEAN EKELBERRY and sons CHARLES and MICHAEL are now living at 433 N. Liberty.

## DRIVERS NEEDED

The Delaware Cancer Society is in need of persons who can occasionally drive to Columbus taking individuals who are receiving therapy. Phone 363-6732 to volunteer or for additional information.

## BE - ATTITUDES

He who is cowardly will do right because it is SAFER to do so...

He who is overly ambitious will do right if it is his ADVANTAGE to do so...

He who is miserly will do right when he finds it CHEAPER to do so...

He who is average will do right because it is EXPECTED of him...

But blessed is he who does right because it IS right.

- Table Talk

## CALENDAR

Sunday:

Ch. School - 9:15  
Worship - 10:30



3 - Bd. of Christian Education	8:00
7 - Bd. of Trustees	7:30
17 - Bd. of Deacons & Deaconesses	6:00
18 - Parish Council	7:30
23 - Adult Social at Browns	7:00

# AND YOU THINK YOU HAVE TROUBLE?

An accident report, filed by a construction worker, reads as follows:

"I was supposed to move a pile of bricks from the top of a two story house to the ground. Thinking I could save time, I rigged a beam with a pulley at the top of the house, and a rope leading to the ground. I tied an empty barrel on one end of the rope, pulled it to the top of the house, and then fastened the other end of the rope to a tree. Going up to the top of the house, I filled the barrel with bricks.

Then I went down and unfastened the rope to let the barrel down. Unfortunately, the barrel of bricks was now heavier than I, and before I knew what was happening, the barrel jerked me up in the air.

I hung on to the rope, and halfway up I met the barrel coming down, receiving a severe blow on the left shoulder.

I then continued on up to the top, banging my head on the beam and jamming my fingers in the pulley.

When the barrel hit the ground, the bottom burst, spilling the bricks. As I was now heavier than the barrel, I started down at high speed.

Halfway down, I met the empty barrel coming up, receiving several cuts and bruises from the barrel before striking the ground.

At this point, I must have become confused, because I let go of the rope. The barrel came down, striking me on the head, and I woke up in the hospital.

I respectfully request sick leave."

- submitted by Joe Brower

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God is my help in every need;  
God does my every hunger feed;  
God walks beside me, guides my way  
Through every moment of the day.

I now am wise, I now am true,  
Patient, kind, and loving too.  
All things I am, can do, and be  
Through Christ the truth that is in me.

God is my health, I can't be sick;  
God is my strength, unfailing, quick;  
God is my all, I know no fear,  
Since God and love and truth are here.

- Hannah More Kohaus

(This apparently simple poem is actually a series of powerful affirmations of your ONENESS with the Divine Spirit. Use it in your meditation and whenever you feel the need of additional strength and power.)

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BACK TO SCHOOL - What dreaded words those were for me when, in the midst of summer's fun, I was rudely reminded that books and lessons were as much a part of juvenile life as summer vacation.

Now I know that all of life is learning - or at least it should be. A noted child psychologist has said, "Play is the serious work of children." True. And the serious work of learning should never end. (TDS)

The two paragraphs above are borrowed from THE MASTER'S VOICE, the newsletter of the Church of the Master, Indianapolis, Ind. They deserve our attention. Your children are back in school, now let those of us who wear the title Adult resume our experience of awakening to LIFE which the church provides us. Here your brothers and sisters remember that they are pilgrim souls on the most exciting journey - the cosmic adventure of the sons and daughters of God. (JBS)

### \*\*\*\*\* THIRD ANNUAL RETREAT HELD AT CAMP OHIO

Twenty-eight persons shared in our third annual retreat Sept. 5-7. We met for the second year at Camp Ohio and were led in our adventure by Rev. Norman Armstrong of Springfield, Ohio. The retreat was sponsored by our Board of Christian Education under the direction of Chairperson Evelyn Lee.

Next year's retreat will be September 10-12 and our leader is Rev. Russel Jones, minister of the First Baptist Church of Defiance, Ohio.

More details of both this year's and next year's retreats will appear in the October issue of NEWS AND VIEWS.

### A MEDITATION . . .

How easy it is for us to take things for granted. Many times we have to "lose" our health, our employment, our possessions, or our loved ones before we realize the many blessings we already have.

Gratitude is very healthy for it opens up blockages of the flow of energy. When our energy is flowing in perfect harmony and rhythm, the power is then available to lift us above any challenge that confronts us at any time.

An attitude of gratitude - a true, all-encompassing love for the spiritualessence in all creation - opens the door to the joyous fulfillment of life.

- from SCIENCE OF MIND (Sept.)

### WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY RESUMES ACTIVITIES

The Mission Society and Circle meetings will soon be starting. Let's make an extra

effort to attend both meetings. The society needs younger members as well as the older members. Let's make this a record attending year by all.

- Ernestine Frost  
Pro. Chairperson

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFERING NEEDED

Your box of offering envelopes contains a special one for Religious Education. We are very fortunate in having an excellent released time program in our schools under the able and creative leadership of Bette Myer. Your envelope may be placed in any offering.

### FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS & DEACONESSES

The Board of Deacons and Deaconesses regretfully announces that the Spiritual Renewal Weekend scheduled for October 10-12 has been cancelled. Plans for a similar weekend in the near future will be discussed at the next Board meeting. The Board is sponsoring Laymen's Sunday Oct. 13. Everyone is reminded of the upcoming Every Member Canvas which will be under the leadership of Joe Brower. Your attendance at the Sunday morning services is appreciated, and there remains room for more.

- John McTaggart

### DARLENE BROWER GRADUATES IN FLORIDA

Darlene Brower graduated from Stratford's Women's College in Tampa, Florida Aug. 29. She and her girl friend Margie are going to live in Delaware at least for the present. Darlene has been working

at Davey Jones Locker in Tampa and has had some experiences she will long remember. She is looking forward very much to coming home.

- Jean Brower

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

June balance	\$2683.64
Received:	
July 6	201.01
July 13	206.71
July 20	328.64
July 27	277.75
	<u>\$3697.75 *</u>
*includes \$1693.39 from repair	
Total disbursement	3352.61
	<u>\$ 345.14 balance</u>
	July 31

July benevolence \$183.25

- Ruth Brown,  
Treasurer

#### TRUSTEES REPORT . . .

The Trustees are busy working on the budget for the coming year and will again ask your cooperation in conserving heat and electricity this coming year.

The Kindergarten is scheduled to be re-finished this year. The refinishing will include painting the walls and wood trim for the new wall. The new wall also needs a new chalk board. Anyone wishing to work on this project must contact the Board of Trustees for materials and directions for completion of the project.

The ceiling and walls of the educational building are in need of painting. This includes the stairwells. Please contact the Trustees for materials.

There are many long range projects that must be considered for the coming years which will require large amounts of money. Some of these projects include restoration of the south wall, north wall, and front of the church.

Thank you.

- John Mansfield, Chr.

#### ACTIVITIES OF THE MARION ASSOCIATION

The annual fall rally of the Marion Association is set for Sept. 28 at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Sessions begin at 3:00pm with dinner (\$1.25) at 5:30. At the

evening session the featured speaker will be Dr. Harm Weber, president of Judson College.

An evangelistic rally at the Fite Memorial Church is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 5, at 7:30pm. The speaker will be Dr. William Bowser of the Karl Rd. Church.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

##### Teachers for the year:

Nursery - Sis Mansfield  
Kindergarten - Marge Smale  
Primary - Margaret Young  
Middler - Janet Inscho  
Junior - Jean Brower  
Jr. Hi - Linda White  
Sr. Hi - Larry Faulk  
Post Hi - James Stephenson  
Adult - the McTaggarts  
Whatever - Helen Aleshire

##### Substitute teachers:

Donna Brown, Jean Ekelberry, Carol Grubbs,  
Pam Faulk, Richard Lee

A new class is being offered for post-hi youth. It will meet in the church office with the minister as teacher.

Adult teachers for the fall quarter will be John & Bertha McTaggart. We are looking for a good turnout now that vacations are over. Many thanks to Jim VanBrimmer for sticking by our sporadic class all summer.

The adult social will be Sat., Sept. 27, at the Wickums.

- Evelyn Lee & Pal Faulk

#### FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Have you thought about your church's opportunities for the coming year and your part in it? There are many ways of supporting the church, and all are valid, but the constant need, and increase, in the funds required to function properly needs our close scrutiny. This year the Parish council has given us the opportunity of an every member canvas. You will be hearing more about this later, but the important thing is that you mark Sunday, Nov. 9, on your calendar as visitation Sunday and help make this a very successful day by being home to talk with the visitors. Teams will be calling all afternoon to discuss with you what the church would like to do and to share

with you the needs.

You will receive a proposed budget in your October newsletter that will help you to have a better understanding of what the church's plans for the coming year are. Pray about this and for your finance committee so that God's work can continue to go forward.

- Finance Committee:

Helen Aleshire, Donna Brown, Ruth Brown, Dick Lee, John Mansfield, Joe Brower, Chr.

PEOPLE making NEWS . . . . .

SARAH VIA, FRED and LUCILLE VIA'S granddaughter, who is studying for her doctorate in Australia, recently visited in Delaware.

SOPHIA STEPHENSON and DONALD FAULK were recent surgical patients at Grady Hospital.

MARGARET YOUNG is the new Supportive Services Coordinator for the Delaware County Senior Citizens.

BOB STEPHENSON and TOM BAHRICK won the 18 and under doubles in the Delaware County-Rotary Tennis Tournament, and took 4th place in the Hilborn Doubles Tournament.

LOOKING AHEAD TO MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

The month of October will present us with two special opportunities to share in Christian mission.

First - the annual World Fellowship Offering will be received on Sunday, Oct. 5. The theme this year is CHRIST'S MISSION: LOVE FROM A TO Z.

While the materials you will receive later feature American Baptists in Zaire, the money contributed will be used to support American Baptist International Ministries worldwide.

The goal is \$1,100,000. By planning to make our contributions generous, we join a long line of people who care enough to share enough to cause happy things to happen in a sometimes discouraging world.

Second - The Delaware County United Way and Community Services will conduct its annual fund drive in October. Fifteen human service agencies will be seeking to raise a rather modest sum of \$185,000, which benefits Delaware County citizens by

providing needed services that the community would be without were it not for United Way support.

One of the finer expressions of love and concern for persons in need here at home is to generously support our United Way. Each of us should examine the work of these agencies and seriously consider what our fair share of support should be.

- Jim VanBrimmer

VACATIONS . . .

The BROWERS attended a conference at Green Lake and enjoyed Darlene's graduation in Florida.

LARRY & PAM Faulk camped in Michigan.

PAM LATHROP has just returned from visiting friends in Florida.

The LEES traveled to St. Paul & Lake Itasca State Park in Minnesota for a visit with Marcia and Rick. Points of interest included the Un. of Minnesota campus, a tour of Itasca State Park including a golden eagle nest and the Un. Biology Station, a tour of the Betty Crocker Testing Labs, the Wisconsin Dells, and the Indiana Sand Dunes.

The McTaggarts visited friends in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. A visit was also made to Bacone College in Muskogee. They also appeared on TV having been caught by the sweeping camera at a recent Reds baseball game.

BOB, JIM and STEVE STEPHENSON also attended a baseball game in Cincinnati but did not get on TV!

The WICKUMS traveled to southwestern United States.

LINDA & PETER WHITE were in Buffalo, Albany, Montreal, and Virginia Beach.

AMONG THOSE AT COLLEGE . . . . .

At Ohio State, ALLISON LINN, BOB STEPHENSON, & RICK VANBRIMMER . . . at Marion Branch, OSU, BOB SMITH . . . University of Minnesota, RICK LEE . . . at Northwestern, STEVE BOUGHER . . . at Miami, SHARON BOUGHER.

Next NEWS AND VIEWS - Sept. 28 - will feature an article by Helen Aleshire concerning her visit to the Baptist World Congress in Stockholm. (Carolyn White also attended.)

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I like cafeterias. It's fun to shove your tray past the choices while you make up your mind what you need and want. Church is like that. So is the newsletter. We keep offering you options while you move along, looking and making up your mind. We try to satisfy your needs and make everything as palatable as we can. This issue has news, stories, a few poems, some interesting quotes, and a lot of information. The church offers worship, lessons, classes, groups, social events, fellowship. Example: we have a new church school class for young adults. Additional example: several special interest groups are available. And final example: you have the opportunity to schedule a family conference with your minister.

By the way, there is a major difference between the First Baptist Cafeteria and the kind that serve food for pay. They operate to make money; we operate to awaken a whole new dimension in your life. Look us over and fill your tray! (JBS)

#### NEW CLASS FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

A class in religion intended for post high youth and young adults is meeting at 9:15am each Sunday in the church office. With the minister serving as discussion leader the group will explore contemporary issues as they relate to spiritual awareness and the Christian life.

#### A MEDITATION

I am divinely guided and protected today. Nothing can hurt me or cause me to deviate from my true course. My life has purpose and meaning. There is nothing I cannot do - nothing I cannot be - when I set a true course and follow it.

The Presence and Power within me know what things I need before I ask. God wants me to reach my destination in life safely. Everything is in my favor. I attune my mind and heart to accept this truth. I am free in my inner conviction that I am divinely guided and protected, now and always.

- Donald Curtis

#### FAMILY CONFERENCES TO BE SCHEDULED

Is the church meeting the needs of you and your family? What programs and other activities would you like to see developed? How can the minister and staff help you? What resources do you have that can help the minister and staff?

Your minister wants to meet with every church family this month and next for a family discussion. Meetings will be set up by phone in advance. You will be contacted in the next few weeks.

#### FROM THE DEACONS & DEACONESSSES

The Board of Deacons and Deaconesses wish to extend to Evelyn Lee and her committee its heartfelt appreciation for the Fall Retreat which was deemed successful.

#### Contributions to the Fellowship Fund

used by the Board and the pastor to assist those in need, are always welcomed and may be given at times other than on Communion Sunday. Just be sure the gift of money is so designated.

The Board is requesting an amount of \$250 to be placed in the 1976 church budget for evangelistic endeavors. Work is underway to plan a spiritual renewal weekend during the Lenten season. The newsletter will keep you abreast of the details.

The Board is supporting Laymen's Sunday on Oct. 12. Your attendance will be appreciated.

Finally, we ask your support of the coming Every Member Canvas under the leadership of Joe Brower.

- John McTaggart

#### A TRIP TO EUROPE

The main reason for going to Europe this summer was to attend the Baptist World Congress in Stockholm, July 8-13. We went by Icelandic Air leaving New York on July 2 at about 10pm, arriving in Iceland at around 2:30am. It was daylight and about 42 degrees, cold and windy. We got off the plane both going and coming at Iceland as the crew was changed at that time. The airport was a bleak, dreary, flat place, the terminal more like a duty free port, probably because everything was housed in



one big building.

We arrived at Luxembourg next day about noon, found a room via the tourist bureau, took in a few sights, a tram ride, had dinner, and went to bed. Carolyn complained about so much noise and when we went to breakfast discovered that our room was over a Pub. That afternoon we went to Koln, visited the cathedral, and if you are not familiar with this type of architecture you should read about it. Fantastic! We took a city tour and one very interesting bit was that the city hall was built over an old Roman Praetorium and some of the foundation was left as excavated and is open for public viewing. Also several types of cement block was on display as well as other Roman artifacts. We spent 2 days there and I am still thinking about the \$1.35 I paid for coffee. Prices are very high in Koln.

We had a Eurail pass so that we did our traveling mostly by train. We met a variety of interesting people in our travels. It took us about 24 hours on the train from Luxembourg to Stockholm. Money was quite a problem. First we had Luxembourg francs, then German marks, and then Dutch kronen, then Swedish kronen, and coming back we had Norwegian kronen and French francs along with others. I was always fishing out the wrong currency.

We got to Stockholm about 7am Monday, July 7, and found our hotel, which was not too far from the railway station. Talk about public transportation, Stockholm has it: trains, huge subways, buses, boats taxis (these we stayed out of). We had to take a train each morning and back again in the evening to Eric-Massan, meeting place of the WBA, about a 10 minute ride. We explored the city on foot, we took some bus tours, went to the old town, very interesting, visited the old church, the palace, saw the changing of the guard, visited the famous town hall, the gold room where the Nobel prize winners are feted, took a boat trip to Drottningham Palace, the most interesting thing there was the Court Theatre which was built in 1789 and is still using the original equipment.

The first meeting of the Congress was Tuesday, July 8. The theme - "New People - New World - thru Jesus Christ." (2 Cor. 5:17) There were some hundred nations represented each appearing in

native dress. The speakers stressed such ideas, Fellowship beyond Frontiers, Mutual Sharing, A Fellowship of Community Concern, No Racial Barriers, Human Rights, Religious Liberty, etc.

We had morning, afternoon, and evening sessions with the last one on Sunday afternoon at Skansen Park with Billy Graham. We attended all but left Sunday afternoon because we couldn't hear too well and went to see the ship "Wasa."

There were several at the Congress that were on tour with us five years ago, so we had a reunion one day at lunch. I also saw Smiling Sam and Rev. K. C. George and had a very nice visit with Sam. Dr. Joe's tour group was at the hotel on the corner just below us. We saw him quite often and members of his group. We spent 9 days in Stockholm, 3 in Oslo, saw the Polar ship, the Fram and the Kon Tiki, Vegeland, Ski Lift, and Castle, etc.

We then went to Copenhagen for 3 days, visited the famous Tivoli Gardens, took a canal tour, and of course went to see the "Little Mermaid." Spent a day in Heidelberg, very interesting, went to Stuttgart for 2 days visiting Carolyn's relatives and then to Wildbad in the Black Forest, a spa and a delightful place, visited relatives for 2 days, it was a little difficult with very little English on their side and very little German on ours, but we had a lovely time.

Went by train to Luxembourg via Strasbourg, France, had a layover of about 3 hours, so enroute to see the cathedral, up a narrow cobblestone street, we sat on a window ledge in front of a fur shop (Mighty hot that day!) and ate a delicious lunch which Carolyn's cousin had packed for us. All we lacked was the pack pack.

Spent the night at Luxembourg and took a plane next day to New York.

- Helen Aleshire.

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

There are several projects that need attention and some helping hands to get them completed. Any project you and your friends would like to work on please contact John Mansfield

1. Curtains need to be rehung in the Fellowship Hall.
2. Curtains need to be rehung in the pastor's office.

3. The stair wells and hallway of the Educational Bldg. need repainting.
4. The west wall of the Fellowship Hall needs painting.

A complete description of each of the above may be obtained from John Mansfield.

- Thank you  
Bd. of Trustees

#### WHAT IS A FRISHEETARIAN? -

A Frisheetarian believes that when you die your soul goes up on the roof and you can't get down.

#### NEWS FROM THE ADULTS

There will not be a regular adult social for October. Instead, everyone is invited to attend the Halloween party Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7:00pm.

The Adult Sunday School Class is having some interesting conversations about the book of Genesis. Please come and join our group.

- Pam Faulk

#### FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

I would like to take time to welcome our new teachers and substitutes.

Nursery - Sis Mansfield, Evelyn Lee  
Primary (1&2) - Margaret Young, Jean Ekelberry

Middler (3&4) - Janet Inscho, Dick Lee  
Junior (5&6) - Jean Brower, Carol Grubbs  
Junior Hi - Linda White, Donna Brown

We are looking forward to a very interesting year with lots of new ideas and new lessons. Also special thanks to our retiring teachers: Jean Wickum, Sophia Stephenson, and Pam Faulk for teaching so many years. How does it feel to be in the adult class again?

When was the last time you signed up to have a turn in the nursery? We are in need of new names on the nursery list. As of now Oct., Nov., & Dec. are blank. If you do sign up be sure to show up on that Sunday or call someone to trade you for another Sunday.

- Sis Mansfield,  
Children's Chr.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR MISTAKES you will probably find them. We are trying to have something for everyone!

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#### WOMEN PLAN FOR ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

The Women's Society will sponsor a rummage sale in the Fellowship Hall Oct. 10 and 11. Hours are: Oct. 10 (Friday) 12 - 8pm and Oct. 11 (Saturday) 9 - 12 noon. There will also be a bake sale on Saturday.

Donations of good used clothing, miscellaneous items, and home baked goods are needed.

Please bring clothing and miscellaneous items anytime before 11am, Thursday, Oct. 9, to the church. The church is open from 9am-7pm daily.

Call church office for pickup.

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To be what God wants me to be,  
To see the things God wants me to see,  
To live the way I should live,  
To follow the footsteps of Jesus,  
Is all that I ask from life.

- Terri Koltovich

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT

July balance	\$ 345.14
Received:	
August 3	607.48
August 10	451.87
August 17	307.82
August 31	555.23
	<u>1922.40</u>
	\$2267.54
disbursements	<u>1350.50</u>
balance	917.04

#### Benevolences:

Undesignated	\$124.75
Northern Seminary	50.00
Ohio Forward Program	25.00
Famine	<u>10.00</u>

\$209.75

- Ruth Brown, Treas.

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The Bible is a book that plumbs the depths of human experience on all its sides.

The Bible is one book with a pervading theme: God's activity in the redemption of the world thru a chosen, renewed, and obedient people.

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YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, BUT . . . . .

The interview was almost over. Joe was pretty sure he had answered all the questions straight away. It looked as though the job was his. Joe felt this would be a good time to ask about the weekly salary.

Then the conversation took a strange turn. His prospective employer seemed a little shocked that Joe should be concerned with a weekly commitment.

The employer said, "I can't really make a firm commitment. I don't believe in promising my people any specific amount each week. I'll be generous, though, you can count on that. Fact is, I'll probably pay you more in the course of a year than if I told you now what it would be each week. You can be sure that every Friday I am in at the office I'll give you a generous amount for the work you've done that week."

"But," said Joe, "what about any Friday when you are not in the office?"

"Oh, I'll make it up to you the next time I'm in."

"Suppose you're away for a long vacation, what then?"

"Well, my boy, you must have some savings that will tide you over until I come back."

"You know, sir," said Joe, "my wife has always tried to run our household on a budget. What can I tell her to expect?"

"She can expect me to be fair with you, that's what. You know, Joe, I can't say I like your attitude...."

But he never finished the sentence, for Joe woke up, perspiring, but much relieved. He wondered as he lay there whether it could have been the liverwurst and cucumber sandwich and lemon meringue pie he had eaten that gave him the nightmare. And then he remembered the conversation he'd had with the man from his church who called on him earlier in the evening to ask for his pledge.

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The Bible is an heirloom of great antiquity, bequeathed to us by countless persons who produced it and passed it on.

The New Testament regards the church as the outpost of the Kingdom of God and holds that the church enjoys in foretaste the life of the final kingdom.

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HAVE YOU HELPED CLEAN THE CHURCH?

We are operating without the services of a janitor and depend on the willingness of our members and friends to maintain a clean building.

Have you had a turn recently? You will find a sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP OFFERING TO BE GIVEN

Persons who have heard the call of Jesus Christ and have responded, usually join a Christian fellowship or church, and almost always this localized group is linked to other like minded groups to form a network of such fellowships which eventually encompass millions of people.

We do this because we want to be in the company of others who share our convictions. We are made happy, and are comforted, sustained and strengthened in our faith thru the witness of others with whom we share a common bond to our Lord. Because we are called together in Jesus' name we are his community, and if we are truly his individuals and community we soon realize that we are as much concerned for the well being of others, outside our fellowship, as we are for our own within it. Thus we are led into a desire to share our good fortune, and thru the larger community are empowered to minister to those in need in ways that go far beyond our capabilities.

One of the encouraging aspects of the ministry of evangelism in recent years has been an increasing acceptance of the idea that the physical well being of those to whom we witness is as important as the message we bring - or send. In this light the good news about Jesus Christ is being interpreted not only as a message of salvation in an eternal sense, but also as one of real promise of a better life in this world because of the love and willingness to share that exists within the hearts of those who already believe.

This is what our World Fellowship Offering is all about. Because a great many of us are able to share together in this special way, good news will become a reality in many persons' lives, perhaps for the first time. Because of us, and others like us all over the world, real people will experience a measure of comfort and happiness and spiritual well being that would have otherwise been denied them. Giving thru

this offering is an expression of love in which we all may share. Let us make our joy complete by sharing generously.  
Date for our offering - WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCT. 5.

- Jim VanBrimmer

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The real power of the Bible lies in its central story - the story of redemption. The theme of this story is what God has done thru the life of Israel to save all mankind from sin and folly and to bring people of every race and condition into a kingdom of love and brotherhood.  
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#### PEOPLE making NEWS . . . . .

POLLY FOCKE has returned from a camping trip with her family. They visited Myrtle Beach, S. Car., and the Smoky Mountains.

PAM FAULK has resumed her teaching position at Plain City.

Some student addresses . . BOB STEPHENSON, Room 751, Morrill Tower, 1900 Cannon Dr., Ohio State University, Columbus, O. 43210 . . . RICK VANBRIMMER, Room 214, Haverfield House, 112 W. Woodruff Ave., Ohio State University, Columbus, O. 43210.

STEPHEN PETRO, Minister of the West Mansfield Baptist Church, will be ordained Oct. 12, at 7:30pm.

Mission giving by our DELAWARE BAPTISTS is \$671 ahead of last year.

The quotes on the Bible in this issue were all submitted by John McTaggart.

MEN of the congregation will conduct the morning worship service Sunday, Oct. 12, American Baptist Laymen's Sunday.

The OHIO BAPTIST convention will be held Oct. 22-24 at the First Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio.

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THE RADIANT LIFE OF CHRIST SHINES THRU EVERY CELL OF MY BODY, AND I AM THOROUGHLY ALIVE!

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#### CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER . . . . .

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|-------|--------|-------------|--|
| 1     | Wed.   | 7:30        | Choir Rehearsal.                                     |
| 5     | Sun.   | 9:15        | Church School.                                       |
|       |        | 10:30       | World-Wide Communion.                                |
|       |        |             | World Fellowship Offering.                           |
|       |        | 7:00        | Youth Committee for all interested in helping BYF    |
|       |        | 8:00        | Board of Education.                                  |
| 6     | Tues.  | 7:30        | Teachers.  |
| 8     | Wed.   | 6:30        | Covered dish dinner and business meeting.            |
| 9     | Thurs. | 10:00       | Women's Society Work Day.                            |
| 10    | Fri.   | 12:00-8pm   | Rummage sale in the Fellowship Hall.                 |
| 11    | Sat.   | 9:00-12noon | Rummage sale and Bake sale in the Fellowship Hall.   |
| 12    | Sun.   | 9:15        | Church School.                                       |
|       |        | 10:30       | Laymen's Sunday Worship.                             |
|       |        | 6:00        | Jr. & Sr. Hi Youth.                                  |
| 14    | Tues.  |             | Marion Assoc. Women at Fite, Marion.                 |
| 15    | Wed.   | 9:00        | Morning Circle.                                      |
|       |        | 7:30        | Choir Rehearsal.                                     |
| 16    | Thur.  | 7:30        | Shephard Circle with Myrtle Smith.                   |
| 19    | Sun.   | 9:15        | Church School.                                       |
|       |        | 10:30       | Morning Worship.                                     |
|       |        | 6:00        | Deacons & Deaconesses.                               |
|       |        | 7:15        | Song Service.  |
| 20    | Mon.   | 7:30        | Parish Council.                                      |
| 22-24 |        |             | Ohio Baptist Convention at First Baptist, Toledo, O. |
| 22    | Wed.   | 7:30        | Choir Rehearsal.                                     |
| 25    | Sat.   | 7:00        | Halloween Party for all in the Fellowship Hall.      |
| 26    | Sun.   | 9:15        | Church School.                                       |
|       |        | 10:30       | Morning Worship.                                     |
|       |        | 6:30        | Visitors training.                                   |
|       |        | 7:00        | Youth meet to visit a haunted house.                 |
| 29    | Wed.   | 7:30        | Choir Rehearsal.                                     |

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Please complete the enclosed interest finder and return to Steve by mail or leave on the table in the vestibule. You will be contacted as to the time and place of your group.

It is definite that we will have a healing group.

All groups begin in October.

AN INTEREST FINDER . . . please complete and place in offering or on the table in the vestibule

Several group experiences will be available for you. You may indicate your interest by completing the following -

	YES	NO
1. I am interested in a Bible study group.		
2. I am interested in a meditation & prayer group.		
3. I am interested in a combination meditation & prayer/ Bible study group.		
4. I am interested in a healing prayer group.		

Do you prefer to meet on Sunday night \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday night \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday morning \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday morning \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want your group to meet for four weeks \_\_\_\_\_; six weeks \_\_\_\_\_;  
eight weeks \_\_\_\_\_; indefinite \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:



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James B. Stephenson, minister

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This is appreciation month. November brings Thanksgiving Day and the beginning of Advent. To be able to give thanks requires sensitivity to our surroundings - people, things, the vast cosmos itself. To enter into Advent requires great expectations - about ourselves, our fellow earth-pilgrims, the Spirit of God. Appreciative sensitivity and great expectations: the phrases project a great sound, don't they? To behold the earth through the Christ; to open our minds to the currents of love; to see the Spirit in everyone and everything including our lives and circumstances. Out of appreciation and expectation comes the Kingdom of God's abundance and we are made whole. ENJOY! (JBS)

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CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER SCHEDULED

The annual all church Thanksgiving Dinner is set for Sunday, Nov. 23 at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the Women's Mission Society, it will be a covered dish dinner with the main dish provided. It will be a planned meal and you will be contacted concerning your contribution.

ADVENT CELEBRATION SET FOR NOV. 30

Nov. 30 is the date of our third annual Advent Celebration. Although this may seem early to be thinking of Christmas, a quick peek at your calendar to circle and save the date will convince you this very special day will soon be here.

The Board of Christian Education is suggesting a few changes for this year. Plan to bring a sack lunch to enjoy following our morning worship. Beverages will be furnished. Once we have eaten, we will divide into groups to decorate the sanctuary and class rooms. Craft activities will again be available and advent wreathes will be decorated. Bring your advent ring. Candles will be provided. Helpers are needed for this celebration. Contact me if you will assist.

The lighting of our first advent candle will close the celebration about 4:40.

- Evelyn Lee

NEW GROUP TO BEGIN TUESDAY, OCT. 28

Based on the interest expressed in the questionnaire circulated with last month's newsletter, a new group will begin meeting Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7:30pm in the office.

The subject will be spiritual healing, and the group will divide its time into study and practice sessions. The dates of future meetings will be determined the first night. All are invited.

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LETTERS TO THE CHURCH . . .

Dear friends,

I do want to thank you for a lovely weekend. It was very inspiring. You have a great group of people to work with. Thanks, too, for the money. I am having some repairs done on the house and will put it to good use.

Lois Zinsmeister  
Nurse at Camp Ohio

Dear friends,

November - a month to think especially of our blessings and a time for thanksgiving. And a month for pledging. Why not make it a month of a promise of pledging yourself to regular Sunday School and church attendance? We need you every Sunday and we are trying to provide services which we hope you need.

Your teachers have pledge themselves to a year of regular preparation and attendance. Could you even pledge a month to give us a chance to prove we need each other?

(Name withheld by request)

Dear parents,

We are trying real hard to have a good BYF in our church. We need your help! Would you do us a favor and encourage your children to come to the meetings?

Thank you,  
The Koltovich's

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TO A SQUIRREL . . . (W. B. Yeats)

Come play with me;  
Why should you run  
Through the shaking tree  
As though I'd a gun  
To strike you dead?  
When all I would do  
Is to scratch your head  
And let you go.

## WORLD HUNGER AWARENESS DINNER NOV. 2

A World Hunger Awareness Dinner is set for Sunday, Nov. 2, at 11:45am. We are asking you to donate the cost of one day's meal in order to send that money to CROP, UNICEF, or Baptist World Relief.

We are simply coming together to share a meager meal in the hope of helping the starving people of the world.

- Jean Brower  
Marge Smale

## RETREAT FOR 1976

Our 4th Church Retreat will be Sept. 10, 11, 12. Russ Jones, minister of the De-fiance Baptist Church is our scheduled leader. Total cost will be \$15 per person. We feel the increased cost will cover the total cost so that no free will offering will be needed, and to enable the Board to plan more effectively for the complete retreat; i.e. nurse, children's worker, snacks, etc.

The suggestion has been made that many would like to make monthly payments toward the retreat and thus the cost would be spread over a year instead of one month's cost. Those wishing to do this may do so by marking your payments for retreat and putting them into the offering or giving them to Dick Lee. They will be kept in the church saving account.

The \$15 cost is really most reasonable for an inspiring weekend. Why not reserve the time now and start thinking retreat '76?

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I pledge allegiance  
to the human race,  
and to this planet earth  
where we dwell;  
and to the universe  
of time and space...  
and to the Being who  
lives within all.

I pledge allegiance  
to one great law  
(none other in life do we need):  
The observance of love,  
given freely to all,  
from a heart unprejudiced by creed.

- Lorraine Scherk

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

August 1975 balance \$917.04

### Received:

September 7 (retreat)	324.50
" 14	409.16
" 21	477.97
" 28	367.61
	<u>1579.24</u>

Disbursements 1879.78

Balance, \$ 616.46

### Benevolences

Undesignated	\$63.50
Love gift	20.81
Judson College	75.00
Ohio Forward Program	25.00
	<u>\$184.31</u>

## DEACONS & DEACONESSES REPORT

Rev. David Francis, pastor of our sister church at Bryn Zion, Marion Baptist Association, is critically ill. The pastors of the association have asked that the churches support the Francis family by their prayers and gifts of money. The Board of Deacons & Deaconesses have made a contribution from the Fellowship Fund and offers the same opportunity to any church member of church group if they so desire. All such gifts should be given through our church and marked for the "David Francis Fund." Please continue to remember Rev. Francis and his family in your prayers.

- John B. McTaggart

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For the fullest dialogue with the Bible, both individual and group involvement are necessary. The Bible has a very personal word and a social word. By sharing in a group what has been communicated to individuals alone, everyone will grasp more adequately the full message and respond in a way that embraces both individual and group life.

submitted by J. B. McTaggart

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Always be sincere, even when you don't mean it.

## FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN READY TO GO

Visitors have been recruited, a proposed budget established, and all is ready for our 1976 financial, every-member, enlistment. Your budget will soon be coming to you in the mail, and on Sunday, Nov. 9, you will be visited by two of your fellow members. The story which follows is relevant to the occasion.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO if the Lord took your contribution each Sunday and multiplied it by ten - and made that your income for the week?

WOULD YOU BE satisfied with your salary? If you gave one dollar, and He gave you ten - If you gave Him five dollars, and He gave you fifty?

WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO LIVE ON THAT FOR A WEEK?

IF THE LORD prospered you as you gave, instead of asking you to give as you have been prospered, how would you fare?

THE LORD DOES NOT DO THIS, HE LEAVES IT UP TO YOU...

BUT WHAT IF.....

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FUND IN MEMORY OF PAULINE NASH

Several persons have made contributions to the church in memory of Pauline Nash, and these are being held in a special fund. If you are interested in helping a memorial for Pauline, you may make your contributions to Dick Lee, marked for this purpose.

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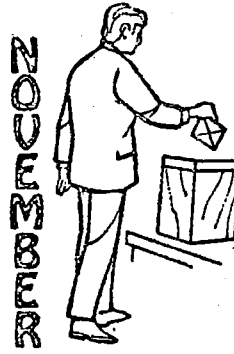
## PEOPLE MAKING NEWS . . .

TERRI KOLTOVICH was a recent patient in Grady Hospital.

The CRANES were recently visited by their daughters DOROTHY and MARJORIE and their grandchildren.

HARRIETT PITTMAN was honored for her 35 year service as a LH advison.

The MORNIN CIRCLE recently visited German Village in Columbus.



## SUNDAY SERVICES:

9:15 Church School Classes.  
10:30 Morning Worship. Nursery available.

## WEDNESDAY:

7:30 Choir Rehearsal.

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Sunday, 2	11:45 Hunger Dinner. 6:00 Youth. 6:30 Visitors Training. 8:00 Bd. of Ch. Ed.
Friday, 7	World Community Day
Sunday, 9	10:30 Financial enlistment Day - dedication of visitors. 2:30 LH Achievement. 7:30 Women's Society.
Thursday, 13	2:30 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, Radnor.
Sunday, 16	6:00 Deacons & Deacon- esses. 6:00 Youth. 7:30 Song Service. 7:30 Parish Council.
Monday, 17	9:00 Morning Circle at Browers.
Wednesday, 19	7:30 Shephard Circle at Vias.
Thursday, 20	5:00 Church Dinner.
Sunday 23	12:00 Advent Celebration.
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THE LITTLE BROWN CHURCH IN THE VALE

1858 Romance is the word for the Little Brown Church 1975

Is there actually a Little Brown Church in existence today? Or is the name of the church fictional? Yes, there IS a Little Brown Church in the wildwood located near Nashua, a small town in Iowa.

William Pitts, a young music teacher, bumped along a dusty road in a stagecoach one hot day in June, 1857. He was on his way to visit his bride-to-be. Noontime came and the stage stopped at old Bradford to water the horses and give the passengers a chance to eat.

While waiting for the stage trip to Fredericksburg to continue, Pitts wandered around the countryside. One particular spot caught and held his fancy. The summer breeze sighing thru the ancient trees gave a serenity and charm to the scene. In his imagination, Pitts envisioned a beautiful, pastoral church set in the midst of the trees. The vision haunted him.

Of course the next few days, during the visit with his future bride, the scene was pushed into the background. But when he returned to his home in southern Wisconsin, the vision kept coming back to him. He wrote a poem describing the scene. The words of "The Little Brown Church in the Vale" rang in his mind as he set them to music.

The years passed and the hymn lay in his desk drawer accumulating dust. Then Pitts returned to Bradford on horse back to teach music at the Bradford Academy. He was stunned by what he saw. A small church was being built at the very site he had visualized in the hymn. Church members had quarried rock for the foundation but the project had been delayed because of the Civil War. In 1864, the struggling pioneers who made up the congregation and contributed much of the logs, lumber, and stone, finally finished the building.

Thru the influence of Dr. John Todd, the gift of a bell was secured. The original inscription on the casting read, "Thomas Cole and Catherine his wife." Their gift still rings today. The bell was cast in the famous Meneely Foundry, Troy, N. Y., and was broken and recast in 1862. At this time this was the only church bell in Chickasaw County, and its coming was an event of wonder. It was rung almost continuously all the way from Dubuque until it reached

its destination. It still hangs in the tower and is beloved of all the countryside.

The edifice was dedicated Dec. 29, 1864. "And so we finished the building" are the words of the young pastor. On dedication day Pitts brought his singing class from the Academy to attend, and for the first time the song was sung in public. The church and Pitts' gospel song were soon one in the hearts and minds of the people.

A Chicago publisher heard the song and gave Pitts \$25.00 for the rights to publish it, and with the money Pitts embarked on a medical career in Chicago. After finishing his schooling he returned to nearby Fredericksburg and set up practice.

Neither the song or the church gained much fame for several years. In fact there was a time that there were no services in the church; the yard grew thick with weeds and brush, the window lights were shot out and the whole scene presented a dilapidated and dismal picture of a shattered dream.

Bradford, as a thriving little village of over a thousand people, slipped into extinction when the railroad bypassed it.

Then came revival, thanks in large measure to the popular religious singing of Iowa's four Weatherwax brothers, performing at chautauquas and social gatherings all over the U.S.A. and Canada. They were known as the Charles City Quartet. They always ended their program by telling the story of the Little Brown Church and singing the song.

The song gained popularity, especially in rural areas, and now it appears in more than 20 different hymnals. It stands proudly in the class of such favorites as "The Old Rugged Cross" and "The Rock of Ages."

With the growing popularity of the song, couples of all denominations began to flock to the church to be married in its peaceful and charming rustic atmosphere. As many as 75,000 visitors pass thru its doors each year. Its denomination is Congregational.

Besides the church and a multitude of memories, all that is left of old Bradford is the Academy building, now a residence, some residences scattered around, and one of the best County museums in the state, the Chickasaw Museum.

Nashua is located on highway 218, 35 miles NW of Waterloo; or 45 miles SE of Mason City, between Waverly and Charles City. The LITTLE BROWN CHURCH IS ONE OF THE MOST VISITED TOURIST SPOTS IN IOWA, AND ONE OF THE MOST NOTED CHURCHES IN THE WORLD.

It is open from early morning until evening and YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Sunday School 10am  
Worship Service 11am  
each Sunday

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You will find posted on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room a booklet of the history of the Little Brown Church. You may browse thru this booklet at your leisure. You will also find three post cards giving information about the church. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE any of them away. There is also a folder showing a picture of the church.

Most of my life I have loved the hymn entitled "The Little Brown Church in the Wildwood or Vale." It reminds me of the church of my childhood, the Baptist Church by the side of the road, a brick church, built about 1835. The church and the cemetery was surrounded by forests of immense oaks, pines, huckleberry and chinquapin bushes. It is there today as it was then although many improvements and additions have been made.

You will find the hymn in our old Sunday School Hymnal, Hymns of Praise, No. 91.

Contributed by  
W. Fred Via

There's a church in the valley by the  
wildwood,  
No lovelier spot in the dale;  
No place is so dear to my childhood,  
As the little brown church in the vale.

Oh, come to the church in the wildwood,  
To the trees where the wild flowers bloom;  
Where the parting hymn will be chanted,  
We will weep by the side of the tomb.

How sweet on a clear Sunday morning,  
To list to the clear ringing bell;  
Its tones so sweetly are calling,  
Oh, come to the church in the vale.

From the church in the valley by the wild-  
wood,  
When day fades away into night,  
I would fain from this spot of my child-  
hood  
Wing my way to the mansions of light.

Chorus:

Come to the church in the wildwood,  
O come to the church in the vale;  
No spot is so dear to my childhood  
As the little brown church in the vale.



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James B. Stephenson, pastor

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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS! The phrase is familiar to Christian ears. It is a plea to remember the birth of a little boy in Bethlehem many centuries ago. May the lights, the gifts, the parties all praise His name! But keeping Christ in Christmas is only the beginning. Have you received Him into your life for all time? He is in the world calling disciples to come follow Him. Are you a disciple? Do you really follow Him? Let the bright lights, the joyful songs, the celebrations all remind you of a birth that takes place not just in Bethlehem but in your own heart. (JBS)  
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December

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- 1 Monday 7:30 Teachers.  
2 Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group.  
3 Wednesday 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.  
6 Saturday 6:30 Adult Christmas Dinner.  
7 Sunday 8:30 Breakfast.  
(Advent 2) 9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Communion. Lesson:  
"Church as Gift."  
6:00 Youth Fellowship.  
8 Monday 7:00 Youth Committee.  
9 Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group.  
10 Wednesday 7:30 Choir Rehearsal.  
11 Thursday 7:30 Women's Mission Society  
at McTaggart's.  
14 Sunday 9:15 Church School.  
(Advent 3) 10:30 Morning Worship.  
Lesson: "New Birth."  
3:00 Trustees.  
15 Monday 7:30 Parish Council.  
16 Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group.  
17 Wednesday 9:00 Morning Circle at  
VanBrimmers.  
7:30 Choir Rehearsal.  
18 Thursday 7:30 Shephard Circle at  
Stephensons.  
19 Friday 10-4 Blood Bank at Wm. St.  
Church.  
20 Saturday 1-2:30 Christmas parties at  
Church for Nursery thru  
Middlers.  
2:00 Junior party at Browers.

- 6-8:30 Youth Caroling.  
21 Sunday 9:15 Church School.  
(Advent 4) 10:30 Morning Worship.  
Lesson: "The Star and  
the Manger."  
6:00 Deacons & Deaconesses.  
7:00 Church School Christmas  
Program.  
23 Tuesday 7:30 Healing Group.  
24 Wednesday 7:30 Christmas Eve Communion.  
25 Thursday CHRISTMAS  
28 Sunday 9:15 Church School.  
10:30 Morning Worship.  
Lesson: "Time to Spare."

#### LOOKING AT THE CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Usually our monthly calendar is placed last in the newsletter. This month it is our lead article.

This is symbolic of the month and its special Day.

Please note the special activities. Our Church School's Christmas program is the 21st. It is under the direction of Sis Mansfield and her Children's Committee. A high point will be the birthday cake for the Baby Jesus.

Our annual Christmas Eve candlelight communion is set for 7:30pm.

All our activities are meant to enrich your celebration of the Birth. Your participation will bring you closer to the Christ.

#### CHRISTMAS CLEARING HOUSE INFORMATION

The annual Christmas Clearing House will need contributions of food, cash and new toys. Final date is Dec. 19. Watch the bulletin for details.

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Christmas is love . . . love is Jesus.

## A CARD FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

This year we are again suggesting that members of our fellowship send just one card to the church rather than cards to the various families. These will be on display in the Assembly Room. If you contribute the amount saved it will be placed in a special fund for the David Francis family. The late Rev. Francis was pastor of the Bryn Zion Baptist Church. Contributions may be given to Dick Lee.

## LETTERS TO THE CHURCH -

Dear friends in the 1st Baptist Church,

We want to thank you for your share in making our Golden Anniversary such a happy time. The floral arrangement of yellow roses and carnations was beautiful and we enjoyed it for many days.

We appreciated the cards we received from our Baptist friends. It is indeed pleasant to know that we were thought of by so many of you. We appreciate your good wishes and your friendship.

Sincerely,  
Charles and Claudia Eliot

Dear friends,

For me, the Thanksgiving and Advent services were very meaningful. It was wonderful to have everyone sitting together, smiling, singing, and sharing love. The services were just the right length to hold the attention of all age groups and still have great meaning and beauty. Thank you to those who planned both the dinner and the Advent celebration. The food was great and the fellowship even better.

Karen Stoner

## FROM THE TRUSTEES

There are numerous repairs under way during the month of November. Please bear with the mess and untidy appearance for a short period of time. Anyone who would like to help with repairs please contact any trustee as all members have several projects and can use your help.

Thank you.

John Mansfield, Chr.

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Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened.

## TREASURER'S REPORT . . .

September balance	\$625.50
Received in October,	
October 5	620.71
" 12	464.52
" 19	415.78
" 26	302.06
	<hr/> 2428.57

Disbursements	<hr/> 2077.89
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Balance, Nov. 1	\$ 350.68
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## Benevolences

Undesignated	\$ 168.50
Love gift	2.05
Northern Seminary	50.00
Ohio Forward Fund	25.00
Famine	15.78
World Fellowship Off.	103.57
	<hr/> \$364.90

Ruth Brown,  
Treasurer

## FROM THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Did you know?

That we the Juniors are learning all about God?

That God loves us even when we are bad?

That He made us in His image?

That we are more important than the birds of the air or the fish of the sea or the animals of the land?

That we are learning to pray and talk to God like a friend, which we know He is?

That we have memorized the ten commandments, and are trying very hard not to break any of them each and every day at home, work or play?

Also that we love reading our Bibles and we are finding answers there that relate to our every day living, and we thank God for sending it to us.

- The Junior Department

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God is certainly not like a big Pepsi bottle! You do leave a deposit and you get big returns.

## HUNGER MEAL PLAN INSTITUTED AT CHURCH

The Women's Mission Society sponsored a hunger awareness meal after worship Nov. 2. More than 30 persons shared in the simple, meager meal, symbolic of the food that over 2/3 of the world's population have to eat for one day. An offering of \$116 was given, that represented the cost of the participants food for one day.

Due to the many activities of Advent, we are not having a December hunger meal. Beginning in January we shall have one on the first Sunday of each month, following the morning service. The next one will be Jan. 4, but I will be at the door of the church Dec. 7 to receive any contributions you may care to make. Share your families' cost of food for one day. You will be blessed, and the hungry of the world will be filled.

One man said, "Don't do nothing, do something." Let's keep the ball rolling now and remember, by creating and redeeming us thru Jesus Christ, God has given us a love that will not turn aside. In our plenty, let us give to those who are in need.

Hunger is: a shrunken infant, the grief of parents, blindness for lack of vitamin A - it is a way of life for increasing millions of our brothers and sisters around the world.

- Jean Brower

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I've wiped milk up off the floor,  
Erased fingerprints from the door,  
Eliminated jelly traces  
From chubby little baby faces.  
No wonder I scream and shout -  
I'm not crazy - just wiped out.

- Vicki Woodyard

Our children never disobey  
Or fail to pay attention.  
They merely do a lot of don'ts  
We never thought to mention.

- Emily Spindler

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## YOUTH TO CAROL

On Dec. 20 the Youth Group will go caroling. The choir has been invited to join with them. But anyone with a joyful Christmas spirit is also welcome! Just let me know at church this Sunday or next.

- 3 - We will meet at the church and visit those whose names were suggested at BYF, then will visit as many others as possible. We'll then enjoy cocoa and such at the church. If there is someone you don't want missed, let me know.

- Karen Stoner

## PEOPLE WE KNOW . . .

WILLARD & CAROL FOGLE became the parents of a new son, VICTOR GUY, on Nov. 5.

FRED VIA and CAP GABRIEL were recent patients at Grady Hospital.

The CHARLES E. ELLIOTS celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a family dinner at the Women's City Club Nov. 9. They were married at Forest, Ohio, Nov. 12, 1925.

MRS. LOUISE COUGHLIN of Galion, Ohio passed away Nov. 6. She was DICK and EVELYN LEE's aunt.

CHARLES EKELBERRY had the excitement of seeing his Bicentennial drawing shown on TV4. His certificate, signed by the general manager of TV4, stated, "the Bicentennial Project submitted by CHARLES EKELBERRY was selected as one of the best entries."

FRANCES JOHNSON was surprised when her Blacksburg, Va. family arrived for Thanksgiving. The LINDSTROMS and two of their three children joined in a Thanksgiving dinner with the LINN family and the ROBERT WALKERS of Columbus. LANCE, the LINDSTROM's older son, is in the Air Force learning Arabic and will be sent east next year.

The STEPHENSONS of Indianapolis (Ted, Jeannie, Amy, and Jim) visited their families in Delaware for Thanksgiving.

The WHITES (Peter, Linda, and Carolyn) were in Toledo for the holiday.

Other Thanksgiving traveler were the MANSFIELDS, VANBRIMMERS, and BROWERS.

MRS. HELEN CRANE was chosen Honor Citizen by the Chamber of Commerce for her many years of service to the Girl Scouts.

MRS. NELLIE DICK's address: Wright Nursing Home, 564 Cox-Smith Rd., Mason, OH, 45040

CAROL GRUBBS fell at her home and received a fracture of her left foot.

JANET INSCHO was a patient in Riverside Hospital, Columbus.

CHARLES PARMER was a patient in Grady Memorial hospital.

Among our youth home from college for the holidays are STEVE BOUGHER from Northwestern, ALLISON LINN, BOB STEPHENSON and RICK VANBRIMMER from Ohio State, and BOB SMITH from Marion Branch, Ohio State.

Let that land I know be the land He roves -  
My peach orchards stand for olive groves,  
And lakes too cool for Galilee  
Be found in His geography.

Under its neon diadem  
Let my town be His Bethlehem;  
But most of all, may I be able  
To let my heart become His stable.

- Ralph W. Seager

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May your Christmas be blessed, wherever you are;  
May love light your heart like a radiant star.  
Wherever you go, whatever you do,  
May the peace of the Christ be there too.  
May the truth of the Christ give your heart a lift;  
And may all God's abundance be your Christmas gift.

