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Good News Letter

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On New Year's Day, I spent some time giving deep and profound thought to this new year and what it will bring. And as I thought, I remembered the old husband's tale that I always heard when I was growing up. Perhaps you've heard it too. It goes something like this: "Be careful what you do on New Year's Day, because that's what you'll be doing for the rest of the year." Kind of a silly notion, but interesting to think about. It just goes to show how much importance we have put on this one day; a day that isn't that much different from any other ordinary day, except that most of us don't have to work and the television does seem to show an inordinate amount of football. Oh, and I almost forgot, it's also the first day of the year. At least that's what my calendar said.

That old tale got me to thinking. What did I do on New Year's Day, and do I want to spend the rest of the year doing those same things? I'm not so sure. First of all, I slept in. That's a pretty good start. But, I don't know about the rest of the day. I spent six hours riding in a car. Then in the middle of that road trip, I saw most of my relatives, gave and got a lot of hugs and kisses, ate too much, watched football (my favorite), got heartburn, played a game and told stories. Then sometime after that, I read from a new book I got for Christmas, watched a movie, ordered a pizza, and laughed with my best friend. All in all, not a pretty good day. But, is this the way I want to spend the whole year? Well, most of it was great, but I know for a fact that my wardrobe doesn't want me to

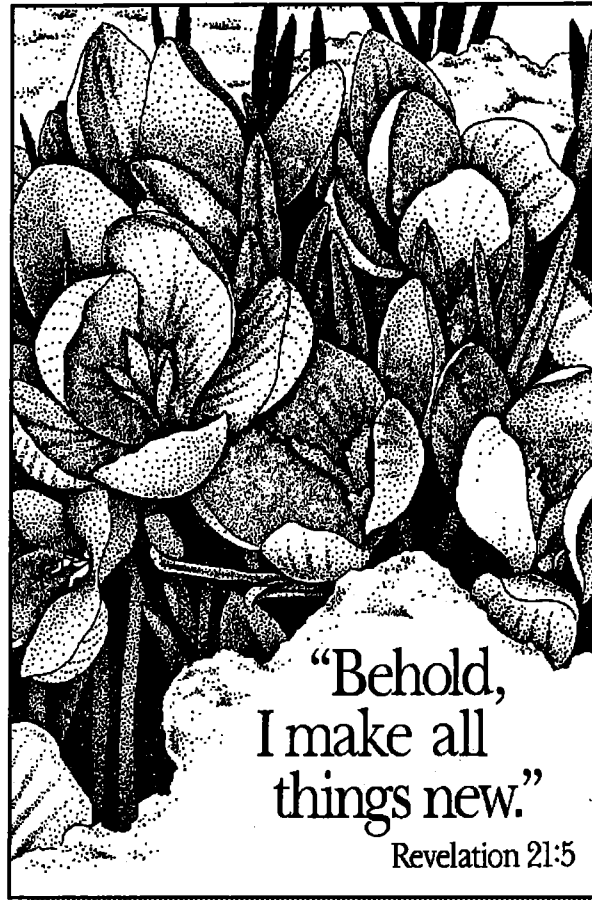
overeat all year, and that while I like to travel, I don't want to spend excessive amounts of time riding or driving in a car.

choose to spend our time shows others what things in life are most valuable to us.

What did you do on New Year's Day? More importantly, what are the things that you will invest your time and energy in this year? Who will you be for yourself and for others? All of these are good questions for us to ask ourselves as individuals as we face the possibilities of this new year. But, they are also good questions for us to ask ourselves as a church. Who are we? What kind of a church do we want to become? What are the things that we want to put our time and money and abilities into during the coming months? What do we want God's ministry with us to become? How much will we dare to dream and risk?

As we open ourselves up to the hope of this new year, let us remember that it is first and foremost a gift from God. What it will become, it will become, not because of what we do, but because of what God will do within our lives. May we have the courage and the wisdom to allow ourselves to trust God, who gives, and moves and causes

life to come out of all the things that we do. Amen.



I think it's fascinating that we give so much importance to this one day; this first day of the new year. But, of course, we all know that we spend our year doing much more than just the things we do on New Year's Day.

However, the important thing about this old husband's tale, even if it isn't entirely true, is that it reminds us that what we do with the time we have is extremely important and will say a great deal about who we are. How we

Jody
Lynn
Brummett

Annual Pulpit Exchange

On Sunday, January 21, we will take part in the Delaware County Ministerial Association's Annual Pulpit Exchange as we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. On that day, the Rev. Dr. Norman "Pete" Snook, pastor of William Street United Methodist Church will be coming to preach here at First Baptist and Pastor Brummett will be going to preach at Zion United Church of Christ.

Annual Meeting

On Wednesday, Jan. 31 we will have a covered-dish dinner at 6:30, followed by our annual business meeting at 7:00. Yearly reports will be presented.

American Baptist Women's Ministries

Evelyn Lee will host the January meeting at the church on Sunday, January 21 at 12:30. The theme will be "Traveling on the Upward Way: A Love Gift Dedication and Worship." Please bring a sack lunch.

Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education will meet at the church on Tuesday, January 16, at 7:00.

Willard Fogle

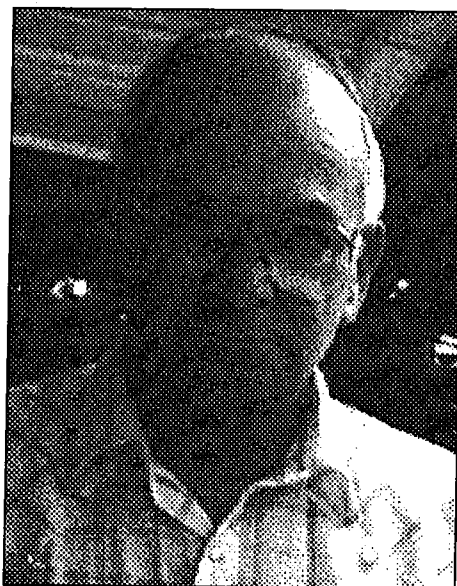
Willard Guy Fogle, 56, died on Friday, December 1 at The Arbors at Delaware, as the result of carbon monoxide poisoning that occurred on November 11.

Will was born in Marysville and was a graduate of Milford Center High School. He spent most of his life in Delaware. He was the owner of Will's Barber Shop on William Street (which was previously owned by his father-in-law Cap Gabriel) from 1969-1985. Following that he was employed in the Delaware City Schools maintenance department.

Will had been a member of First Baptist for many years and his service

included the Board of Trustees, the Pastoral Relations Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Pastoral Search Committee.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; his father and stepmother, Bill and Mary Fogle, of Prospect; his mother and stepfather, of Bellefontaine; special friends Victor and Esther LeVan of Bellefontaine; daughter Carey Beth Fogle of Delaware; a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Deanna; son Victor Fogle, USMC, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA; four granddaughters; two sisters, Sharon Davenport of Delaware, and Barbara Wright of Bellefontaine; and stepbrother Billy



Ingle of Prospect. His brother, Clayton Fogle, died in 1994.

Services were held at First Baptist and burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery. All of us at First Baptist extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Thank You

To our church family,

It is hard to find the words of gratitude we feel for all you have done for us these past few weeks. Your prayers, words of encouragement, and all the good food gave us the strength to face the many difficult days we endured.

The lunch served after Will's funeral was so nice and we received many compliments due to your hard work.

Thank you, ladies.

Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett has been my rock for weeks, in fact I don't know what I would have done without her. She is a true friend and I will always be grateful to her.

I also thank Jody for providing Will with a warm, memorable service. She said all the right things and her words gave us comfort.

We all thank you for everything.

—Carol Fogle and family

ABY News

Attention Church Members: Do you enjoy watching movies on a winter afternoon? The ABY will be providing an opportunity, starting the end of January, to borrow videos. Watch for details.

ABY Dates:

Jan. 7: Meeting at 6:30 (plan lock-in)

Jan. 21: Meeting at 6:30—Erin Faulk to lead discussion

Feb. 4: Marion Association Activity. Details to follow. (Probably will be ice skating.)

March 1-3: Senior High Convention (outside Cleveland)

April 26-28: Marion Association Work Camp

—Donna Reed

Fun Night

All adults and ABY members are invited to Fun Night—our January Social. It will take place on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 7:00 at the church. Please bring your favorite games, snack food and pop.

"And now here is my secret, a very simple secret; it is only with the heart that one can see rightly, what is essential is invisible to the eye."

—Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Trustees Notes

• The gutters were cleaned out at the church, parsonage, and old parsonage (before the big snow).

• Three pianos were tuned by Clifford Rector.

• A thank you to the Trigg family for all the help shoveling at the church and parsonage after the big snow last week.

—Peter White, Chair

Newsletter Delayed

This month's newsletter was a week late because I was ill. I had to put this issue together rather quickly, so if I missed anything please let me know and we'll include it in the February issue.

—Jim Stephenson, editor

Thank You

Many heartfelt thank you's are given to Peter White and to Archie, Jarrod, Evan and Emilie Trigg who came and shoveled snow at the parsonage after the snow storm on January 3 and to Peter White who shoveled after the storm on January 7. Also, thanks to Peter and his helpers who have kept the church free from snow and ice during these snowy winter days.

—Jody Lynn

Hospice at Grady

Volunteers Needed: Hospice at Grady enhances the quality of life for persons with a short life expectancy by allowing them to be cared for at home—around family, friends and familiar surroundings. Specially trained volunteers are needed to relieve caregivers for short periods, run errands, offer companionship and provide special services. The next training session begins in February. For more information contact the Volunteer Services Office at Grady by calling 368-5128.

Personals

• JEAN WICKUM had heart catherization at Mount Carmel Hospital.

• JACK SMITH had heart catherization at Riverside Hospital.

• SOPHIA STEPHENSON was a patient at Grady Hospital for a kidney stone.

• EVELYN LEE fell, cutting her ear and requiring 14 stitches.

• DAVID OSBORNE had surgery at Grand Rapids, Michigan

• VICTOR FOGLE has returned to San Diego after seven weeks leave do to the illness and death of his father, Will Fogle.

• SOPHIA STEPHENSON's sister, Eva Wilton, passed away in Rancho Cucamonga, California on December 23.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Jan. 4 Cynthia Bland
Ashley Francis
Shirley Parker
5 Lola Jackson
Evelyn Lee
6 Edith Hall
8 Chip Runyan
12 Larry Faulk
13 John Linn
18 Matthew Lovell
20 Jennifer Turner
22 Michael Mercer
23 Jeff & Donna Reed
26 Sophia Stephenson
27 Steve Baker
30 Calvin Turner
Feb. 2 Fred Grubbs

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Church Bulletins

Here are some announcements that appeared in various church bulletins across the country:

- "The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement on Saturday..."
- "At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice."
- "For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery

JANUARY WORSHIP

January 7

Matthew 3:13-17; Isaiah 42: 1-9
"Listening for Whos"

January 14

Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Cor. 1:1-9
"Born Ready...or Not"

January 21

Annual Pulpit Exchange
Guest Preacher:
Dr. Norman "Pete" Snook

January 28

Matthew 5:1-12
"Breaking the Rules"

February 4

Matthew 5:13-21
"Going Against the Grain"

downstairs."

• "Thursday night—potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow."

—John Switzer, Columbus Dispatch

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First Baptist Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	New Year's Day 1	2	3 7:00 Choir	4	5	6
7 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:30 A.B.Y.	8 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Piecemakers	9	10 7:00 Choir	11 12:00 Young at Heart	12	13
14 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:30 Deacons	Martin Luther King Day 15 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	16 7:00 Board of Christian Education	17 7:00 Choir	18	19	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Fun Night (January Social)
21 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship. Annual Pulpit Exchange. Guest pastor: Rev. Dr. Norman "Pete" Snook, pastor of William Street U.M.C. 12:30 A.B.W. Ministries 2:00 Peace Camp at U.M.C. 6:30 A.B.Y.	22 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	23	24 7:00 Choir	25	26	27
28 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	29 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study	30	31 6:30 Covered-Dish Dinner 7:00 Annual Business Meeting	February 1 10:00 Sewing Group	2	3

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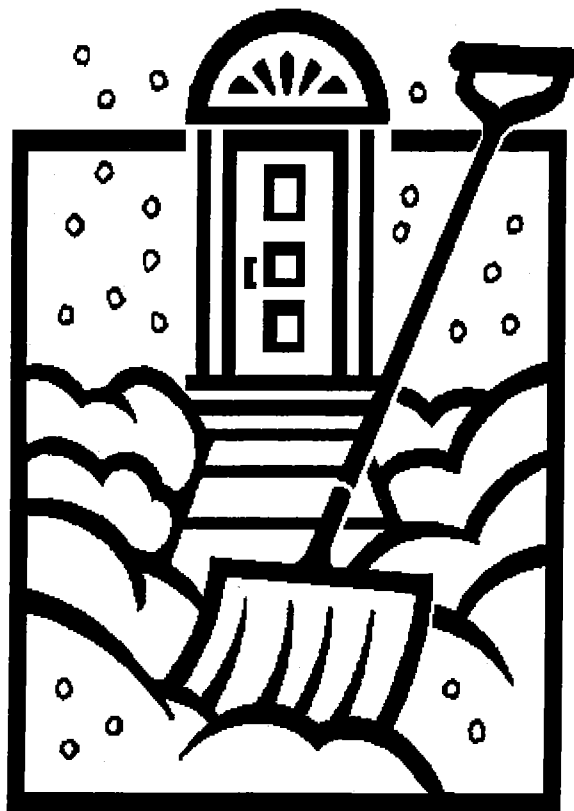
It's the middle of winter. The snow has been plentiful, the air brisk, and the sun quite scarce. Energy is running low and almost everyone I run into is impatient for Spring's arrival. The problem, is that it's only the beginning of February. The first day of Spring is 45 long days away. How are we ever going to make it?

As I sit here, typing away, I'm also painfully aware that my love of winter is quickly being eaten alive by my hatred for sinus infections and allergies. To put it bluntly: I can't breathe and I'm sick and tired of having a stuffed nose and swollen sinuses. As I've told more people than probably want to know, I'm on my third round of antibiotics since the beginning of December, and nothing seems to help. To tell the truth, I feel about my allergy/infection the way most people feel about winter: it's been here long enough and I'm ready for it to just go away.

About this time each year it's very easy to become depressed and withdrawn and perhaps a little lazy. Funny how much we allow the weather to effect our mood and frame of mind. Have you ever noticed how these winter doldrums, if we let them, can have an equally strong impact on our church? Making it difficult for us to breath properly. We get sluggish, weak, with no energy for doing much of anything at all. It's all we can do just to get out of bed and make it to worship on Sunday morning.

Now, before we get too depressed, lets remember that even though our breathing may sometimes be labored, that we're alive as long as we can still

muster enough energy to breathe. The good news is, that as human beings with bodies made of bone and flesh, we have to worry about things like



being able to breathe. But, as a church, the Body of Christ, we don't have to worry, because we don't have anything to do with it. Nothing at all. At this point, I'll presume that you'll want to ask, "How can this be?" Well, let me tell you.

I usually reserve this speech for the June Newsletter when I write my annual piece about Pentecost. But this is a special situation, so I believe we could use an early reminder this year. Pentecost, as we'll recall, is the cele-

bration of God's gift of the Holy Spirit (a.k.a. H.S.). The reason to bring this up in February, is because the H. S. is a gift for all time and isn't just effective during the season of Pentecost. Without this gift, there is no Church. With the Holy Spirit, God breathes life into us, enabling us to become and be the Church. Without the breath of God, the Church doesn't have a chance.

So what do we do? Stop struggling. Don't worry about feeling down in the dumps, sluggish and lazy. Don't get discouraged because we feel as though winter will never end. Spring will come. It always does. In this bleak, mid-winter, when it's difficult to breath on our own, let's remember to allow God to breath for us. Because it is God's breath that will give us the ability to believe that Spring has come, even in the midst of the longest winter.

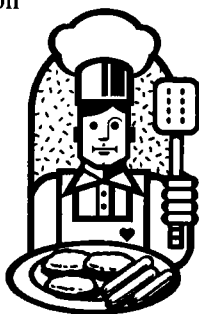
Let us, as the body of Christ, renew our faith, and receive the breath of life that God gives to us. It's always there. We forget sometimes, but when we finally remember, all we have to do is take a deep breath.

Many Blessings,

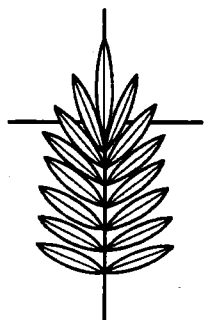
Jody Lynn Brummett

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All are invited. The meal is provided. Please share your talent as entertainment after the meal. Poems, skits, readings, and music are encouraged.



Ash Wednesday Service



On Wednesday, Feb. 21 we will have our Ash Wednesday service marking the beginning of Lent.

The service will be from 7:00 - 7:30 and

will include the distribution of ashes.

ABY

The ABY is sponsoring a video library during the winter months. After Sunday school or church, families can stop into the last classroom on the right and check out a video for a week. The ABY is asking for a small donation for each video. Families should also feel free to contribute videos to share. These should be labeled with your name.

Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education will meet at the church on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00.

1996 Pledges a Concern

Pledges for both the 1996 operating expenses and for missions are down from last year's pledges, while our budget needs have grown.

Pledges to date:

Operating Expenses:\$29,568
Missions:\$3,599

Budget:

Operating Expenses:\$48,702
Missions:\$4,800

If you have not yet pledged for 1996, please consider pledging or increasing your pledge. Your pledge will help us better plan for 1996.

—Larry Faulk
Finance Chair

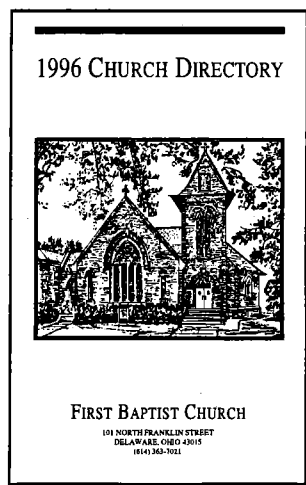
A.B.W. Ministries

The February meeting will be a visit to Sunny Vee Nursing Home on Saturday, Feb. 10. Please meet at the church at 1:00.

Church Directory

The 1996 edition of the church directory will be distributed this month.

If you don't receive one, there'll be extra copies in the vestibule or you can ask the pastor for one.



Thank You

To all of the Baptist church,

I sat down on Thanksgiving Day and had so many thanks to give to all those known and unknown friends who were with me through prayer and my time of need. When I thought of what the doctors kept saying about how amazing my recovery was, I knew I had more pulling me through than just medicine.

I can thank you all for your concern and love that had me back with my

FEBRUARY WORSHIP

February 4

Matthew 5:13-21
"Going Against the Grain"

February 11

Matthew 5:21-37
"Above and Beyond"

February 18

Transfiguration Sunday
2 Peter 1:16-21
"Stepping In"

February 25

First Sunday of Lent
Romans 5:12-19
"Breaking the Cycle"

March 3

A.B.W. Ministries Sunday

family. If ever needed I will return your prayers in kind.

Thank you,

John Mead

Special Appeal from Kilbourne United Methodist Church

Brian is the big brother of Megan, and son of Mary and Richard Boham who live east of Kilbourne.

He is a normal third grader at Buckeye Valley East Elementary School who enjoys reading, T-ball and kickball; whose least favorite subject is math and favorite one is art.

"He's a trooper!" says his mom, "he has a good attitude." That's an accurate description of this young man who is no stranger to hospitals and surgeries.

Brian was born with an abnormally thick left heart chamber, which causes the left ventricle to pump with difficulty. He also has inoperable mitral valve prolapse, which allows blood to flow backwards into the heart. Brian underwent experimental pacemaker surgery in June 1994, in an attempt to reverse the way the heart charges. But the surgery didn't bring about the hoped for result.

1996 WATCH CARE LIST

Deacon Randy Turner (363-2169)

Faulk, Florence
Linn, Anne and John
Mercer, Phil, Melissa and Michael
Porter, Betty
Reed, Barbara
Reidmiller, George, Chris, Katie and Jamie
Rutherford, Sheila and Jim; Courtney and Brandon
Warner
Wickum, Jean

Deacon Jim Van Brimmer (369-2661)

Faulk, Larry, Pam, Jeff and Erin
Gillette, Mary and Melissa; Paul, Liz and Chrissy
Hopkins
Johnson, Frances
Lee, Evelyn
Sander, Marci
Schneeberger, Carolyn
Smith, Jack
Turner, Randy, Jennifer, Calvin and Ben

Deacon Jean Wickum (369-1884)

Bland, Cynthia
Bowers, Mildred
Evans, Geneva
Grubbs, Fred, Carol, Suzanne and Zachary
Jackson, Lola
Sheets, Nellie
Stephenson, Sophia and Jim
Trigg, Archie, Beth, Jarrod, Evan and Emilie
Van Brimmer, Jim and Bertha
Van Broekhoven, Harold and Deborah

Deacon Kirby Francis (369-8907)

Ekelberry, Jeanne, Charles and Michael
Grubbs, Michael, Tammy and Jennie Beth
Hall, Edith
Lathrop, Janet
Linn, Ed and Jennifer
Mowery, Joe, Alison, Natalie, Adam and Laura
Runyan, Chip, Diana and Madison
Turney, Bernice
White, Peter and Linda

Deacon Alison Mowery (369-3314)

Brummett, Jody Lynn
Fogle, Carol Sue and Victor
Gabriel, Cap
Howard, Nicole
Lovell, David, Mary Lou, Debbie, Matthew and Barbara
Mompfer, Gary, Teri and Aric
Palmer, Jerry and Lana
Stoner, Steve, Karen and Micah
Van Brimmer, Rick and Barbara

Deacon David Lovell (369-6041)

Baker, Helen
Baker, Steve and Sharon
Clapper, Katherine
Francis, Kirby, Tammy, Ashley and Justin
Griffith, Mike, Teresa, Natalie and Katie
Heizer, Bob, Sandy and Jeremy
Osborne, David and Jean
Parker, Shirley
Reed, Jeff and Donna; Richard and Betty Davis
Smale, Marge

So now he waits for a transplant. Medical expenses are expected to exceed \$100,000 and there will be medical expenses the rest of his life. If you would like to help, stop by any Delaware County Bank and give your donation to The Brian Boham Heart Transplant Fund.

Waiting for a new heart, is just what a young Delaware County boy is doing. Brian Boham has been waiting on a heart transplant since July.

Brian is 9 years old, and is looking forward to feeling stronger with a new heart and being able to play sports without tiring out.

While medical insurance will cover much of the cost of the operation, there are many other expenses involved, such as medication, expenses created by follow-up care, and all expenses that insurance won't cover.

Kilbourne United Methodist Church has opened an account at the Delaware County Bank: The Brian Boham Heart Transplant Fund and contributions may be made at any county branch. If you can, help us lend a hand to Brian!

..... **Volunteer Drivers Needed**

The Grady Community Nutrition, which prepares nutritious meals for older adults in Delaware County, Monday through Friday are in need of community-spirited and dedicated volunteer drivers. The schedule is flexible and any amount of time you can donate is helpful.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Norma Hudson, Coordinator of the Community Nutrition Service program at 368-5030.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

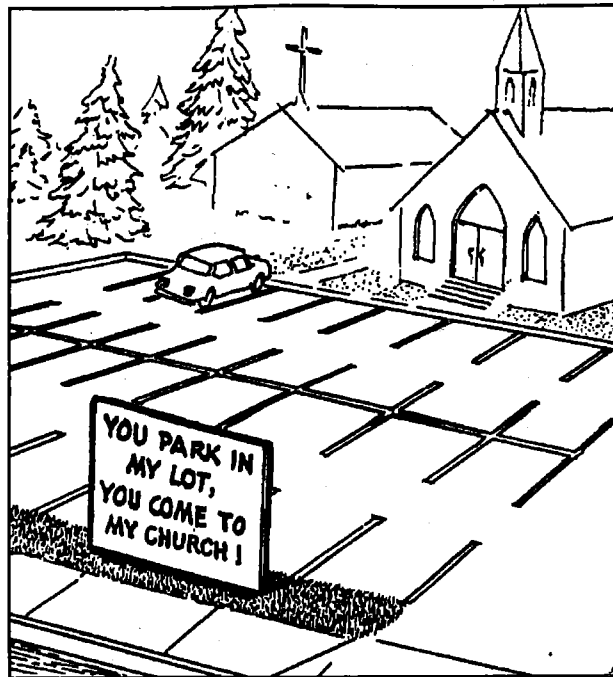
Feb. 2 Fred Grubbs
13 Lana Palmer
15 Deborah Van Broekhoven
22 Bob and Sandie Heizer
24 Emilie Trigg
Meagan Fogle
Mar. 5 Ben Turner
Gary Mompher

Personals

BOB HEIZER's mother, Elizabeth, recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

FRANCIS JOHNSON's sister, Anita Swearengin, recently fell and badly broke her hip. She had surgery at Grady and is recovering at The Arbors.

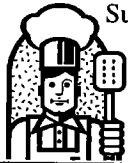

SUSIE AND JEFF LEONARD and family in Port Royal, Pennsylvania, had severe flooding in their home that caused a great deal of damage.



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18 Transfiguration Sunday 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	19 President's Day 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	20 Shrove Tues. 6:30 Pancake Supper 	21 Ash Wed. 7:00 Ash Wed. Service 7:30 Choir 	22 7:00 Parish Council	23	24
25 First Sunday in Lent 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	26 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study	27	28 7:00 Choir	29	March 1	2

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IT'S A SIMPLE FLOWER really, not much to it. A stem, leaves, a few brightly colored petals and a nice fragrance. Lots of flowers have these same qualities, but they don't get the same kind of press that this one flower gets. What makes it so special? Why has it become the symbol of love? Why do so many women want to have these sent to them on special occasions like their birthday, anniversary and especially Valentine's Day?



I must admit that I haven't always understood the big fuss people, especially women, have always made about roses. I used to scoff at the tradition of sending this flower as a gushy act of sentiment that was too cliché and therefore pretty tacky. Lately, however, my heart has softened in regard to this old fashioned practice. Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that I've recently received one or two of these sentimental blossoms, and I now understand the power that this simple flower has. However, don't ask me to explain it, because I can't.

Maybe it has something to do with the fact that the biggest day for sending these flowers falls in the middle of February when it's still winter—cold, bleak, with no sign of living, blooming plant life in all of the great out-

doors. A time of year when many are beginning to think that this dreary weather is going to go on forever and ever. So we send a rose or two or twelve, to remind ourselves that Spring will come again, and the world will once again come alive with leaves on trees and flowers in yards and vegetables in gardens. Winter will not last forever.

As you receive this newsletter, we're still in the middle of winter during the season of Lent. Snow and cold is still in the forecast, and Spring seems a long way off. The world

literally impossible to have life without first having death. Physical life or spiritual life. This is what we believe as Christians. Not only do we believe it, but we have experienced it again and again, if nowhere else, in the experience of the seasons. We watch the earth around us each year, as the flowers, trees and grass fade away, turn brown and die. We endure the winter with its bare branches and frozen, barren ground. Then we watch with both impatience and wonder, as what appears to be dead and lifeless, mysteriously comes back to life again.

In the midst of Lent, as we wonder about the ability of life to come out of something that appears to have no life at all, I give to you the only thing I can, that is, The Rose:

*When the road
has been too
narrow,
and the night has
been too long,
When you think,*

*that love is only,
for the lucky and the strong
Just remember, in the winter,
far beneath the bitter snow
Lies the seed, that with the sun's glow,
in the spring, becomes the rose.*

Life and death are never separated. Even in the most desperate of times, when we're caught in what appears to be a death that can never be overcome, there is life. It's always there. The challenge is in learning to face both of them with equal faith. It's only in learning how to die, with the knowl-

around us still appears dead and lifeless. The funny thing, is that the next newsletter will arrive on Easter Day, which means that I had to include all the events leading up to and including Easter in this month's newsletter. This is odd, because I'm finding it impossible to think the serious thoughts of Lent which remind us that we are dust and to dust we shall return, without also considering the Good news of the Resurrection into new life that comes with Easter and with Spring.

I'm reminded, once again, that it's



edge that it will lead to life, that we ever learn to live. As long as fear prevents us from facing and living through the times of death that we will most certainly have to face along the way, then we will never know what true life is.

As Lent continues, and we prepare ourselves for Easter, let us remember the rose. Let us hold on to our faith in the mystery of death and life and the hope that love is with us and comes to us again at Easter.

Many Blessings,

*Gody
Lynn*

Holy Week Activities



Sunday, March 31

10:45 a.m.: Palm Sunday Worship

Thursday, April 4

7:00 p.m.: Maundy Thursday
Candlelight Communion
Service

Friday, April 5

Noon: Ecumenical Good Friday
Service at St. Mary
Catholic Church

Sunday, April 7

8:00 a.m. Early Easter Service
8:30 a.m.: Covered-Dish Breakfast*
9:00 a.m.: Sunday School
10:45 a.m.: Easter Worship

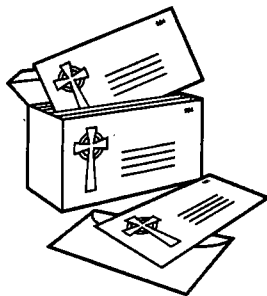
*The breakfast buffet will be sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages and table service will be provided.

Adult/ABY Social

The March adult social will be bowling with the ABY at Delaware Lanes on Saturday, March 23 at 3:00.

Offerings Lag Behind Budget

1996 offerings have been averaging \$888 per week. The budget for operating expenses requires \$936 per week to meet the need. We are running about \$50 per week behind. At this pace, we will be \$2500 below budget by year end. Please review your pledges and giving plans to help meet the need.



—Larry Faulk, Finance Chair

Invite a Friend

On Sunday, March 24, we will be celebrating Invite a Friend Sunday. Of course, every Sunday is an opportunity to invite a friend, but the Board of Deacons is setting aside this special day, so that we can put an extra emphasis on opening up our church to visiting friends. The goal is three. Please think of three friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers, and invite them to join us for Worship.

Video Library

Don't forget the video library being sponsored by the ABY. Check out some videos for your family after church. It is the recommendation of the Board of Christian Education that families contributing videos to the video library bring family-oriented videos and nothing that is R-rated.

—Board of Christian Education

Reminder

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to sleep on Saturday night.



MARCH WORSHIP

March 3

2nd Sunday of Lent
A.B.W. Ministries Sunday
Philippians 3:10,12-14
"This One Thing"

March 10

3rd Sunday of Lent
John 4:5-42
"Below the Surface"

March 17

4th Sunday of Lent
1 Samuel 16:1-13
"Skin Deep"

March 24

5th Sunday of Lent
John 11:1-45
"Fear of Life"

March 31

Palm Sunday
Matthew 26:14-27:66
"Sweet Sorrow"

April 7

Easter
Matthew 28:1-10
"Deja Vu"

Good Grief!

On Monday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m., Chaplain Carver Williams will be at Trinity Baptist Church in Marion to lead a seminar on grief. Through personal experience, professional training, and as hospital chaplain for more than fifteen years, Carver has become a counselor of grief. He offers compassion as well as practical advice and insight about dealing with grief. An invitation is extended to anyone who has interest in this subject. For more information please call Dianne Johnson at 386-6527.

Marion Association Celebration Banquet

The 16th Annual Celebration Banquet will be held on March 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Tri-Rivers Career Center. The

Theme is: "New Life in Christ." The cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Please see Pastor Brummett for tickets. If you are interested, there is a group from our church that will be attending. Please consider attending this event to support our Church's participation in the Marion Association.

A.B.W. Ministries

The March meeting will be a "Guatemala Slide Show" hosted by Jody Lynn Brummett on Sunday, March 17 at 12:15 at the church. Please bring your own sandwich; soup will be provided.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

On Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m., Troop 393 will hold an Eagle Court of Honor for Matthew Lovell and Trevor Lyle. All friends and members of First Baptist are invited. First Baptist is the chartering organization of Troop 393 and your support at this special occasion will be appreciated.

— Dave Lovell
Committee Chairman
Troop 393

Karl Road Workshops

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27 for the Karl Road workshops. See Pam Faulk for details.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Grady Community Nutrition, which prepares nutritious meals for older adults in Delaware County, Monday through Friday are in need of community-spirited and dedicated volunteer drivers. The schedule is flexible and any amount of time you can donate is helpful. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Norma Hudson, Coordinator of the Community Nutrition Service program at 368-5030.

Collection Date: March 10

Dear

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



We used to think about mission as ministries in other countries. No longer. The massive human and spiritual problems we faced in America in recent years remind us that mission is also ministries in our own country.

- Almost 68% of young adults under 30 years old do not attend church.
- 2,000,000 cases of child abuse are reported each year.
- Nearly 30% of all family groups with children are maintained by single parents.
- 36.9 million persons have income below the official government poverty level.

Our church is able to extend its ministry beyond our local community by supporting American Baptist ministries that focus on bringing Christ to America, such as...

- Over 500 new congregations were planted in the past ten years with 40,000 previously unchurched people now attending.
- 24 Neighborhood Action Projects have child-care and family ministries.
- More than 50 camps and conference centers provide life-changing experiences for people of all ages.
- Leader development resources, curriculum, and ministries with ethnic constituencies provide support and hope.

Think about these powerful words of Jesus in Luke 4:18: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

Ministries that preach, proclaim, recover, and release are empowered in America by our America for Christ gifts. That is why I encourage you to give generously this year. Enclosed is an offering envelope for you to respond to needs in America. You may give your gift during any worship service in the month of March.

Walk in love...as Christ loved us (Eph 5:2). Walk America for Christ. Help bring Christ to America. What good will it do if we win the whole world but lose our own country?

See you in church,

Linda White,
Mission Education Chairman

Andrews House

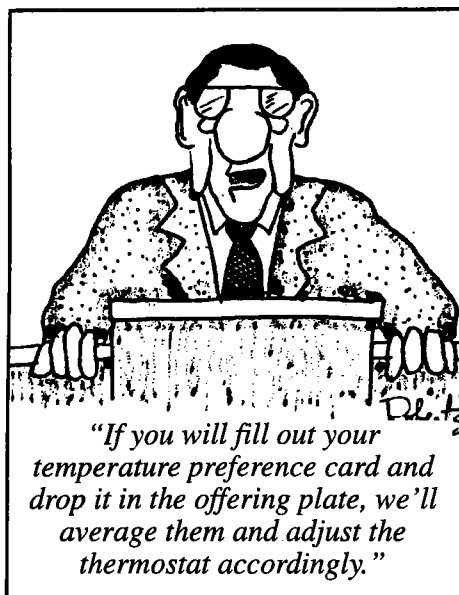
Dear Friend:

Your church was willing to let us enclose this letter in this mailing because your congregation is a Partner in the mission to the community of Delaware called Andrews House. As you may know, Andrews House is a 150-year-old home at the corner of Winter and Franklin Streets in the process of being restored.

Twelve partner churches, seven "Resident Partners" who rent space in Andrews House, and several other groups are collaborating in an effort to provide creative programs and services in this beautiful and inviting facility. Andrews House can look to a long future of providing a place for ministries with families and youth, because it has the security of a 40-year renewable lease and is guided by a dedicated community-wide Board of Trustees.

We would be pleased if you, as one of your "partners," would consider making a tax-deductible gift to the Andrews House Capital Funds Campaign, to help complete the physical renovation.

Please let us know if you would like any of us or an Andrews volunteer to call on you with details of this project. We would be delighted to give you a



tour of the House when it is mutually convenient. Please call us at 369-4520.

Sincerely yours,

*Paul Nicely, Executive Director
Nancy and Bob Rietz,
Capital Campaign Co-Chairs*

Personals

• **MATTHEW LOVELL** recently performed in Carnegie Hall with the Hayes Symphonic Choir as part of the Ohio Youth Chorale. He sang "The Heavens are Telling" as part of a trio

and he also sang "Caro Mio Ben" as a solo. Matthew also played Ernest in the one-act play "Impromptu" at Willis Auditorium.

• **JEFF FAULK** will spend his spring break touring Pennsylvania and Massachusetts with the Notre Dame Concert Band.

• **PAM FAULK** has been named to be in the next edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Only students who have been previously named in Who's Who could nominate and they could only nominate one teacher from their entire academic experience. Pam was nominated by a former student who is now in college.

• **BETTY PORTER** visited Ed and Jennifer Linn in California.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mar. 5 Ben Turner
Gary Mompher
6 Mary Barkeloo
8 Katherine Clapper
12 Evan Trigg
14 Brandon Rutherford
18 Dave Lovell
20 Natalie Mowery
Jeff Reed
Micah Stoner
22 Madison Runyan
27 George Riedmiller
April 2 Adam Mowery

Andrews House Capital Campaign

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People Strengthening People

Donations are tax-deductible. Make checks payable to "Andrews House"

**Andrews House,
39 West Winter Street, P.O. Box
1266, Delaware, Ohio 43015**

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Good News Letter

Published in the Cause of the Abundant Life by the First Baptist Church,
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It's now Tuesday afternoon of Holy Week. This article was supposed to be finished last week so I could meet last Sunday's newsletter deadline. But thanks to my lack of creativity and a very gracious editor, I'm just now getting to it.

Lately, it seems like I've been literally scraping the bottom of my barrel of creative ideas. There's just not much there. Of course, this does happen from time to time, and it's not uncommon to have such an experience on a big day like Easter. Most people, preachers being the worst of all, have very high expectations for this most holy of days. The real problem, though, is that so much of what's important about these days is over-preached to the point that it becomes cliché. So, there's a tremendous amount of pressure to come up with a new, fresh, stunningly brilliant idea. I always want to think of something that is about Easter, but is so unusual and different that it really gets people to think and explore their faith at a deep and profound level. This is a tall order.

So, I did the only thing that a person under this kind of stressful pressure can do; I procrastinated. And as you know, procrastination can be just as exhausting and stressful as productive work. So, I was very tired yesterday morning at 8:30, after only 9 brief hours of sleep, when my alarm went off. I can't really say how, but my alarm stopped ringing, and my head was returned to the pillow. I woke up a few minutes later and it was 11:00. So much for getting an early start to the day.

Well, I had some reading to do for my Bible Study, and so I stayed in bed where it was warm and comfy. When I finally crawled out of bed into the cold, cold house, climbed into the shower and staggered downstairs to make some coffee, it was already 1:00 in the afternoon. Now, as I mentioned, the house was rather chilly. This resulted from the fact that Don from Patrick Heating and Plumbing

had come to the house on Friday and removed by dysfunctional thermostat. He thought he'd be able to come and try to fix it on Monday. And since it was Monday, and I hadn't heard from him, I picked up the phone to call and see what was going on. By this time, the weather had turned cold again and it was 35 degrees outside and not much warmer inside.

As I picked up the phone, I saw Don's truck pull up in my

driveway, so I greeted him at the door and told him that I was just going to call him. While I was talking with him, I looked over at the wall where the empty wires had been sticking out of the wall and saw that there was a new thermostat. I was confused. "How did that get there?" I asked. "Well," he replied, "I put that in earlier this morning, but I had to leave to get another part." Now, I was even more confused. "You were here this morning?" "Yes," he answered, "I thought you were gone, you mean you were here all the time?"

This is what had happened: On Friday, I had shown Don where I hide my house key, so he could let himself in if I happened to be gone when he came to work on the house. So, he arrived at 9:30 on Monday morning, knocked on the door, rang the bell several times, then let himself in. He then proceeded to shout, "Is anybody

home?" a couple times, before deciding the coast was clear and getting to work. And, as I understand, he stomped up and down the stairs from the main floor to the basement more than a few times.

The really scary thing, is that I never heard a sound. I slept through the whole thing. I was so out of it, that I even forgot that I was supposed to meet Sheila Rutherford at noon to discuss and plan for the youth group.

When I was a little girl, my dad used to say that I'm such a sound sleeper, that I could probably sleep through the end of the world. My fear, isn't so much that I'll sleep through the end of the world, but that I'll sleep through Easter. If my

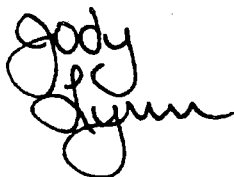


alarm clock can be dismissed so easily, I'm a little concerned that I won't be able to wake up next Sunday, after losing one hour of sleep for the sake of daylight savings, and will miss out on the whole thing. You can probably bet your Easter basket that I'm going to set more than one alarm and have a friend or two make wake up calls.

It's so easy, if we're not careful, to sleep through the important stuff. We don't mean to. We have every intention of waking up. But, for some reason, we just can't wake ourselves up out of our deep, deep sleep. However, if we oversleep on Easter, we miss out on life. How easy it is to get so caught up in the daily tasks and routines of living, that we forget to pay attention to the important business of life.

Sure, it's true that Easter happens every year. It's a sure thing. But, we must be careful not to get used to Easter and take it for granted. God's activity of love in our lives is more than a given, it's also a gift. And this is what I challenge myself, and you to re-remember today. This is our hope: that we will know that the God who raised Jesus from the grave, has the power to raise me from the soundest sleep and to the grace to raise all of us to life. May we have the courage and wisdom to embrace this life, so that we will have life and have life more abundant.

Many Blessings,



Easter Offering

The Special Easter Offering will go to Delaware County Habitat for Humanity. Please use the Easter offering envelope provided with your regular offering envelopes, or note "Habitat for Humanity" on your offering.

Special Business Meeting Called

We are calling for a special business meeting to be held Sunday, April 21,

immediately following morning services. The meeting is in response to Karen Stoner's request for affirmation by the congregation as she seeks to enter the ministry. A vote of the church membership will be taken on whether to license Karen to preach.

Karen has sought and received affirmation from the Marion Association, and is currently serving as Pastor at Wyandot Baptist Church in Nevada, Ohio, in the Marion Association.

A more detailed explanation of the ordination process will be given at the special meeting, and all members are invited and encouraged to attend.

—Rick Van Brimmer, Moderator

Quarterly Business Meeting

On Wednesday, May 1 we will have a covered-dish dinner at 6:30 followed by our quarterly business meeting.

A.B.Y. NEWS

- The Video Rental Library was a great success! Thanks to all who participated. If you have any videos at home, please return them to the church so that we can return them to their rightful owners. Thanks.

- Jr. and Sr. High A.B.Y Work Camp: This year's Marion Association Work Camp at Judson Hills will take place on the weekend of April 26 through 28. The total cost for the weekend is \$27.50. The church camp fund will pay half the price for each camper. If you are interested, please see Pastor Brummett or Sheila Rutherford. Registrations are due by Sunday, April 14.

Mother/Daughter Banquet

The women of Radnor Baptist Church have invited us to join them for a Mother/Daughter Banquet on Sunday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Table service, beverage and rolls will be provided. If you are planning to attend, please let Pastor Brummett know by Sunday, April 28, so we can let them know how many to set up for.

APRIL WORSHIP

April 7

Easter

Matthew 28: 1-10

"Deja Vu"

April 14

John 20:19-34

"Beyond Belief"

April 21

1 Peter 1:17-23

"The Facts of Life"

April 28

Guest Preacher:

Dr. Fran Breton, World Mission Support, A.B.C. of Ohio

May 5

John 14:1-14

"Which Way Did He Go?"

Blanket Sunday

On Mother's Day, May 12, we will once again have a Blanket Sunday. This event is sponsored by Church World Service, and raises money that will be used to purchase blankets for people in need around the world. The cost for one blanket is \$5.00. Please donate \$5.00 toward the purchase of a blanket in honor or memory of a woman who has been and is important in your life. We will give you an opportunity to present your gift in a special offering on Mother's Day. Thank you.

—A.B.W. Ministries

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Brummett will be on vacation from Tuesday, April 23 through Monday, April 29. If there is any pastoral emergency or need please contact your watchcare deacon or the chairperson of the Board of Deacons, Alison Mowery at (369-3314).

Summer Camp

Attention all youth from second through twelfth grade...

A summer camp schedule is now available for Judson Hills. Please con-

sider trying a week of fun at Judson Hills this summer. See Carol Grubbs for registration if you don't receive one in the mail.

American Baptist Women's Ministries

The April meeting will be on Thursday the 18th at 7:00 at the church. Jean Wickum will host. The theme will be "Honoring Jesus' Example: Listening to Women in Crisis."

Crib Room & Junior Church

We need volunteers to help with the crib room and junior church. Please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule, or speak to Carol Grubbs or Barb Reed.

April Social

On Saturday, April 20, the adults will be going out to dinner. Meet at the Cooker on Route 23 at 5:30 p.m.

America for Christ Offering

Our America for Christ Offering has raised \$304.81, exceeding our \$300.00 goal!

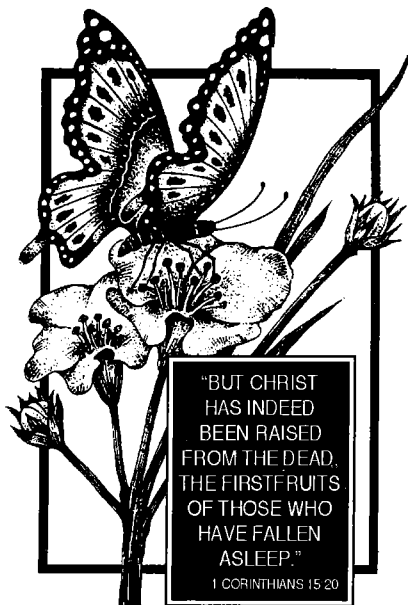
Workshop

On Saturday, April 27, Karl Road Baptist Church will sponsor a workshop on transforming, "The One Into the Other," developed and taught by Rev. Ken Whitt. It will begin at 10:00 and will last until 3:00. An \$8 fee includes light breakfast, lunch, program and materials. Babysitting is available. Please see Pam Faulk for registration.

Letter of Thanks

Dear First Baptist Church family,

I wanted to take time to write you and thank you for your contributions to the annual Christmas bazaar fund raiser. I know that you put in many long hours making the various craft items and purchasing all the items that go along with bazaars. We really appreciate your support in this annual event.



It is always a highlight to watch all of the boxes of quilts, mittens, wall hangings, wreaths, tree decorations, and many other items arrive on campus. We place all of the boxes in the White Cross room and then the week before the bazaar, we set them up on tables for the staff and volunteers to sort through and price all of the items. It is truly a festive time! The Kodiak Baptist Mission staff then have first choice on purchasing items before we set up the booth at the high school.

This year was another exceptional year! We brought in a little over \$2,300! We have had two very good years now, thanks to your hard work and support!

Again, we would like to thank you for your support of the annual Christmas bazaar fund raiser and trust that you will continue to support us with your prayers and contributions.

Serving the Children of Alaska,

Stanley Reiff, Sr.

Kodiak Baptist Mission

I Can Cope

A cancer education program, "I Can Cope," is being offered to those people dealing with cancer in their lives, either personally or through a loved one. This free six-session program includes information on the cancer disease process, management of pain and other cancer side effects, dealing with feelings and emotions and many other topics. Classes are held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays on the following

dates: April 16, April 23, April 30, May 7, May 14 and May 21, at Grady Memorial Hospital in the Private Dining Room on the lower level.

This is a wonderful program to assist in coping with life with cancer. Guest speakers will include physicians, nurses and others. To register for this program call the Grady Life Center at 368-5010 as soon as possible.

Personals

• After much work and study, **VICTOR FOGLE** was given a meritorious promotion to Corporal. Congratulation! (See the directory update below.)

• **ERIN FAULK** has been awarded an endowed scholarship from Hope College and will be attending there in the fall.

• **EVELYN LEE** spent several days in Vincennes, Indiana visiting her sister, Arvella, who is very ill.

• **BRUCE LEE** is recovering from spinal surgery at his home in Pittsburgh.

• **JEAN AND DAVID OSBORNE** spent a couple of weeks visiting son Greg and family in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

• **FRANCES JOHNSON** visited daughter Caroline and family in Florida for three weeks.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 2 Adam Mowery
8 Rick Ramey
Gary & Teri Mompher
9 Kirby Francis
16 Marjorie Smale
20 Melissa Gillette
23 Nellie Sheets
24 Michael Grubbs
29 Deborah Lovell
May 3 Rick Van Brimmer

Directory Update

Because of his promotion to Corporal, letters to Victor Fogle should be addressed to:

CPL Victor Fogle

(the rest of his address remains the same)

FIVE GOOD ANSWERS TO FIVE BAD REASONS

RESPONDING TO EXCUSES PEOPLE GIVE FOR NOT ATTENDING CHURCH

The story is told of a farmer who asked to borrow his neighbor's plow. The neighbor replied that he couldn't lend it to him because he needed the plow to comb his children's hair.

"What?" the farmer replied incredulously. "Why would you need a plow to comb your children's hair?"

"When you don't want to do something," answered the neighbor, "one excuse is as good as another."

For people determined not to go to church, the same principle is true. No argument for attending is good enough, and no amount of argument will change their minds. Many people—including Christians—truly believe they have a legitimate case for avoiding church.

By dealing honestly and directly with their objections, we may persuade them to give church another chance. They may even accept an invitation to accompany you to your next worship service.

What follow are some of the most common excuses people give for not attending church and some suggested responses to them.

BY
PETER
MARCANTEL

a lifestyle that falls short, for example. Sure, there are people like that at church; but they're also at work, in social clubs, and maybe even in your own home! Everybody wants to look good to others. But in church, people are encouraged to drop their masks and be real. God will only help people overcome faults that they recognize within themselves.

1. "CHURCH IS BORING"

Right. Church is as boring as you want to make it. That's because church isn't designed for spectators—it's for participants. For a church service to be interesting, you must play an active role, expecting to receive something or give something of value when you go. The person who joins in the singing, who prays with faith that God will answer, who listens with an open mind to the teaching, and who reaches out in love to other people will rarely be bored.

2. "CHURCH-GOERS ARE JUST A BUNCH OF HYPOCRITES"

A hypocrite is someone who says one thing and does another—a person who pretends to be perfect while living

3. "I CAN'T LIVE UP TO THEIR EXPECTATIONS"

Whose expectations? We often think everyone is watching everything we do or say and judging us accordingly. Consequently, we expect more of ourselves than other people do. Christianity isn't about rules and regulations; it's about a relationship with God. God deals with us as individuals. As we learn to trust Him and surrender different areas of our lives to Him, He will teach us how to live. We're all learning and growing, and nobody ever really arrives. If somebody in the church is judging you, that's their problem—not yours.

4. "IT'S MY DAY OFF AND IT'S A HASSLE TO GO"

This is probably the most honest reason of the five. Getting up and preparing yourself and the kids for church on Sunday morning can be a hassle, especially if you're not in the habit of doing it. But think about this for a minute. We discipline ourselves to go to work every day, to get the kids to school, to go to diet classes, to exercise, to go shopping. We do these things because we see them as necessary parts of our lives. Doesn't it make

sense to put some effort into our spiritual development as well? Besides, many people acknowledge, once they make it to church, that the trip is well worth it.

5. "I CAN GET TO HEAVEN WITHOUT GOING TO CHURCH"

True. Eternal salvation isn't based on church attendance; it's based on God's forgiveness of your sins through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But there's a lot more to Christianity than going to heaven when you die. The Bible's major emphasis isn't on heaven; it's about life on earth. God wants us to learn interdependence, not independence.

Living the fullness of the Christian life is simply impossible without meaningful relationships with other Christians. Through these we learn to love as God loves. That kind of love will reach the people around us and make a difference in the world.

— submitted by Beth Trigg

APRIL 1996

First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	2	3 7:00 Choir	4 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Communion Service 	5 Good Friday 12:00 Ecumencial Good Friday Service at St. Mary's 	6 <i>Set clocks forward one hour tonight</i>
7 Easter 8:00 Early Service 8:30 Covered-Dish Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 	8 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	9	10 7:00 Choir	11 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 Deacons	12	13
14 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 7:00 Senior High A.B.Y.	15 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	16 7:00 Board of Christian Education	17 7:00 Choir	18 7:00 A.B.W.M. at the church	19	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Adult Social: meet at Cooker on Rt. 23
21 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:15 Special Business Meeting	22 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	23	24 7:00 Choir	25	26 A.B.Y. Work Camp at Judson Hills Friday through Sunday	27 10:00 Workshop at Karl Road Baptist
Pastor on Vacation						
28 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship with guest preacher Dr. Fran Breton <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	29 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	30	May 1 6:30 Covered-Dish Dinner & Quarterly Business Meeting	2	3	4
Pastor on Vacation						

Sunday, May 5: Mother/Daughter Banquet at Radnor Baptist, 6:00 p.m.

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2722 Shattuck
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Jim Stephenson, Editor

Good News Letter

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Service of Licensing

On Sunday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. we will be celebrating in a Service of Licensing for Karen Stoner. Karen Stoner, a lifetime member of First Baptist Church, has recently accepted a call to serve as pastor of the Wyandot Baptist Church in Nevada, Ohio. Karen, has expressed to our church her sense of call to the ministry and specifically to the ordained ministry, and has asked that this church present her with a license to preach the Gospel. Karen has met with the Board of Deacons of this church, the Pastoral Relations Committee of the Marion Association and with the members of the First Baptist Church of Delaware at a special business meeting, which voted unanimously to support Karen and present her with a license to preach the Gospel.

All are invited to celebrate in Karen's acceptance of her call to the Ministry and to accept the privilege of our call to support her in her ministry.

Blanket Sunday

The 2nd Annual Blanket Sunday will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12. Blanket Sunday is sponsored by Church World Service, and is a way for us to help purchase blankets for people around the world. A gift of only \$5.00 will purchase one blanket.

Please consider giving a gift of \$5.00 or more to purchase a blanket in memory or honor of a special woman in your life or the life of your family. During worship on May 12, a blanket

will be displayed at the front of the church, and there will be a time during the service for you to present your gift. As you enter worship, a piece of paper will be given to you on which you can write the name of the woman or women you wish to honor and the number of blankets you wish to purchase.



Thank you for taking part in this important ministry.

—A.B.W. Ministries

Mother/Daughter Banquet

On Sunday, May 5, at 6:00 p.m., the women and girls of our church have been invited to attend the Mother/Daughter Banquet at Radnor Baptist Church. Please bring a main dish, dessert or salad to share. Table

service, beverage and rolls will be provided.

Summer Hours Begin

Sunday, May 26 is the last day of Sunday School. Summer hours begin on June 2 with worship at 10:00 a.m.

Children's Day

On Sunday, June 2, we will celebrate Children's Sunday and Promotion Sunday. We will be led in worship by our five graduating high school seniors, who are planning the service and serving communion. Everyone is invited to attend a luncheon reception in honor of the seniors following worship in the Fellowship Hall (see next article).

Remember that this will be the first Sunday of summer hours. There will not be Sunday school, and church will start at 10:00 a.m.

Invitation

The parents of the five graduating seniors, Erin Faulk, Matthew Lovell, Aric

Mompheer, Marci Sander, and Micah Stoner, would like to invite the church family to a lunch reception in their honor on Children's Day, June 2, immediately after church at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Deacons to Attend Workshop

On the second and third weekends of

May, some of the deacons will be attending the Ministry of Caring Workshop which is being sponsored and held at the Richwood Baptist Church. The workshop will focus on learning to minister and care for people within the church and those coming into the church, and is being led by The Rev. Sandie Heizer, North Area Minister for the A.B.C. of Ohio and a member of our church. The workshop will take approximately 24 hours to complete.

Adult Social

As the Adult Social for May we encourage everyone to attend the Hayes Spring musical Pippin, starring our very own Matthew Lovell. We'll attend at 7:00 on Saturday, May 25 at Chappellear Drama Center.

Sr. High Trip to COSI

On Sunday, May 19, following worship, the Sr. High A.B.Y. will make a trip to COSI. Please bring \$5.00 for your admission, money for lunch, and clothes to change into after church. We will return home by 6:30 p.m.

Disciple Bible Study Ends

On Monday, May 20, at approximately 9:00 p.m., the DISCIPLE Bible study will conclude. And there will be much rejoicing. After 34 weeks of stimulating and challenging Bible Study, we will conclude our meetings. A total of 9 people will graduate from the Bible Study, and we invite you to celebrate with us as we recognize this accomplishment during a Sunday worship service.

Volunteers Needed for Arts Festival Sale

The Retreat Committee needs your help on May 18. We will once again be selling refreshments uptown for the Arts Festival. We need workers for any time during the day. Please see Larry Faulk to volunteer.

If there is enough interest, we will also have a bake sale in front of the church. Please see Pam Faulk, Teresa Griffith, or Suzanne Grubbs to volunteer for the bake sale. It cost \$125 to reserve a space uptown. We need to make enough money to cover this and also a profit of at least \$300 to pay for a retreat leader. Please contribute generously of your baked goods and time. Baked goods can be dropped off at the church, or call Suzi or Teresa to pick up.

Next Month's Newsletter

Larry Faulk will be our guest editor for the June newsletter. I'll be out of town the week that it's prepared, so any articles that are mistakenly sent to me will *not* appear in the newsletter.

Please give your articles to Larry (or leave them in the newsletter box) by the end of church on Sunday, May 26th. Let's give Larry a break and keep the articles short. Thanks.

—Jim Stephenson, editor

for giving me some money to go to the ABY convention in Cleveland. I really enjoyed going this year.

Thanks,

Barbara Lovell

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I would like to thank the whole church family for your thoughts, cards, and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. The past six months have been difficult for me and with surgery

Thanks

Thank you to everyone who came to my Eagle Scout Court of honor on March 24th. Thank you all for your support in this great accomplishment. Thank you for the use of the church for my Court of Honor and for supporting the Scout Troop.

Matthew Lovell

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I would like to thank the church and youth group

MAY WORSHIP

May 5
5th Sunday of Easter
John 14:1-14
"Which Way Did He Go?"

May 12
6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
Blanket Sunday
Acts 17:22-31
"Actions Speak Louder Than Words?"

May 19
7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:6-14
"The Gospel Blimp"

May 26
Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21
"When God Answers"

June 2
Children's Day
Guest Preachers – The 1996
Senior Class: Erin Faulk,
Matthew Lovell, Aric Mompher,
Marci Sander and Micah Stoner

on top of it all has made it even more difficult. But knowing that you have been there to support me helps tremendously.

The surgeon says that everything looks good and is healing the way he hoped. It is just going to take some time to recover, and I have to be patient. That's not always easy but I know that is what I have to do. Again, thank you to all of you for being there and keeping me in your prayers.

God bless you,

Janet Porter

People In Need

During the next four weeks, beginning May 12 and ending June 2, I will be collecting items for P.I.N. (People In Need). I will be doing this because I am earning my Silver Girl Scout Award. For this award I have to complete a project that has an effect on the community.

The first week in May I will be giving everyone a slip of paper with an item for P.I.N. to bring the next week. On the last week in May I will give you the last slip of paper to bring in an item on the first week in June. On that Sunday I will dedicate the items to P.I.N. and take them there. If everyone participates and brings in two items, or more, each, I will reach my goal of 100 items.

Thank you,
Barbara Lovell

Volunteers Needed for Nursery and Jr. Church

We are once again asking for help in the Nursery and in Jr. Church. The church is always looking for help in one area or another and this is an opportunity for anyone and everyone to give one hour every two or three months and visit with our little people in the nursery.

Perhaps you cannot give one "whole" hour every two or three months, so maybe you could give one half hour and help in Jr. Church.

If you are apprehensive about being alone with the children, ask Larry Faulk about it. Larry recently spent an hour in the nursery, and he is looking fine, maybe a little "bug eyed," but his injuries were minimal and he has agreed to do it again next month.

All joking aside, we do **need your help**. If you are willing to help, please contact Carol Grubbs or Barb Reed. Thank you so much.

Camp "Fun for All"

If you are in grades 3-12 and would like to spend some time with a great group of kids in a beautiful place with terrific leaders, you need to go to the Summer Camp to Judson Hills.

Please call Carol Grubbs or Barb Reed for dates, times and cost.

American Baptist Women's Ministries

The May meeting of A.B.W.M. will be an end-of-the-year covered-dish picnic. It will be held at 6:30 on



"Well, actually today's sermon didn't quite fit my needs. Where do I get my offering refunded?"

Thursday, May 16 at Bertha Van Brimmer's home, and the theme will be election of officers and reports.

Trustees Notes

• Our major expense since the first of the year has been plumbing and heating repairs. So far, at all three locations (church, parsonage, and the old parsonage) it has totaled up to \$545.49. Further work is to be done to the cold air return on the fellowship hall furnace. The work has been done by Don Patrick.

• The lawnmower was repaired at Buckeye Tractor.

• A thank you to Dave Lovell for climbing to the top of the 40-foot extension ladder and changing the spot lights over the stain glass window.

• Part of the east wall in the assembly room by the clock was repainted. A snow and ice dam in January behind the steeple had caused water to streak down the wall.

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Historical Note — 10 years ago, Ben Turney, with the help of John Dove and a few others, painted the entire inside of the older part of the church sanctuary, assembly room, and north

and south vestibules.

—Peter White, chair

Personals

• **BRUCE LEE** is making a very good recovery from his neck vertebrae fusion. Thanks to all of you who remember him with your notes, cards, and prayers.

• **PETER AND LINDA WHITE** visited Linda's sister in New York.

• **JEANNE EKELBERRY** took a cruise in the Bahamas and visited New Orleans with her sister.

• **CAP GABRIEL** has a painful case of the shingles.

• **JANET PORTER** is recuperating at home after spinal surgery.

• **EDITH HALL** was in the hospital with bronchitis.

• **DAVID OSBORNE** had a light stroke and is a patient at Grady Hospital. He will be transferred to Dodd Hall in Columbus for physical rehabilitation.

• **SHIRLEY PARKER** was visited for two weeks by her sister, Rita, from Boston.

• **JIM AND BERTHA VAN BRIMMER'S GRANDSON CASEY LEONARD** (Susie and Jeff's son) will spend three weeks this summer touring the British Isles as a Student Ambassador in the People to People program.

The tour will include visits to key cities and historic sites in England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland. Casey is an honor student completing the 11th grade this spring.

The Leonards reside in Port Royal, Pennsylvania—about 50 miles northwest of Harrisburg.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 3	Rick Van Brimmer
5	Mike Griffith
7	Bertha Van Brimmer
9	Cris Riedmiller
10	Archie & Beth Trigg
12	Jeanne Ekelberry
15	Barbara Lovell
	Betty Porter
20	Sheila Rutherford
23	Helen Baker
24	Jean Wickum

Sharon & Steve Baker
29 Bob Heizer
June 2 Jerry & Lana Palmer
3 Justin Francis

*Please report any errors or omissions to
Jim Stephenson.*

*You
are
Invited*

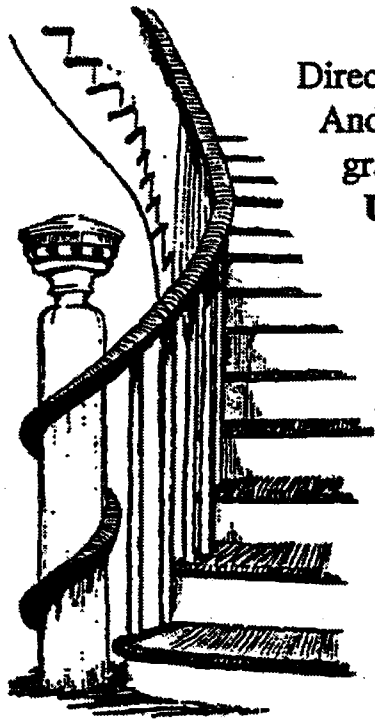


People Strengthening People

As a "Partner Church" member,
you are cordially invited to attend the

Andrews House Open House

Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
(During the Delaware Arts Festival)



Directly or indirectly, you have made
Andrews House—in its restored 1845
grandeur—a reality. New this year:
Upstairs restoration! We invite
you to tour the house and see the
fruits of your interest and effort.

Partner Churches include: Asbury
United Methodist, Delaware Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship, First Presbyte-
rian, St. Mary Catholic, Stratford St.
Paul's United Methodist, Zion African
Methodist Episcopal, Delaware Society
of Friends, First Baptist, St. Mark's
Lutheran, St. Peter's Episcopal, William
St. United Methodist, Zion United Church
of Christ.

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First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 Business Meeting	2 10:00 Sewing Group	3	4
5 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 6:00 Mother/Daughter Banquet at Radnor Baptist Church	6 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	7 7:00 Deacons	8 7:00 Choir	9 12:00 Young at Heart	10	11
Mother's Day / Blanket Sunday 12 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 7:00 Licensing Service for Karen Stoner 	13 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	14	15 7:00 Choir	16 7:00 A.B.W. Ministries	17	18 Armed Forces Day Arts Festival – Retreat Comm. selling refreshments; bake sale; Andrews House open house
19 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Sr. High trip to COSI	20 6:30 DISCIPLE Bible Study FINAL MEETING 7:00 Boy Scouts	21 7:00 Board of Christian Education	22 7:00 Choir	23	24	25 7:00 Adult Social to see Pippin at Chappellear Drama Center
Pentecost 26 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> <i>Larry Faulk, guest editor</i>	Memorial Day 27 7:00 Boy Scouts 	28	29 7:00 Choir	30	31	June 1

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 — Summer hours begin; **Children's Day** worship at 10:00 (no Sunday school), followed by luncheon reception for graduating seniors

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Larry Faulk, Guest Editor

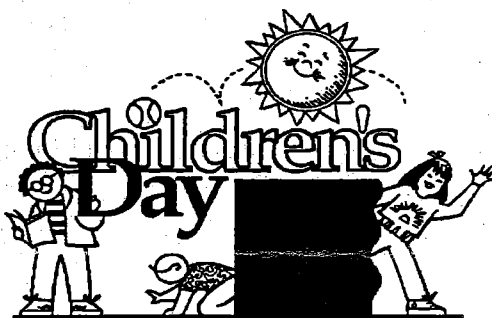
Good News Letter

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As I sat down this afternoon to begin writing, there was a violent thunderstorm accompanied by a torrential downpour. As you know, this comes at a time when we've had way more than enough rain. The farmers are saying if it doesn't stop soon, then they're never going to get their crops in on time. And, just in case the staggering humidity of the past week has clouded your memory, let me remind you about the winter we had: the 5 months of cold and snow and very low wind chill factors. And don't forget, that just last week we had a frost warning, followed by a few days of 89 degrees and 100% humidity.

Perhaps you're wondering why I have so much time to ponder the excesses of our fine Ohio weather? Well, it's because the thunder keeps causing my computer to short out, and so I am forced to sit and aimlessly stare into my blank screen. During this period of forced creativity, I've come up with this little gem: "too much of a good thing isn't good." Which is a great companion to the ever popular "All things in moderation." But you know, the more I think about these quotes, the more I realize that the Bible doesn't really agree. In the Bible, we read things like, "Pray without ceasing," "Sell all that you have, and give the money to the poor," and let's not forget this one, "Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the

right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you." Talk about excess. If you're trying to adhere to the "all things in moderation" motto, then my advice is to



stay away from the Bible and steer clear of the Christian Faith.

There's no such thing as moderation in the Bible. Christianity is an all or nothing kind of faith. The great thing about our Faith, is that although it is quite demanding, we can always know, without a doubt, that our God isn't a God of moderation, but a God of extreme excess. And while the cost of discipleship may be pretty steep, we also have the assurance that God's love is as extreme as God's demands. We can know, without a doubt, that our God gives us a love that is beyond love; a love that is so excessive that it inspires God to do anything in order give us life. The rain may seem excessive, we may

begin to believe that it's never going to end and that we should probably re-read those instructions for how to build the ark, but at least the rain is a good reminder. Let us remember the neverending, excessive love of God, let us open our hearts to be filled, and let us pray without ceasing that God will cause us to love in this same reckless, excessive way. Many Blessings,

Congratulations!

Mary Gillette graduates from Ohio State University with a Master of Social Work Degree. She has earned a 3.87 grade point average. For the past year, Mary has studied in the accelerated Master's program, which allowed her to earn her degree in one year instead of two years. For her field education work, Mary has worked in Clinical counseling at the Central Ohio Mental Health Center in Delaware. She has also held a paid position there in HIP which is an intensive home-based program with severely mentally disabled adults and took part in wrap around contract service work with adolescents in the Ventures Program. In addition to this, she has done contract services for Delaware/Morrow County Recovery Resource Service Board

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

We offer our congratulations to our 6 high school graduates who will graduate in June. We wish for you all the best and pray God's blessing with you as you begin this next part of your life's journey.

Erin Faulk

Erin has been a lifetime member of First Baptist and has been an active participant in worship, Sunday school and in the American Baptist Youth Group. Erin will graduate with honors from Dublin High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society. She also belongs to Key Club, a service organization and Teen Institute, which works for drug awareness with other schools in the system. Erin has studied dance since the age of four and has performed in many recitals. She has been a member of the Dublin Marching Band Flag Corp and has played flute and bass clarinet in Concert Band. Following graduation, Erin will travel to Europe with a teacher and group of students from high school where they will spend ten days visiting England, France, Switzerland and Germany. Upon her return, she will have a job babysitting for the summer, and will spend 2 weeks as a counselor at Judson Hills Camp in Loudonville. In the Fall, Erin will attend Hope College in Holland, Michigan where she will study elementary education and dance. She will receive a \$5,000 a year endowed scholarship from Hope plus a grant.

Jeremiah Heizer

Jeremy will graduate from the Tri-Rivers Career Center in Marion. This is quite an accomplishment considering he has spent the last 4 months in bed, following extreme weight loss and gall bladder surgery. He finally was able to return to school for the last two days of classes and his final exams. While at Tri-Rivers, Jeremy was on the All Star List, which means that he'll graduate with honors and he was the treasurer of VICA Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. Jeremy plans to continue his education and become a certified auto mechanic. In the meantime, he will continue to work at Western Auto in Marion where he works as a salesman and a mechanic. Jeremy enjoys raising his two laborador retrievers Tucker and Gypsy and hopes to breed them in the future. In his spare time he is rebuilding a 1977 Oldsmobile Cutlass.

Matthew Lovell

Matthew has been a lifetime member of First Baptist and has been an active participant in worship, Sunday school and in the American

Baptist Youth Group. Matthew will graduate with honors from Delaware Hayes High School. Matthew ran track as a freshman and sophomore, was a 3 year member of the marching band and a 2 year member of In the Know. Matthew has been very active in music and drama. He has been a member of Hayes Singers for 3 years, and travelled with the Hayes Symphonic Choir to New York City this past Spring where he sang a solo on the stage at Carnegie Hall. Matthew played french horn in the pit orchestra for Hayes 1993 production of the musical "Chess." In 1994, he was in the chorus for the Spring Musical "Godspell." In 1995, he starred as Seymor in the Spring Musical, "Little Shop of Horrors." Matthew was in the Fall 1995 play "Murder Runs in the Family," and in the Spring 1996 One Act play, "Impromptu." This Spring, Matthew starred as the Leading Player in the Spring musical, "Pippin." Matthew is a nine-year member of 4-H, and president of his club, Homestead Guys and Gals. As a three-year member of the Junior Fair Board, Matthew has been superintendent of mechanics and sciences. This summer, he will be a junior fair camp counselor for the fourth year. Matthew has also been part of the 4-H CARTEens program for three years. CARTEens presents a monthly program for juvenile traffic offenders and their parents. Matthew has been a member of Boy Scout Troup 393, which is sponsored by First Baptist Church, for 7 years, and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Fall of 95 after earning 22 merit badges and completing an Eagle Scout project. This Fall, Matthew will attend Ohio State University where he will study vocal performance.

Aric Mompher

Aric has been a member of First Baptist Church for 5 years and has been an active participant in worship, Sunday school and in the American Baptist Youth Group. Aric will graduate from Delaware Hayes High School. While in high school Aric was a member of the marching band and concert band. This summer he will continue to work at Buehlers Grocery Store where he has worked for the past year and a half. Prior to his job at Buehlers, Aric was a newspaper carrier for the Delaware

Gazette for 2 years. This Fall Aric plans to attend Ohio State University, Marion where he will study elementary education.

Marci Sander

Marci has been a member of First Baptist since Kindergarten, and has been an active participant in worship, Sunday school and in the American Baptist Youth Group. Marci will graduate with honors from Dublin High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society. She also belongs to Key Club, a service organization and Teen Institute, which works for drug awareness with other schools in the system. Marci recently received the Excellence in Education Award from Dublin Plus. Teachers nominate students for this award who they feel have made a difference in the lives of others. Marci was nominated because of her "enthusiasm and love of life." Throughout high school, Marci has played melophone (marching french horn) in the Dublin marching band, and was voted the 1995 Most Outstanding Band Member. This Fall, Marci plans to attend Ohio State University in Columbus. She hopes to either teach high school math, teach elementary school, or become a pediatrician. While at Ohio State, she plans to try out for the OSU Marching Band.

Micah Stoner

Micah has been a lifetime member of First Baptist and has been an active participant in worship, Sunday school and in the American Baptist Youth Group. He has also served on the pastoral relations committee for the past year and a half. Micah will graduate from Delaware Hayes High School, and has received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. Micah has been a 3yr member of the Renaissance Club. He recently scored Honors Level on the Science and Citizenship State Senior Proficiency Tests. During jr. high and high school, he worked as a newspaper carrier for the Delaware Gazette for 3 years, he worked at Radio Station WDLR for one and a half years, and he has worked at Buehlers for the past year and a half. Starting in July, Micah will attend DeVry Institute of Technology, Columbus, where he will study Computer Information Systems. He is currently applying for a coop opportunity, which would allow him to get on the job training in his field of study.

WORSHIP

June 2

Children's Day

Guest Preachers-

The 1996 Senior Class:

Erin Faulk, Aric Mompher,
Marci Sander and Micah Stoner

June 9

Guest Preacher:

Bob Rhymer

**SUMMER OF BEGINNINGS:
SERMONS FROM GENESIS**

June 16

Genesis 18:1-15

"A Laughing Matter"

June 23

Genesis 21:8-21

"Learning from our Mistakes"

June 30

Genesis 22:1-14

"Give It Up"

July 7

Peace Sunday

Romans 7:15-25a

Teacher Appreciation Picnic

On Saturday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the parsonage, Pastor Brummett will host a "Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Picnic." The main course, consisting of tube steaks and other elegant entrees, will be provided. Beverage and table service will also be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair. In case of rain we will dine indoors.

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A.B.C. of Ohio Annual Meeting

The 171st Meeting of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio will be held in Marion from October 16 to 18. The theme is "God Owns It All: Stewardship of the Faithful," with the Scripture theme from Matthew 6:33. You are invited to become a member of "Sponsorship club 171," which raises funds for expenses not covered by registration fees, such as postage, paper, envelopes, phone calls, etc. Though any amount is appreciated, a contribution of \$25.00 will list you in the Program Booklet as a Sponsorship Club 171 member. Make checks out to: ABC/OH 1996 Convention, and mail to: The Rev. Reginald Martin, First Baptist Church, 51 West High Street, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338.

A.B.C. of Ohio Calls Executive Minister

At the Region Board meeting held in Granville on May 16, Dr. C. Jeff Woods was called to serve as our new Executive Minister. Dr. Woods brings an outstanding combination of gifts and commitments to the task of leadership for our churches. He comes to us after serving as Pastor of First Baptist Church of Rushville, Indiana for nine years. Dr. Woods, his wife Kandy, who is currently working as a marketing director for a radio station in Rushville, and their two children, Brandon and Kelsey, are making plans for their move to Ohio. Dr. Woods will assume his duties as Executive Minister on July 1.

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Needed: Smiling Happy Welcoming Faces

Volunteers are needed on October 16, 17 and 18th to serve on the hospitality committee as our Marion Association hosts the A.B.C. of Ohio Convention at the Nazarene Church in downtown Marion. Volunteers will be needed to serve 2-hour shifts, and will be needed as greeters at all entrances, servers in the lounge areas to make coffee, lemonade, snacks, ticket takers at all meal functions, attendants at the information desk, etc. If you are able to help, please contact Pastor Brummett to sign up and get more information.


Mary Gillette, cont. from page 1

where she did drug and alcohol intervention with community residents. Mary is currently sending out resumes and hopes to work in the field of Clinical Counseling. Her specialty is in child and family counseling. She is a registered candidate for her CCDC Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor, which she will receive within the next 2 years.

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A.B.W. Ministries Picnic

On Thursday, June 20, the A.B.W. Ministries will have their end of the year picnic at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Bertha Van Brimmer. Please bring a dish to pass. Come for good food, conversation, laughter, the announcement of this year's officers, and a special program about the Welfare System.



1996 National Goal:
\$2,100,000

Our Church's Goal:
\$ 300

Change in Junior Church

There will be no junior church during the summer months. Instead the Board of Christian Education will be offering Bible activity packets to any children in grades 1-5. These may be picked up in the vestibule with the bulletins. Parents should encourage their children to not make use of them until after the Children's Moment. The packets and supplies should be returned to the vestibule at the end of the service. The leaflets may be taken home.

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Crib Room Help Needed!

We continue to need help in the crib room for children from birth to three years and volunteers for Tweenies, children aged 4-6.

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Open Houses

Please come celebrate Matthew Lovell's graduation on June 9 from 5 - 8pm at the Lovell's, 351 S. Section Line Rd.

The Faulks would like to invite their church family to an open house in honor of Erin's graduation. It will be held, Sunday, June 9 from 4 - 8pm at their home.

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Thank You for PIN

Thank you for contributing food items for PIN to help me with my Girl Scout Silver Award. I have reached my goal. PIN and I thank you. -Barbara Lovell

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Personals

•**Shirley Parker** spent a week visiting daughter Alison and family in Atlanta.

•**Sophia Stephenson** had cataract surgery at Grady.

•**Sandie Heizer** has had back trouble and her son Jeremy had gall bladder surgery.

•**Anne Linn** and **Beth Trigg** were in England for two weeks, along with Anne's sister Caroline and niece Chris.

•**Ben Turner** had surgery at Children's Hospital.

•**Bertha VanBrimmer's** brother, Theodore Sparks, passed away May 13th. Burial was in Sunbury. We extend our prayers and condolences.

•**Sheila Rutherford** had throat surgery May 23rd.

•As part of the Hayes In the Know Team, **Matthew Lovell** will compete in the 14th Annual National Academic Championship in New Orleans, June 1 - 4.

•**Barbara Lovell** will attend 4-H Ohio Expo at OSU, June 12 - 15. She will also be helping with Special Olympics, representing her Girl Scout troupe, and she will attend Delaware County Farm Bureau Leadership Camp at Hiram College June 16 - 21.

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Birthdays and

Anniversaries

June	3	Justin Francis
	8	Pam Faulk Carol Fogle Aric Mompher
	9	Mike & Teresa Griffith
	10	Dave & Mary Lou Lovell
	11	Randy & Jennifer Turner
	12	Anne Linn
	15	Charles Ekelberry
	19	Josh Ramey
	24	Beth Trigg
	25	Sandie Heizer
	27	Alison & Joe Mowery David and Jean Osborne
	28	Jami Riedmiller
July	3	Phil Mercer
	7	Jody Lynn Brummett

GOD

God is the Question with whom we contend throughout our lives.

God is the One standing there in the closing of doors and the opening of windows.

God is the Surprising Voice that calls in the jaggedness of life.

God is the Hand that keeps the world from snuffing out the stars.

God is the Poem that begins and ends in a circle.

God is the Circle that neither begins nor ends.

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Tools of Hope

On Father's Day, June 16, we will celebrate Tools of Hope Sunday. In the spirit of Blanket Sunday, you will have the opportunity to honor a man who has had or has an important influence in your life. A gift of \$5.00 will buy a tool to help those in need around the world.

Tools of Hope is one way that we can support the commitment of Church World Service to help those struggling in poverty to help themselves by putting the right development tool in their hands. The tools may be the basic farm hand tools needed to replace those bartered away for food during times of famine. Once the rains return, how good it is to break the ground with a sturdy pick axe and spade, and to cultivate lands with a sharp hoe.

The tools that Church World Service provides may also be pipes, pumps, wells, and windmills to bring life-sustaining water to a community forced to drink contaminated water or walk long miles to a cleaner source. A ready supply of water is also necessary to sustain their animals and to irrigate gardens. (Continued on back of Calendar)

The July Issue of
The Good News Letter will be a
combined July/August edition.
We expect to publish the
September Issue a week early

Tools (continued from Page 4)

Pest-resistant strains of wheat or more productive rice seedings are also tremendous tools in the fight against hunger. Fast-growing leucaena trees are important environmental tools that provide food for livestock and fuel for kitchen mud stoves, while holding moisture and soil on denuded hillsides and helping to prevent floods and the wind-blown advance of the desert.

The power of the pen and textbook cannot be measured in the struggle to overcome chronic hunger, but there is no doubt that these tools liberate adults from impoverishing illiteracy and promise a brighter future for the young.

Your gift of at least \$5.00 will help provide these and other Tools of Hope.

Our resources wisely and prayerfully shared are a witness to our basic beliefs and are indeed tools in our hands. won't you help us provide Tools of Hope for others?

..... PEACE CAMP

Peace Camp '96: The Dance Goes On, will take place from Sunday, August 4 through Thursday, August 8 at Asbury United Methodist Church. Each evening will begin with a light meal at 6:00 p.m. and will end at 8:30 p.m. Our church is responsible for hosting the evening meal on Tuesday and the evening event on Wednesday. This is an intergenerational event. We hope you will plan to attend all or some of the evenings. We are in need of volunteers to help with planning, leading and meal preparation. If you are interested in helping please call Carol Grubbs.

Dear friends,

This letter may look like just another appeal for support. But One Great Hour of Sharing isn't just another good cause. One Great Hour of Sharing is the annual ecumenical offering for disaster relief and economic development, refugee resettlement, and social service that American Christians have supported for generations.

One Great Hour of Sharing began shortly after the end of World War II. Since then, One Great Hour of Sharing has helped people help themselves after natural disasters such as earthquakes in Japan, tidal waves in Bangladesh, floods in Iowa, and droughts in Ethiopia.

One Great Hour of Sharing also helps people improve their lives through health programs, agricultural projects, and vocational education.

Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing help farmers in Zimbabwe, Africa, raise goats, pigs, rabbits, and chickens to feed their families.

Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing help refugee women in Pakistan make quilts to keep their families warm.

Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing buy potato seeds so that farmers in Armenia can become self-sufficient.

Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing deliver medical supplies such as vaccines to people in Cuba.

Please come to church on June 9 when we receive our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. And, when the offering plate is passed, please be generous so "that God's works might be revealed."

Linda White
Mission Education
Chairman

1996 Blanket Sunday

1996 Blanket Sunday for Church World Service Blankets have been contributed in Honor of the following:

JoAnn Brummett, Pat Jones, Lillian Uptain by Jody Lynn Brummett;
Ernestine Frost by Geneva Evans;
Florence Faulk, Pat Cole, Jean Wickum by the Faulks;
Beverly Petit Griffith, Dora Elizabeth Heizer by Bob and Sandie Heizer;
Mary A. Battles, Ella W. Lee by the Lee Family;
Annie Marsh Griffith by Anne Linn;
Mary Lou Lovell by Matthew and Barbara Lovell;
Jane Moore by Melissa Mercer;
Patricia Atwood, Eva Aroline, Ethel Hoffman by Teri Mompher;
Frances Johnson, Anne Linn by Alison Mowery;
Martha Jane Guy by Betty Porter;
Katherine Clapper by Barb Reed;
Ann Volk by Marge Smale;
Hazel M. Smith by Jack A. Smith;
Mary Catherine Trigg by Beth Trigg;
Mary VanBrimmer by Jim VanBrimmer;
Grandma Steinbrecher, Bertha VanBrimmer by Barb & Rick VanBrimmer;
Margaret Seckman, Carolyn Schneeberger by Linda White;
Marie Moffett, Mabel Florence Mead by Jean Wickum

JUNE 1996

Baptism / Father's Day
from Betty & family
Thank you
1996

First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Children's Day 2 10:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Luncheon to honor Seniors 	3 7:00 Boy Scouts Piecemakers	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:00 Morning Worship Bob Rhymer, guest preacher Graduate Open Houses	10 7:00 Boy Scouts	11	12	13 12:00 Young at Heart	Flag Day 14	15
Father's Day 16 10:00 Morning Worship "A Laughing Matter" 	17 7:00 Boy Scouts	18	19	First Day of Summer 20 6:30 ABWM Picnic at Bertha Van Brimmers	21	22 6:00 Teacher Appreciation Picnic at Parsonage
23 10:00 Morning Worship "Learning from our Mistakes" 11:00 Reception for Mary Gillette	24 7:00 Boy Scouts	25	26	27 7:00 Parish Council	28	29
30 10:00 Morning Worship "Give it Up" Newsletter Deadline	July 1 7:00 Boy Scouts Piecemakers	2	3 7:00 Choir	Independence Day 4 	5	6

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Good News Letter

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*This issue covers both July and August.
The September issue will be published the last Sunday in August.*

Summer's in full swing. Unfortunately, it started this year even before the official date. Hot days, high humidity, lots of sweat. What more could we ask for? How about a vacation? O, I almost forgot, I just got back from vacation.

Now that vacation time is here, and I'm not taking any more vacation this summer, I've decided that it's time for my annual summer stewardship editorial. And in case you haven't figured it out yet, editorial is just a fancy euphemism for sermon.

So, let's get the tough part out of the way. Just because we don't come to church for a few weeks in the summer, doesn't mean we don't give to the church.

Just because we go away, doesn't mean that the needs and expenses of our church ministry go away. They don't. When we make a promise to give money to the church, whether it's in the form of a personal promise or a written pledge, it still applies when we're not in church.

Giving is down. We're struggling to keep our finances balanced. It must be summer. But, not to worry. I've discovered a solution to all our financial problems. A few months ago I received a postcard in the mail from the A&S Collection Association, Inc. It said, "Give us your difficult accounts. We

offer a complete collection system utilizing the most sophisticated State of the Art services available. We get our clients results by the use of mail service, telephone, WAFS service, Western Union, Quick Collect, Electronic transfer by phone, Bank transfers, National Skip Tracing and legal resources. So expect a letter, followed by a phone call, followed by a

Just kidding.

But just think about it for a moment. If we don't pay our credit card bill, they turn it over to a collection agency. If we don't make our house payment or car payment, the bank puts a lien on them.

If we don't pay our legal fees, our lawyer turns it over to a collection agency. But what happens if we don't give our pledge to the church? Nothing. Of course, if we tried to collect the money that people promise to give to the church, we'd lose members. People wouldn't tolerate such behavior.

But why not? A commitment is a commitment, after all.

The truth is, I can talk about the importance of giving your pledge until I'm purple, and it's not going to inspire

anyone to give. I don't mean to sound rude, just truthful. It doesn't matter what anyone says. Mere words just aren't enough, because giving, especially church giving, is a deeply spiritual matter.

A lot of times, we make the mistake of thinking that we give our money to

the church. After all, we do write our check out to First Baptist Church. However, let us be reminded that we give our money only to God. And when we give it we pray that it will work toward fulfilling God's ministry through First Baptist. Making a pledge to the church (or to God) is a commitment of the most serious and profound kind. It requires us not only to give, but then to give up control over that which we have given. This we can learn to do, only after being in a trusting relationship to God who has given so much to us. We give back to God as a way of saying thanks; as a way of outwardly recognizing our love for God.

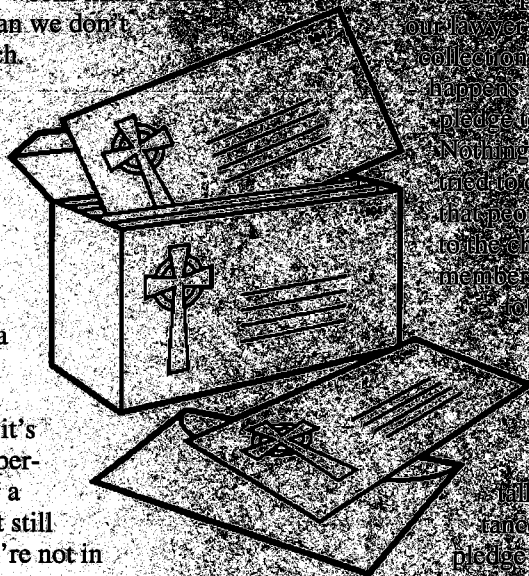
As we sit at the beach listening to the sounds of the ocean, or sit by the pool, or picnic in our own backyards, let us remember the promise we've made to God. And let us give thanks.

Many blessings,

Joint Worship Services

On July 28, at 10:00 we will be hosting a worship service with Zion United Church of Christ. The Rev. Dr. William R. Nirote will preach and Pastor Brummett will serve as lay leader.

On August 4, Zion United Church of Christ will be hosting a worship service with First Baptist. Pastor Brummett will preach and we will celebrate Holy Communion. The service at Zion will begin at 10:30 a.m.



Visiting Preacher

On Sunday, July 14, Dwight Davidson, a recent graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, will be coming to worship with us and preach the morning message. Dwight, his wife Kari and their baby Adam are living in Delaware for the summer. Dwight received the Princeton Seminary's Parish Pulpit Fellowship, so he and the family will be leaving for the International Seminary in Prague, Czech Republic in September. In the meantime, Dwight has requested opportunities to visit American Baptist churches in this area to give him a chance to preach and lead in worship. We look forward to welcoming Dwight, Kari and Adam into our church.

Tools of Hope

On June 16th, donations were made in memory of...

Hewlett Trogdon, father, by Jeanne Ekelberry
Ralph Cole, Don Faulk, Dick Lee and Wilbur Wickum by The Faulks
My daughter, by Frances Johnson
Richard Lee, Arthur Battles and Charles Lee by Evelyn Lee
Ralph E. Guy by Betty Porter
F.J. Volk by Marge Smale
Rev. J.B. Stephenson by Sophia and Jim Stephenson
Grandpa Van Brimmer by Karen Stoner
Archie L. Trigg & Ben Turney by Beth & Arch Trigg
Andy Turner by Randy & Jennifer Turner
Elmer Van Brimmer, father, by Jim Van Brimmer
Wilbur Wickum by Jean Wickum

In honor of...

The '96 Senior Class by Jody Lynn Brummett
Thomas M. Rogers by Mary K. Gillette
John Linn and Joe Mowery by Alison Mowery
Frances Johnson by Penny & Dick Lindstrom
Jerry Mercer by Phil Mercer
Paul Stenbrecher by Barbara Van Brimmer

Jim Van Brimmer by Rick Van Brimmer

Larry Faulk by Jean Wickum

Total Collection: \$150.00

"The Dance Goes On"

Plans are well underway for the annual Joint Bible School (Peace Camp). The theme this year is "The Dance Goes On." Asbury Methodist Church will be the Host Church as Zion United Church of Christ, First Presbyterian, and First Baptist come together for our annual Bible School.

The date is August 4th through the 9th and each evening will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by Opening Devotions, the "Main Event" and Closing Devotions.

This year the planning committee is trying a different approach. It is going to be more of an intergenerational experience with everyone participating from beginning to end as one group. There will be no individual classes.

We on the Committee are very excited about this new and different approach and think you will find it fun and at the same time have a great learning experience.

Registration Forms for young and old are on the Clerk's Table in the Educational area. After completing the form please give it to Jody Lynn, Carol Grubbs or Barb Reed.

Plan now to be a part of "Peace Camp '96!"

-Carol Grubbs

Trustees Notes

- A thank you to Jeanne Ekelberry for replacing some broken tile in the fellowship hall.
- A thank you to Arch Trigg for filling and tending the Baptistry and also for mowing the grass while I was on vacation.
- A thank you to Steve Stoner for filling a hole in the parsonage yard and cleaning out the gutters. Steve is also sanding and painting the back door which had started to rust.
- Two pianos were tuned by Clifford Rector.

JULY/AUGUST WORSHIP

July 7

Peace Sunday
Romans 7:15-25a
"Good Intentions vs. Ugly Realities"

July 14

Visiting Preacher:
Dwight Davidson

July 21

Genesis 28:10-19
"A Two Way Street"

July 28

Visiting Preacher:
The Rev. Dr. William R. Nirote
Genesis 29:15-28
"What Kind of Family Is This?"

August 4

Worship at Zion U.C.C.
10:30 a.m.
Genesis 32:22-31
"Assaulting Grace"

August 11

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
"The Force Be With You"

August 18

Genesis 45:1-15
"The Providence Paradox"

August 25

Matthew 16:13-20
"The Most Important Question"

September 1

Exodus 3:1-15
"A Way of Life"

- With all the rain, your chairman has kept busy mowing and trimming the hedge.

-Peter White, chairman

Retreat Weekend

It is time to start making plans for this year's retreat the weekend of September 20 to 22. Because we have to pay for a minimum number of peo-

HOW TO GET RID OF YOUR PASTOR

The following was written by Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Methodist Church in Los Angeles. It is "writ sarcastic." It takes the skin off the cantankerous croakers who are found occasionally (understatement) in some churches. This episcopal wisdom was revealed to the world by Religious News Service. Bishop Kennedy is giving a formula to enable a congregation to get rid of an unwanted pastor. Here goes:

"1. Look the preacher straight in the eye when he is preaching and say Amen once in a while. He will preach himself to death in a few weeks.

"2. Pat him on the back and brag about his good points. He will work himself to death.

"3. Start paying him a living wage. He has probably been on starvation wages so long he will eat himself to death.

"4. Rededicate your life to Christ and ask the preacher to give you a job to do. He will be so surprised he will probably die of heart failure.

"5. Get the church to unite in prayer for the preacher. He will become so effective some larger church will take him off your hands."

Thus Bishop Kennedy. If this formula were really tried, the results would be that the preacher would be able to pack such a wallop that the congregation would not let him go for love or money, or for love of money.

Dare you to try it!

-submitted by Jean Wickum

ple, please let Pam Faulk, Teresa Griffith, or Suzi Grubbs know if you are planning to attend. Please remember that this is a very important event for the well-being of our church family.

-Pam Faulk

One Great Hour of Sharing

During the month of June, our church fellowship has been giving financial gifts in support of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Our total gift for the offering was \$236.86 which is about 80% of our \$300 goal. Thanks to each of you who supported this special offering to help others in countless ways throughout the world.

-Linda White,
Mission Education Chairman

Needed: Smiling, Happy, Welcoming Faces

Volunteers are needed on October 16, 17 and 18th to serve on the hospitality committee as our Marion Association hosts the A.B.C. of Ohio Convention at the Nazarene Church in downtown Marion. Volunteers will be scheduled to serve 2-hour shifts, and will be needed as greeters at all entrances, servers in the lounge areas to make coffee, lemonade, snacks, ticket takers at all meal functions, attendants at the information desk, etc. If you are able to help, please contact Pastor Brummett to sign up and get more information.

Stress Management Group

In these busy times it is very common to feel pressured and tense. If you or someone you know could benefit from a Stress Management Group, please be aware that this is now available.

The Stress Management Group has a preventive focus, helping individuals learn about stress and seek healthier alternatives. It begins on Wednesday, July 10, at Central Ohio Mental Health

Center, 1607 Columbus Pike. The group will meet for eight weeks from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Please call Lucy Hunter at 369-7688 if you have questions about the group.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 3 Phil Mercer
7 Jody Lynn Brummett
18 Peter & Linda White
19 Jarrod Trigg
23 Alison Mowery
26 Jeff Faulk
27 John & Anne Linn
30 Bernice Turney
Aug. 3 Carolyn Schneeberger
7 Jennifer Linn
8 Mary Gillette

Jim Van Brimmer
9 Steve Stoner
14 Rick & Barbara
Van Brimmer
17 George & Cris Riedmiller
18 Pam & Larry Faulk
21 Jim Stephenson
23 Mildred Bowers
24 Florence Faulk
25 Betty Davis
26 Kirby & Tammy Francis
27 Linda White
Christina Hopkins
30 Fred & Carol Grubbs
Katie Riedmiller
Archie Trigg

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Jim Stephenson.

Personals

EVELYN LEE's sister Arvella passed away in Indianapolis after a long illness.

RANDY TURNER's grandmother passed away in West Virginia.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families.

CAP GABRIEL had cataract surgery, but unfortunately it did not significantly improve his vision.

PETER AND LINDA WHITE took a trip to California.

GENEVA EVANS is spending three months in California visiting her sister Mary and her son Gary.

DAVID OSBORNE continues to recover from a stroke. He's been a patient at Dodd Hall was he's been receiving physical therapy, but he should be able to return home soon.

LAURA MOWERY received a President's Award for Educational Excellence from the President of the United States for her academic achievement. Students receiving the award had to have an A average for two years and a combined score of 85 in reading and math on the California Achievement Test, and also must be recommended by a teacher.

On a less happy note, Laura received eleven stitches under her right eye after a dog bite.

ERIN FAULK has returned from a nine-day trip to Europe. Seventeen girls went with a teacher from school and all

got along well and had a great time!

Business travel took **RICK VAN BRIMMER** to Utah and Florida in June. He went from the mountains to the ocean in one week! Also, Rick had hernia surgery on June 18th.

ANNE LINN's sister Penny and her husband from Florida visited here recently with her mother, Frances Johnson, and other relatives.

JUSTIN FRANCIS received a broken arm from a fall.

MATTHEW LOVELL played "The Leading Player" in the Hayes High School musical *Pippin*. The Gazette theater critic said "...Matthew Lovell pulled off the pivotal role of Leading Player with room to spare. Leading Player ... demands a good singer and dancer, and someone who can be both sinister and charming ... Lovell delivers on all points."

Church Directory Update

The Griffith family has moved. Their new address is 284 Lake Street. Their phone number remains the same.



BIBLE AND MISSIONS CONFERENCE

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND
AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 2, 1996**

**KIRKWOOD
CAMP & CONFERENCE
CENTER
5719 ST. RT. 73W
WILMINGTON, OHIO 45177**

A great place to spend those last "lazy, hazy" days of summer-
A wonderful opportunity for fellowship with other Christians-
A challenge to growth in awareness and involvement in mission



Bob Laurent- Judson College
Tom McDaniel- Eastern Seminary
Mission Speakers
Dave Stone- Neighborhood Ministries
Roland Marcus- Outdoor Ministries
John Gilbert- Campus Ministries
Paul Hershey- Race Track Ministries

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	Independence Day 4	5	6
Peace Sunday 7 10:00 Morning Worship	8 7:00 Boy Scouts; Piecemakers	9 6:30 Bd. of Christian Education at the church 7:00 Board of Deacons	10 5:30 Peace Camp meeting, at Asbury	11 12:00 Young at Heart	12	13
14 10:00 Morning Worship; Dwight Davidson, preaching	15 7:00 Boy Scouts	16	17	18	19	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast
21 10:00 Morning Worship 2:00 Peace Camp Meeting	22 7:00 Boy Scouts	23	24 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
28 10:00 Morning Worship; Joint Service at First Baptist with Zion U.C.C.; the Rev. Dr. William R. Nirote, preaching	29 7:00 Boy Scouts	30	31 6:30 Covered- Dish Dinner & Quarterly Business Meeting	1	2	3

Sunday, August 4: 10:30 a.m. - First Baptist Worship at Zion U.C.C.; 6:00 p.m. - Peace Camp Begins (dinner at 5:30) at Asbury U.M.C.

Jim D. von Sommer

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It seemed like a good idea at the time.

It was my first full day as Camp Pastor at Senior High Frontier Camp at Judson Hills. And, from my point of view, the vine look very sturdy. It was hanging from a tall, thick tree, and there was plenty of room to swing. All the kids were swinging from it, and having a great time. I thought to myself, "I think I'll give that a try, it looks like fun."

Unfortunately, I don't know my own strength. And, while I may have the strongest legs in the state, my arms have a little something to be desired. But, of course, I didn't know this valuable piece of information until I was hanging out over a pile of rocks.

The bruise, if you saw it, covered more than half of my left thigh. And, by 6 o'clock that evening it was clear that my right ankle was going to be sprained.

At that point, I learned my lesson, and did what any sane, responsible, health-conscious 31 year old would do: I went on a two hour initiatives course, followed by a day of rappelling and a 2-day canoe trip on the Mohican River. All of this was made possible by my new friend the "ACE bandage," which gave me the support and encouragement I needed.

Will I ever learn? My mom's been asking that question of me for years and years and, if you ask her, she'll

tell you no. And, she's probably right. I'll probably keep right on doing all kinds of risky things, just because they look fun or interesting or challenging. It's what makes life exciting.

But, I have learned. I know now that I'd like to be able to swing from a vine

or a rope next year at Frontier camp, and that I don't have enough upper body strength to do it without doing a fair amount of damage to the rest of my body. So, I know that between now and next year I have to get to the gym and work out those biceps.

We will start Sunday School again next week. A new year for Christian Education in our church. Exciting. Maybe not. Thrilling. Who knows? Fun. I hope so. Coming to Sunday school isn't known for being a real risky thing to do these days. Anyone can do it. It doesn't take special knowledge or physical skills or any particular amount of courage. You don't need any training. It's just a sort of come-as-you-are sort of adventure.

It's like me going to the gym to work out my biceps. One day, we are going to be faced with a challenge. God will call. We will want to answer. We will be asked to do something within our life of faith that is risky, challenging and maybe even danger-

ous. It's been known to happen. When that happens, we'll want to be able to say, "here I am, I'll do it-I'm up to the challenge." When we get out into the middle of this challenge, we don't want to fall. That's why we come to Sunday School.

On the surface, Sunday School looks harmless. Just an ordinary (sometimes boring) thing that church people do. But, don't be fooled by appearances. Most of our great leaders in the church spent week after week of their childhoods and young adulthoods sitting in Sunday School classrooms just like ours.

May God's restless spirit be with us as we begin another year of learning, and may God's spirit of risk fill our hearts as we come to Sunday School.

Many Blessings,

Jody Lynn

Rally Day

Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 1. We will begin with a breakfast buffet at 8:30 in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages and table service will be provided. Opening worship will begin at 9:00 followed by Sunday school classes at 9:15. Church will begin at 10:45.

CropWalk '96

The Delaware County Annual CropWalk for Hunger, will be on Sunday, October 6, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Once again, we will have our



send-off rally at 2 p.m., from the Benes Room at Ohio Wesleyan University's Hamilton-Williams Campus Center. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m., with the rally at 1:45 p.m. Rick Van Brimmer will be the recruiter for our church, and you can get walker sponsor forms from him anytime after September 8. All money raised by the CropWalk is used by Church World Service to fight hunger in the world and in this community through People in Need.

Andrews House Update

New at Andrews House this year:

- two of the Resident Partners in their permanent offices on the 2nd Floor
- the manager/caretaker apartment taking shape
- the office-to-be Connections, Delaware County's new Volunteer Center with Shari Furay, coordinator
- the Donor Recognition Board in the front hall—designed to permit names of additional participants in making Andrews House a reality
- the special exhibit from Grady Hospital showing early Jane M. Case Hospital photographs
- the five minute video "Hiram Andrews visits Andrews House" continuously showing in the Great Room
- information forms asking for names of any person who's had former direct use/contact with Andrews

Marion Association Hosts ABC/USA Annual Meeting

From October 16 through 18, American Baptists in Ohio will gather for the 171st annual meeting to be held at First Church of the Nazarene in Marion. This year's family reunion will focus on unity of the body of Christ and the expression of giftedness in the Kingdom of God through music, worship, inspiration and reflection in accordance with the theme, "God Owns It All: Stewardship of the Faithful." We will also celebrate the arrival and installation of our new executive minister, the Rev. Dr. C. Jeff Woods on Thursday evening, which will be followed by a reception for

him and his family.

If you are interested in attending the Annual Meeting as a delegate or visitor, please see Pastor Brummett for registration materials.

Train with HELPLINE

(formerly Help Anonymous)

Training classes for HELPLINE phone volunteers will begin soon. These training classes are a great chance to improve your listening and communication skills, learn about resources in the community, and learn about many of the serious problems facing individuals in our community. As a trained volunteer, you can put these skills to use at HELPLINE and with family, friends and neighbors.

HELPLINE is the 24-hour crisis, information and referral hotline for Delaware and Morrow Counties. A wonderful group of caring residents in the county makes this service possible for those in need in our community.

For more information, call Susan Hanson at 369-3316.

10th Annual Christian Educators Worship Service

On Sunday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m., at William Street U.M.C., we will celebrate a worship service for our community's educators—teachers, professors, administrators, teacher aides, tutors, custodians, cooks, bus drivers, secretaries and all others who are involved in the educational task—from preschool through college/adult and whether in public, private, or church-related schools.

Educators have prepared academically and professionally. Here is an opportunity to prepare spiritually for the challenging school year ahead.

The speaker for this year's service is the Rev. D. Alan Kimber of Asbury U.M.C. The title of his message is, "There Are Easier Ways to Make a Living."

And "Educators' Choir" will assemble at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the William Street U.M.C. Sue Sturni, music director in the Buckeye Valley School District, will conduct the choir.

September Worship

August 25

Matthew 16:13-20

"The Most Important Question"

September 1

Rally Day

Exodus 3:1-15

"A Way of Life"

September 8

Matthew 18:15-20

"What You See Isn't Always What You Get"

September 15

Matthew 18:21-35

"The Best Revenge"

September 22

Retreat Sunday

Worship at

Judson Hills Baptist Camp

Worship at

First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m.

September 29

Matthew 20:1-16

"One Size Fits All"

October 6

CropWalk Sunday

Matthew 21:33-46

"A Fearsome Epitaph"

Peace Camp 96: The Dance Goes On

This year's Peace Camp at Asbury UMC was a great success, thanks to help from many people from our four participating churches. Special thanks to those from First Baptist who helped with planning, food, preparations and as participants. They include: On the planning committee—Jody Lynn Brummett and Carol Grubbs; helping with First Baptist's program—Suzi Grubbs and Alison Mowery; food committee—Anne Linn, Marge Smale,

and Carol Grubbs; devotion leaders- Nichelle Hedges, Jarrod Trigg and Randy Turner; coming to peace camp- Jody Lynn Brummett, Melissa Gillette, Natalie and Katie Griffith, Carol Grubbs, Alison, Adam and Laura Mowery and Calvin Turner.

Adult Social

Plan to see the Reduced Shakespeare Company in "The Bible: the Complete Word of God - Abridged!"

On Friday, October 18, at 8:00 p.m., we will be going to the Capital Theatre at the Riffe Center in Columbus. Join us in this high-speed, roller-coaster ride through the Old Testament (Act 1) and the New (Act 2), as these masters of comic chaos bounce from story to story at a breath-taking pace, drawing contemporary references to ancient tales with sharp wit and wacky humor. Tickets cost \$19.00 each. Please let Pastor Brummett know if you are attending by Sunday, September 15.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

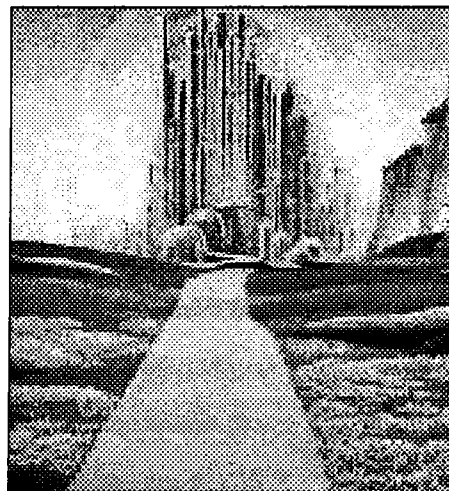
- Aug. 25 Betty Davis
 26 Kirby & Tammy Francis
 27 Linda White
 Christina Hopkins
 30 Fred & Carol Grubbs
 Katie Riedmiller
 Archie Trigg
- Sept. 8 Tammy Francis
 10 Katherine Griffith
 11 David Osborne
 Barbara Reed
 13 Teri Mompher
 Jerry Palmer
 14 Marci Sander
 Richard Davis
 15 Janet Porter
 Jim & Bertha Van Brimmer
 18 Melissa Mercer
 24 Chip & Dianna Runyan
 26 Michael & Tammy Grubbs
 Phil & Melissa Mercer
 Jeremy Ramey
 30 Mary Lou Lovell
- Oct. 3 Janet Lathrop
 Laura Beth Mowery
 7 Jack Smith

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CHURCH RETREAT

"Follow the Yellow Brick Road"

I love good movies and "The Wizard of Oz" is my all-time favorite. Everyone knows the story. Dorothy, a young Kansas girl, runs away from home and then wants to go back. But a tornado leaves her unconscious and she has a dream-like journey through a fantasy world. Along the way she meets three friendly characters: an empty-headed scarecrow, an empty-chested tinman and a lion who's all roar and no bite. Each character eventually receives exactly what he needs, and Dorothy's greatest wish -- to go home -- is finally fulfilled.



Our retreat theme will be "Follow the Yellow Brick Road!" and it's going to be a wonderful trip! If you ever felt like you were going through life with something missing, you'll find encouragement here.

"Christ has generously divided out His gifts to us... so His people would learn to serve, and His body would grow strong. Then we will be mature, just as Christ is, and we will be completely like Him" (from Ephesians 4).

The scarecrow, the lion, the tinman and Dorothy receive exactly what they needed -- brain, courage, heart and home. Those same gifts will help us, too, as we "Follow the Yellow Brick Road!"

- Rev. Ted Stephenson, retreat leader

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This year's retreat will be held at Judson Hills on the weekend of Sept. 20 - 22. Don't forget to pick up retreat information in the vestibule.

Personals

- **WILLIAM J. PORTER, JR.**, died on June 15th. He is survived by his daughters, Janet Porter and Jennifer Linn, and his son John Porter. His other son, James "Billy" Porter, died in 1988. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
- **FLORENCE FAULK** spent two weeks in Oklahoma visiting her son, Bill, and his family.

- **JEAN WICKUM** attended her 60th high school reunion in Meadville, Pennsylvania.
- **SHIRLEY PARKER** visited her son Andy in Boston and helped her sister celebrate her 80th birthday.
- **BETTY PORTER** visited Jennifer and Ed Linn in California.
- **CAROL SUE FOGLE** spent ten days visiting with her son Victor at Edwards Air Force Base in San Diego.

- **JACK SMITH** had a painful mishap with a dislocated hip joint and had to be put in a cast.
- **JIM STEPHENSON** attended the Macworld Macintosh Expo in Boston.
- Congratulations to **RANDY TURNER** who received a Masters of Science in Education from the University of Dayton.
- **BEN AND CALVIN TURNER** both had chicken pox this summer, but between illnesses the Turners were able to take a trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Coming Soon...

Sunday School will begin on September 1st, and, with the beginning of Tweenies and Junior Church. The following is a breakdown by age/grade of available "Care Centers" for our children during the Sunday Worship Service.

Infants to three years of age –
Nursery

Four and Five Year olds – Tweenies
Grades One through Five –
Junior Church

The children in the Nursery will be

cared for by an adult with one High School Student assisting. The Nursery is available during the entire Worship Service.

Leadership for the Tweenies is a Senior or Junior High Student and Junior Church is under the direction of one adult. All children eligible for Tweenies and Junior Church should participate in the Worship Service until after the "Children's Moment" when they will leave for their individual programs.

All of the above is subject to change, depending on the number of children in each program and the need for additional assistance by any one of

the three "Care Centers".

Providing the "Care Centers" can only be accomplished if we have volunteers to "staff" them. There is a sign-up sheet in the large Sunday School Room and we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to spend one Sunday every three to four months with the children. Remember, the children belong to ALL of us, and, we ALL need to share in the care and Christian Education of each of them.

Thank you in advance for all of your help.

–Carol Grubbs & Barb Reed

(On July 1st, Dr. C. Jeff Woods became the new Executive Minister for A.B.C. of Ohio. He replaced Rev. Bob Fisher, who retired.)

NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MINISTER

We are delighted to be in Ohio! We have moved into the north Newark area and are busy unpacking.

The reception that my family has received from American Baptists in Ohio has been tremendous. We appreciate the prayers, the welcomes, and the hospitality of many who have already made us feel at home.

My first agenda items are to immerse myself in the people of Ohio, get to know the staff, and begin building a vision for the future from all of the input received. I am already gaining a more clear understanding of your needs, inspirations, and hopes for the future.

I have accepted several invitations to speak this fall and am looking forward to meeting more people through worship. For the first two weeks of July, the entire office staff and many of the executive staff have been sharing in a devotional time to begin each day. I hope that getting to know people spiritually will pave the way toward deeper understandings in the future.

I have held half day meetings with each of the executive staff and have led a session with them utilizing understandings from the Myers-Briggs Personality Inventory. We are off to a great start integrating our ministerial team.

Amidst all of this fun, we already have experienced our first crisis! As you are probably aware, M&M health insurance (CIGNA) will be phased out of Ohio by the end of this year. We are working diligently to analyze all options for our church leaders. A health care task force that I have assembled has already had its first two meetings. I hope to have much more to report on this matter next month.

Please remember the staff in your prayers, and may God bless your ministries.

Sincerely,

Dr. C. Jeff Woods

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First Baptist Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rally Day 1 8:30 Covered-Dish Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	Labor Day 2 	3 7:00 Deacons	4 7:00 Choir	5 7:00 Pastoral Relations Committee	6	7
8 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 7:00 CropWalk Recruiter's Training Rally, OWU	9 6:30 DISCIPLE 2 7:00 Boy Scouts	10	11 7:00 Choir	12 12:00 Young at Heart 7:00 A.B.W. Ministries, at the church	13	14
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First Day of Autumn 22 <div>Church Family Retreat at Judson Hills</div>	23 6:30 DISCIPLE 2 7:00 Boy Scouts	24	25 7:00 Choir	26 7:00 Parish Council	27	28
29 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	30 6:30 DISCIPLE 2 7:00 Boy Scouts	October 1	2 7:00 Choir	3	4	5

Sunday, October 6: 9:00 Sunday School; 10:45 Morning Worship; 2:00 CropWalk (registration at 1:30)

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Good News Letter

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Memory is a strange thing. And mine, I have a sneaking suspicion, is stranger than most.

Why does our mind choose to remember some things we wish it could forget forever and to forget things that we'd like to hang onto for more than a fleeting moment? I don't know. I can't remember.

I wish I had a mind for remembering practical things, like when to change the oil in my minivan or to look at the gas gage once in a while. It'd be nice if my mind could hold onto the multiplication tables so I could do my banking or do simple adding and subtracting without my calculator. But, for whatever reason, I have a mind, not for anything practical, but for seemingly meaningless detail.

Mostly, I remember intricate details about events that are important to me. A few months ago, when I was meeting with the deacons, I mentioned that my fifth anniversary of being at First Baptist was coming up. They asked if I knew the date. And, without even having to think about it, I answered. August 25 is the day I was called, September 22 was my first Sunday, and I was installed on October 13. Of course, it helps that these dates all fall on Sunday, and it's especially helpful that these dates all fall on Sunday again this year, five years later. But, I didn't know that at the time.

Not only do I have an uncanny

knack for remembering dates, but I remember the events of those dates. Why? I guess because they are important to me. I remember all these details, because they all fit together and play such an important part in my life and in who I have become.

The difficulty with this, as you can see, is that it runs the risk of causing me to do what we commonly call, living in the past. It's

good to remember the past; to recall the memories that have shaped our lives and made them meaningful. The problem

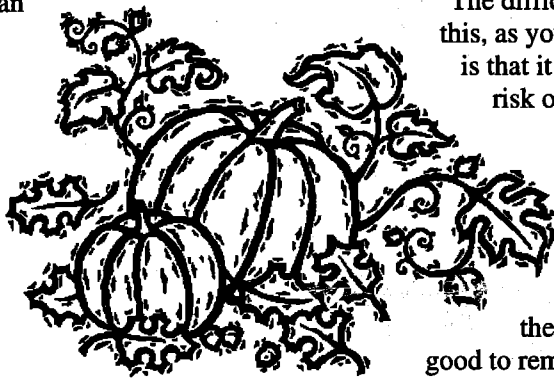
occurs, however, when we allow our memories to become so present in our lives that we have difficulty imagining a future.

In other words, it's a very good thing to look back into the past. But let's be careful not to let it get in the way of celebrating who and where we are now and then looking ahead to who we can be in the future.

So, in the midst of my remembering of who I've been in the past five years, in my relationship with all of you, I'm going to pray that I'll also remember to be thankful for who I am today and who I will become in the future. Please pray with me.

Many Blessings,

Jody Lynn



October

Church Retreat

Many thanks to the Retreat Committee for planning a fun-filled and inspirational Church Family Retreat. We had a great group of people, interesting and creative sessions led by none other than the Wizard himself, Ted Stephenson, and lots of great activities from fishing, to canoeing to playing exciting games. Talk with anyone who attended to find out why you should come next year as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Retreat.

At our ever famous "Skit Night" on Saturday, we were blessed with many brilliant skits, but we chose this one to share with you. Thanks to Larry and Pam Faulk for putting their creative minds to work.

Larry's Top 10 Reasons to Attend First Baptist Church of Delaware:

10. Swim in the Baptistry
9. Reserved seating on Sundays
8. For the Quarterly Business Meetings
7. You get cheese and crackers after communion
6. Where even I am considered as a prospective choir member
5. No long lines to shake the pastor's hand
4. Sunday School teachers get a lifetime contract
3. You can borrow the brown chairs
2. To call the pastor "The Rev Babe"
- And the #1 reason to attend First Baptist Church:**
1. To attend the Annual Grubbs Family Reunion at Judson Hills*.

**At least 2/3 of the people at this year's retreat were related to the Grubbs Family.)*

Fall Rally

At the Marion Association Fall Rally on Sunday, September 22, Pastor Brummett was formally elected to serve as vice president of the Marion Association for 1996/97. Her responsibilities will include attending three executive committee meetings and planning next year's Fall Rally. In 1997/98, she will have the opportunity to accept the nomination to serve as president. This year's president, Brenda Donegan is the first female lay president in the Association's 84 year history. This will make Pastor Brummett the first female clergy, president of the Association.

Nellie Sheets



Nellie Irene Sheets, 87, died Sunday, September 1, at Delaware Court Health Care Center. A graveside service was held on September 4

at Green Mound Cemetery, Kilbourne, with the Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett officiating.

Nellie was born in Delaware County to Monty and Unice Sheets and was a lifetime Delaware resident. She was retired from Ohio Wesleyan and was a long-time member of First Baptist. She is survived by several close friends.

DEEP THOUGHTS

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate,
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our Light, not our Darkness, that most frightens us.
We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?
Actually, who are you NOT to be?
You are a child of God.

Your playing small does not serve the World.

There is nothing enlightening about shrinking
so that other people won't feel unsure around you.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.

It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone.

As we let our own Light shine,
we unconsciously give other people the permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fears,

Our presence automatically liberates others.

—South African President Nelson Mandela, in his 1994 Inaugural Speech

Thanks

We would like to thank all of those individuals who accepted the responsibility for Junior Church and the Nursery. We are very pleased to report that we have leadership for Junior Church from October through next May. We do, however, have several Sundays open for the Nursery and if you fell so moved, please call either of us or simply put your name of the list in the vestibule.

Again, thank you so much for your willingness to help care for our young people.

—Barb Reed and Carol Grubbs

Halloween Party

Plans are well under-way for an "all church" Halloween party. The Youth Group has accepted the responsibility of planning the party, however, all offers of assistance will be greatly appreciated.

There will be games, treats, costumes, and more. Plan now to be a part of the



OCTOBER WORSHIP

October 6

Matthew 21:33-46
"A Fearsome Epitaph"

October 13

Matthew 22:1-14
"Spectator Grace"

October 20

Matthew 22:15-20
"Paying Our Dues to God"

October 27

Matthew 22:34-46
"The Overcomplexification Complex"

November 3

Matthew 23:1-12
"Fitting the Mold"

fun. Date, time, and place to be announced soon.

—Carol Grubbs

Seven Steps to Stagnation

1. We've never done it that way before.
2. We're not ready for it.
3. We're doing alright without that.
4. We tried that once.
5. It costs too much.
6. That's not our responsibility.
7. It won't work anyway.

—from the files of W.C. Wickum

The Cliff

I stood at the edge of a cliff.
God said, "Jump."
I said, "I can't."
God said, "Jump."
I said, "I'm afraid."
Then God pushed me,
And I flew.

Praise the Lord

Praise is like a plow set to go deep into the soil of a believer's heart. It lets the glory of God into the details of daily living.

—submitted by Jean Wickum

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Important Note: Due to a computer problem I had while working on this month's list, it's possible that it contains errors or omissions. Any necessary corrections will be announced or printed in the bulletin. Sorry about that.

— Editor

- Oct. 3 Janet Lathrop
5 Laura Beth Mowery
7 Jack Smith
9 Suzanne Grubbs
Ed & Jennifer Linn
11 Joe Mowery
19 Paul Hopkins
20 Yonica Bennett
21 Bennett's anniversary
25 Jenny Grubbs
28 Ed Linn
30 Jean Osborne
31 Ray Biggar
Courtney Rutherford
Nov. 5 Victor Fogle

Personals

- **HAROLD AND DEBORAH VAN BROEKHOVEN** spent 3-1/2 weeks in Greece.
- **JIM AND BERTHA VAN BRIMMER** visited Jim's sister Ellen in Philadelphia.
- **TED AND JEANNIE STEPHENSON** visited during Labor Day weekend.
- **MILDRED BOWERS** was hospitalized two days with pneumonia.
- **GENE AND DAVID OSBORNE** spent two weeks in Maine.

TEACHERS

Class	Teacher	Substitute
Pre-School	Barb Reed	-
Primary	Pam Faulk	Carol Grubbs, Melissa Mercer
Middler	Linda White	Jeanne Ekelberry
Junior High	Jennifer Turner	Melissa Mercer
Senior High	Larry Faulk	Archie Trigg, Randy Turner
Post High	Jody Lynn Brummett	-
Adult	Jim Van Brimmer	-

Other Substitutes: Sue Elfner, Tammy Francis, Mary Lou Lovell, Melissa Mercer, Allison Mowery, Randy Turner

Opening Exercises Fall Quarter: Randy Turner

We appreciate the services our Sunday School teachers and workers are contributing. Please join any of these classes at anytime.

—Evelyn Lee, Board of Christian Education

Genesis: A Living Conversation

Premiering Wednesday, October 16,
8 p.m. on WOSU



For more than 2,000 years, Jews, Christians, and Muslims—not to mention the world's greatest writers—have plumbed the stories of Genesis for religious, moral, and ethical implications. Now, journalist Bill Moyers brings this dialogue to television. In ten one-hour programs, Moyers gathers thoughtful and engaging individuals to discuss, debate, and discover the relevance of the Genesis stories for today's world.

—submitted by Jim Van Brimmer

Andrews House "Second Fridays" Program

The Andrews House Board has approved the institution of "Second Fridays," a feed-the-hungry plan designed by and to be implemented by the Andrews House Partner Churches.

Starting on Friday, October 11, individuals and families are invited to come to dinner for no charge at Andrews House at 6 p.m. The meal will be prepared and served by representatives of the twelve Partner Churches of Andrews House. Guests will be invited to meals through each of the resident partners, through People in Need, and by other organizations.

The costs of the meal will be borne by monetary contributions from the church groups — either individual contributions to a designated offering or by action of the mission/outreach committee of that church.

For more information, contact Evelyn Lee who is our church's Second Fridays representative.

World Mission Offering

We'll receive the World Mission
Offering on October 13.

*"From him the whole body, joined and knit together by every supporting
ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."*

Ephesians 4:16, NIV

Dear Friends,

When you hear the phrase "body-building," do you think of athletes working out at a health club? Do you have visions of a strong, muscular person lifting weights or doing sit-ups? Have you ever thought of yourself as a body-builder?

Scripture speaks of body-building in a different way. God is concerned not with muscles and body fat but with people—with the worldwide body of Christ, the church. It's the kind of body-building each of us participates in when we give to the World Mission Offering.

Your gift to the World Mission Offering makes it possible to proclaim God's love in word and deed in more than 70 countries around the globe. When you give, you help build the body of Christ through ministries of evangelism, education, medical work, leadership training and more.

Our church's goal for this offering is \$ 300 . Every dollar you give toward this goal is sent overseas to build the body of Christ worldwide. For example:

- A gift of \$15 can buy seven illustrated Bibles for children in Russia.
- A gift of \$50 can buy 10 pairs of shoes for those in Zaire who have no shoes.
- A gift of \$300 can provide an entire town in Haiti with safe drinking water.

In the weeks ahead, you will learn more about what American Baptists are doing to build the body of Christ around the world. Be part of the team. Give generously to the World Mission Offering.

Yours in Christ,

Linda White
Mission Education Chairman

P.S. Before you give, please pray! Along with other American Baptist congregations, use the enclosed booklet, "A Week of Prayer for Overseas Missions," as a guide to pray daily for our missionaries and partner churches around the world. Our week of prayer begins Sunday, Oct. 6 .

NORTH AREA NEWS

American Baptist Churches of Ohio

Rev. Sandra G. Heizer, Area Minister, North

October 1996

THOUGHTS FROM SANDIE:

Have you ever been to the mountain? Been afraid (like Moses) that your face had too much glow when you came down? Well actually, I have not been to the mountain. I've been to Florida and the American Baptist Women in Ministerial Leadership Conference. The preaching took me to the heights and I've been blessed. The studies prodded my innermost cynical parts and I've felt God's challenge. I've come back to you renewed in Spirit.

The conference theme was "Called by God, Compelled by Christ, and Charged by the Holy Spirit". Yes! YES! But we come back down the mountain and ordinary, sometimes troublesome stuff, comes our way (compare to Matthew 17).

So, back from my Florida "mountain" I tackle my job, work to fulfill my calling. And as I prepare for search committees, I have the incredible sadness of knowing that some of the very gifted, obviously called by God, women I met will never be considered by churches. Never mind that God has called. Never mind that the women have said "YES" to the Holy One. Never mind that the women have studied and prepared. Never mind that even the computer recognizes compatibility. Churches continue to say "We're not ready yet." May God send to us the day when we will search the mind of Christ and ask God to send us the servant appropriate to our needs—regardless of the age, race, marital status, or gender. What a novel idea that we would so trust God. I pray for a new Pentecost (Acts 2) when God's Spirit will fall on all flesh (even on me afresh) that we might hear our sons and daughters prophecy, that we might listen to the dreams of our elders and catch the vision given to the younger in our midst. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

And back from my "mountain" I find churches wrestling with insurance—yes, information meetings are coming soon—and budgets. I hope and pray that your church will be generous in time and money for Continuing Education for your pastoral staff. I find myself remembering the Bible study, taught by Dr. Molly Marshall of Central Baptist Theological Seminary. She reminded us that in original languages, the text for "compelled" by Christ means encircled, surrounded by Christ. I pray that as your church deals with budget matters concerning your pastor that our faithful God will make known the ways most appropriate for your congregation to embody the Christ who loves us and to compellingly surround your pastor with love and support.

Called. Compelled. Charged. O God, let us be faithful.

First Baptist, Kenton, will be in Revival Services, October 6-8, with the theme "A Holy Place—A Holy Work". Different preachers have been invited for different times, including, Steven Boothe, Jack Duffy, Kenneth Fey, and David Gallagher.

Allen Center Baptist Church will celebrate 125 years of ministry on October 13. Festivities begin at 9:30 a.m., and continue into the afternoon with lots of music and a meal.

First Baptist Church Loudonville, will install their new pastor, Rev. Howard Horton, on October 27, 1:30 p.m..

One of the Executive Minister's Listening Conferences will be October 28, 7:00 p.m., in the *First Baptist, Defiance*. This is a time to be heard and to hear of our Region's goals and mission.

And don't forget. *Marion Association* is hosting the ABC/OHIO Convention October 16-18. It's in North Area this year. Let's all be there. Dr. C. Jeff Woods will be installed on Thursday night and I'm sure your congregation will want to be present.

Members of *Mount Zion Baptist Church in Oberlin* were concerned about the increasing number of incidents of violent crime and drug use in the southeast quadrant of Oberlin. Recognizing that addressing the needs of low-income minority youth would lower the rate of crime in their neighborhoods, a group of interested members of the congregation founded the Zion Community Development Corporation.

The goal of Zion CDC is to serve as a catalyst for neighborhood and community revitalization by initiating projects and coordinating services for families and individuals.

Harriet Arnold and Zion CDC secretary Carolyn Young speak passionately about their commitment to the families of children of their neighborhoods. "Hopefully, these and other projects will instill discipline and self-confidence," says Arnold, "as well as give these youth the opportunity to acquire new skills."

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NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MINISTER

As a pastor, I always appreciated special emphasis Sundays. The special emphases helped to focus attention toward a specific cause. Sometimes we would gear an entire worship service toward the emphasis, while at other times we would focus upon the cause during the pastoral prayer, children's sermon, communion meditation, or other worship moments.

It is important to keep in mind that special emphases are not an "all or nothing" item. The emphasis may be woven into one part of the service without taking over your other theme. Your church may be in the middle of sermon series or preparing to launch a new ministry or building program when a special emphasis arises. The special emphasis may or may not integrate easily into your worship theme for the day.

When incorporated thoughtfully, special emphases can help discipline our corporate prayer life in the same that lectionary texts have the potential to discipline a preaching ministry.

This month contains four very salient special emphases. October 6 is World Communion Sunday. What a wonderful day to emphasize our connection with the Body of Christ. Many churches also begin receiving the World Mission Offering on that day.

October 13 is our designated Men's Sunday. I hope that you take this opportunity to lift up your men's ministries.

The special emphasis on October 20 is for chaplains and pastoral counselors. I encourage you to invite your nearest chaplain or counselor to worship on that Sunday, or even better, adopt one of our chaplains or counselors for a special prayer emphasis or visit one of their sites. Our Region Directory contains a list of ABC endorsed chaplains and pastoral counselors in Ohio.

October 27 is Reformation Sunday. I always viewed this Sunday as a time to link with neighboring protestant congregations. I even am aware of a pulpit exchange between two Catholic and Lutheran congregations on Reformation Sunday.

Be creative. Celebrate. Pray. Intercede for the needs of our world.

Sincerely,
Dr. C. Jeff Woods

Dear Loved Ones,

Grace and peace to you from God as you serve him where you are!

I would remind you today that you have opportunity to serve the Lord each day that you are given. There are many ways to do that. One way that we can give ourselves to him is through the World Mission Offering we are now receiving. There

are so many needs and only if we all pray about those needs and respond to them can needs be met. I hope that you all got prayer booklets from your pastors so that you could pray for our missionaries and special needs the week before you began to think about monetary giving.

If we all can share in praying and giving, we can make this offering effective and can succeed in raising the funds needed to help others. Prayer is also vital when we take on any task God asks us to accomplish for others.

The goal for our state is to raise 214,000 dollars for this offering. I hope your church will do its part to help us reach this goal.

Serving Together and Giving for Christ,
Dr. Fran Breton
ABC/OHIO/WMS

PROFESSIONAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Rev. Donald D. Silverthorne, from West Lafayette Baptist Church (Cambridge Association), as Interim Minister, effective July 31, 1996.

Mr. Davie R. Curry, to West Lafayette Baptist Church (Cambridge Association), as Pastor, effective August 1, 1996.

Mrs. Sue Guffey, from First Baptist Church, Canton (Akron Association), as Christian Education Director and Youth Minister, effective August 1, 1996.

Rev. Leon Troy, from Second Baptist Church, Columbus (Columbus Association), as Pastor, effective August 31, 1996.

Rev. Fred Poorbaugh, from Chesterland Baptist Church (Ashtabula Association),

as Pastor, effective August 7, 1996.

Rev. Condie E. Waiters, from First Baptist Church, East Liverpoos (Trumbull Association), as Interim Minister, effective June 30, 1996.

Mr. Dan Evans, to First Baptist Church, East Liverpool (Trumbull Association), as Pastor, effective August 1, 1996.

Dr. Francis M. Hitch, from East Baptist Church, Columbus (Columbus Association), as Interim Minister, effective September 1, 1996.

Mr. Mark Douglas, to East Baptist Church, Columbus (Columbus Association), as Interim Minister, effective September 1, 1996.

ABC DONATES \$85,000 TO AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONS IN '96

John Walling, American Baptist Credit Union President/CEO is pleased to report that ABCU contributed \$85,000 to American Baptist missions in 1996. Based on the transaction volume of Credit Union members using their ABCU credit and check cards, the amount given is a 12% increase from last year's donation. Since 1994, ABCU's "Cards that Give to Mission" credit card program has donated over \$220,000 to missions projects.

WORKSHOP

The Third Annual AutumnQuest Retirement Planning Workshop will be held November 11-13, 1996, at the Chicago offices of Midwest Career Development Services. Clergy and spouses age 50 and above are invited to participate. Workshop leaders are Ronald Brushwyler and Sarah Hallstrand. The registration fee is \$95 per couple or \$75 a single. Contact Midwest at 708-343-6268 for registration and accommodation information.

CONGRATULATIONS! Rev. Ted Wehling recently celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination.

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			ABC of Ohio Annual Meeting in Marion			
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27 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends Newsletter Deadline</i>	28 6:30 DISCIPLE 2 7:00 Boy Scouts	29	30 6:30 Covered-dish dinner and quarterly business meeting	Halloween 31	November 1	2

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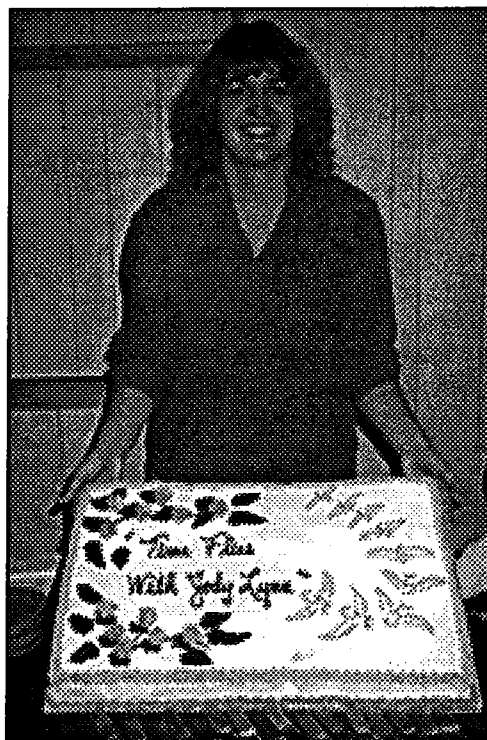
Church Celebrates Pastor's Fifth Anniversary

Can you believe it's been five years?

On Sunday, October 6, a party was held after church to celebrate Pastor Jody Lynn Brummett's fifth anniversary as pastor of First Baptist.

In 1991, she was called on August 25, September 22 was her first Sunday, and she was installed on October 13.

The celebration was held in the fellowship hall and was organized by the Board of Deacons and the Pastoral Relations Committee.



ABOVE: Pastor Brummett with the cake, which says "Time Flies With Jody Lynn."



LEFT: Alison Mowery, Chair of the Board of Deacons, presents Jody Lynn with a gift from the church.

I used to have a lawn. It was beautiful, green and had to be mowed much too frequently to suit me. Now its covered with about five hundred billion leaves. I must admit that this is only a rough estimate, but I'm sure it's fairly accurate, because I've gone out and walked through them trying to figure out what to do with them. Apparently, these leaves, according to popular opinion and practice, want to be raked, stuffed into large plastic garbage bags and set neatly by the curb.

Who makes these rules anyway? Personally, I think the leaves would prefer to stay on the ground. They look really pretty, they're fun to throw, they make a great rustling and crunching sound when you walk through them. And I think they're much happier on the ground than up in the tree or smashed in a garbage bag.

I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you that this has absolutely nothing to do with the fact that I'm trying to procrastinate. Really.

As much as I'd like to let my leaves stay on the ground, covering the grass, I know that it's not a good idea. I know this because last year I took all my leaves, put them on top of my garden and left them there until Spring. What a mess. In the Fall, my garden was covered with a four foot pile of dry leaves. By Spring, it was covered with a one foot pile of soggy, wet, decomposing leaf-matter. The soil in the garden was wonderfully rich and had about thirty earthworms per inch. The tomato plants loved it. But, I don't think I want that to happen to my lawn, which is what will happen if I neglect these fallen leaves.

I still don't want to rake my leaves. I

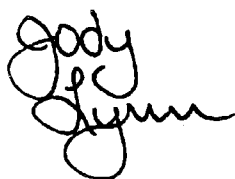
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also know that when the snow falls in Winter, that I won't want to shovel it off of the driveway. When Spring arrives, I certainly won't want to begin mowing the lawn again. When Summer brings with it my beautiful tomato plants, I really won't be very thrilled about pulling weeds. Such is the nature of life.

The seasons change and life goes on whether we're ready for it or not. Which is perhaps one of the worst and best parts of life. Just when we get comfortable with the way things are, settled in and used to the warm air of summer and the feel of the sun on our backs, the wind turns cold and things start to change. This of course is true, not just of the weather, but of our lives in general. Just when we get used to the way things are, they change. However, when things are bad, and we can't possibly imagine them getting any worse, like in the middle of winter when it's 20 below and we're buried in a blanket of snow and ice, we can take comfort in the assurance that things will change. Life goes on, and the seasons change. The snow will melt and the sun will shine.

Let us give thanks to the one God who created the world with wisdom and beauty and who gave us the seasons of life. May we accept this gift of life, of the world around us and the people in the world, with humility and respect. May we receive this gift with the hope that God will give us the knowledge and the strength to care for it. Amen.

Many Blessings,



Youth Group Auction

Mmmm... fresh-baked pie! Don't you love a nice slice from the oven?

On Sunday, November 10, right after church services, our youth group will be auctioning off a first-place pie.

Please join us for the judging, pie, coffee and fellowship! Donations to cover pie and coffee benefits the youth treasury for winter projects. Plan now to join us.

-Beth Trigg, Youth Leader

Poinsettias

Please see Shirley Parker or Jim Stephenson if you would like to purchase one or more poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Advent. If you



wish, they can be given in memory of a family member or friend, and you are welcome to take them home after our Christmas eve service.

Please place your orders by Sunday, November 24. The price will probably be around \$7.50 each, but we don't know for sure at this point. We'll announce the price during Sunday morning announcements as soon as we know what it is.

Seventh Annual Castle Arts Affair

The 7th Annual Castle Arts Affair will be held from Thursday, November 14 through Sunday, November 17 at the Delaware County Cultural Arts Center. The Center, also known as the Arts Castle, is located at 190 West Winter Street.

The event is a holiday market for the sale of juried fine art and crafts. It is produced entirely by volunteers each year as a major fundraiser for the Center.

Items for sale will include jewelry, pottery, paintings, fiber, blown glass, sculpture, toys, leather goods, Christmas items and wood work.

Other features and services offered during Castle Arts Affair include a raffle of selected works, sunrise breakfast, free parking, gift wrapping and personal shopping assistance.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

November 3

Matthew 23:1-12
"Fitting the Mold"

November 10

Joshua 1-3a, 14-25
Matthew 25:1-13
"No Turning Back"

November 17

Matthew 25:14-30
"It's How You Play the Game"

November 24

Stewardship Sunday
Matthew 25:31-46
"Righteous Ignorance"

December 1

First Sunday of Advent
"Hanging of the Greens"

General admission tickets are available at the door. Complimentary tickets may be obtained from the Delaware County bank. For more information, call the Arts Castle at 369-2787.

Andrews House Update

Christmas Bazaar: The Andrews House Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for December 6 from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and December 7 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There's a need for crafts of all kinds, baked goods, jellies, candies, etc. Also new or gently-used quality items will be used for the silent auction with a minimum value of \$20.00. (no furniture or clothing). Proceeds from the Bazaar will support the continuing renovation and the programming at Andrews House. Contact Connie Whitaker at 369-2011 or Jean Wickum at 369-1884.

Second Fridays: On Friday, October 11, the Andrews House Partner Church Representatives served a meal to more than 50 people. For this first dinner, representatives from William

Streed U.M.C. were assisted by people from other churches in the meal preparation, serving and transportation.

The next dinner will take place on Friday, November 8. If you would like to volunteer for any task related to this project call Evelyn Lee at 362-9107.

New Transitional Housing Directors Hired: Trevor Casto and Sarah Paullin Casto have been hired to be the Transitional Housing Directors, and they have moved into Andrews House. Trevor is the music arts teacher at Goshen Elementary School and Sarah has a B.A. in psychology from O.W.U. and is working on a degree in sign language. They also work as "inculturation" teachers for foreign students. They are both local residents and grew up in the Delaware community. The Board approved their nominations unanimously.

One of their first tasks is to work with the Transitional Housing Committee which is refining the criteria for how potential residents will be screened and selected.

Christmas Clearing House

The Christmas Clearing House, sponsored by People In Need, will be collecting and distributing toys, clothes, and food during the Christmas season. Please note that only new toys and clothes are accepted. They also accept cash donations (which are taxable).

- **Christmas Display at Buehlers** — Nov. 25th - Dec. 1st
- **Christmas Clearing House City/County Food Drive** — Saturday, Dec. 7th, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- **Clearing House Headquarters Opens at the Fairgrounds** — Monday, December 9th - Sunday December 15th; from 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. (phone 363-6528)
- **Senior Baskets Packing Day** — Wednesday, Dec. 11th, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- **Family Baskets Community Packing Day** — Saturday, Dec.

Financial News

Church Finances A Concern

Church Operating Receipts of \$30,412 for the first 3 quarters of 1996 are \$1766 less than last years receipts of \$32,178 and \$6,119 less than the budget of \$36,531. Receipts represent only 83% of the budget. We are averaging \$157 per week under budget and will fall short of the budget by over \$8,000 at this pace.

Outreach Missions Receipts of \$4819 for the first 3 quarters of 1996 are \$688 more than last years receipts of \$4131 but they include \$941 for Building on Common Ground which was not a part of last years finances. True receipts represent about 92% of the budget for 3 quarters.

Please take the opportunity to attend one of the Finance Socials this month to learn more about our financial situation and your role in stewardship.

-Larry Faulk, Finance Chairman

Board that they would discontinue administering the ABC health insurance program as of January 1, 1997.

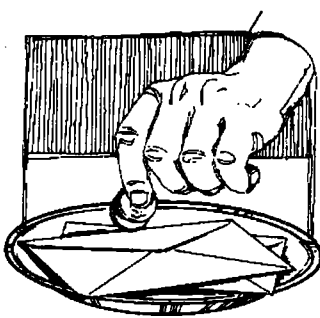
Apparently CIGNA is concerned about legal matters having to do with insurance regulations in the various states, and the fact that their administration of a national program would probably require exemptions by the various state's insurance departments.

Both the M&M Board, and ABC of Ohio have been hard at work to find suitable alternatives for health insurance for its pastors and other church employees who were covered under the old plan. Viable alternatives have been found, and our church employees will have the opportunity to enroll in one of the two or three available plans that will provide essentially the same protection as the CIGNA plans.

Supplemental insurance plans will also be available for persons enrolled in Medicare programs.

Insurance costs to churches could rise as much as about 16% as we move into the new system. However, annual increases in the cost of health insurance has been routine for some years now, so this isn't too surprising.

- Jim Van Brimmer



M & M Medical/Dental Insurance Terminated

Earlier this year, CIGNA, who is the current health insurance carrier for American Baptist Church professionals, informed the M&M

14th, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

• **Toyland Setup and Decorate Coliseum** — Saturday, Dec. 14th, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

• **Distribution Day** — Sunday, Dec. 15th, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

• **Clearing House continues at P.I.N.**

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office — Dec. 18th through 20th, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

• **Volunteers are needed** to help on the Food Drive, Saturday, Dec. 7, and throughout the week of Dec. 9th through 15th. If you desire to be a part of a positive sharing experience,

please call Carolyn or Anne at 363-7250.

- **Adopt-A-Child:** If you would like to Adopt a child for gifts, please call Lula Mae at 363-7250. They can help you select a child according to your wishes. Due to confidentiality requirements, personal contact with families isn't permitted. The deadline for securing a child's name and age is Wednesday, November 15th.

Help us to bring to our Delaware County families the true meaning of the Christmas Spirit this Holiday Season and throughout the coming year.

Thanks ...

To my First Baptist family,

Thank you so very much for the grand celebration as we recognized our five years of ministry together. I had great fun on October 6th, beginning with Jim Van Brimmer's thoughtful and enlightened words during the service and concluding with the fabulous reception. Thanks to the organizing effort of Shirley Parker, who had the help of many others. We enjoyed our delicious carrot cake, complete with flying fives. The festivities were polished off with some poetry reading by Alison Mowery, as she presented a gift from the congregation.

Thanks to all who contributed to this very generous gift. Thanks to all for your dedication to God and to the

ministry of the church. May God bless our future as we continue to minister together.

Sincerely,

-Jody Lynn

Halloween Party

Thanks to the Youth Group, Beth Trigg, Carol Grubbs, and all others who helped, for an evening of fun at the Halloween party on Saturday, October 26th. The haunted house, games, breaking of pinatas, and great refreshments (including the green pond water with worms) provided us with laughter and good fellowship!

- Mary Lou Lovell

World Mission Offering

Thanks for your contributions to the World Mission Offering. Our goal was \$300 and we received \$290.74.

- Linda White

Personals

• On October 8, **DEBORAH LOVELL** gave a 35 minutes presentation on "Atrazine" to the faculty and students of Baldwin-Wallace College as part of her graduation requirements. She passed and is planning to graduate in June.

• **MATTHEW LOVELL** is enjoying singing with the Ohio State Men's Glee Club. On November 24th at 3:00, the OSU Glee Club will perform with the University of Michigan Glee Club.

• **BARBARA LOVELL** is part of the Hayes Symphonic Choir. On Sunday, November 17 at 3:15 in Gray Chapel, the Hayes Symphonic Choir and the OWU Choir will perform "The Faure Requiem." On Monday, December 9th at 7:30 in Gray Chapel, all ensembles from Hayes High School will take part in the Christmas Concert which traditionally concludes with the "Hallelujah Chorus."

For all your holiday purchases this season, please remember our own "home grown" Lady Britannia." Call 369-LADY.

- Beth Trigg

• **ARIC MOMPHER** reported on October 7th for Navy Basic Training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois. He volunteered for submarine duty and enlisted for six years of active duty and two years of inactive duty.

• **BERNICE TURNEY** spent several days visiting her daughter, Mary, in Cincinnati.

• **ED AND JENNIFER LINN** visited while on a seven-day leave from Edwards Air Force Base in California.

• **MARGE SMALE** travelled by train to Boston to visit her daughter, Becky.

• **FRANCIS JOHNSON** had gall bladder surgery at Grady Hospital on October 24. Daughters Penny and Caroline and their husbands from Florida were here for a visit.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|--------|-----------------------|
| Nov. 1 | Stefanie Stoner |
| 5 | Victor Fogle |
| 8 | Nicole Howard |
| 10 | Natalie Griffith |
| 15 | Teresa Griffith |
| | Frances Johnson |
| | Harold Van Broekhoven |
| | Barbara Van Brimmer |
| 20 | Randy Turner |
| | Dianna Runyan |
| 22 | Peter White |
| 26 | Elizabeth Hopkins |
| 28 | Karen Stoner |
| Dec. 4 | Erin Faulk |
| 5 | Zachery Grubbs |

Please report any errors or omissions to Jim Stephenson.

Church Directory Update

New address:

Randy and Jennifer Turner
141 Providence Lane
Delaware

(the phone remains the same)

Name _____

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delaware, Ohio
November 1996

In love and loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, and in support of his ministry through this church,
and in love and concern for each other, I/We make the following Pledge for 1997.

<u>1996 BUDGET</u>		<u>CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		<u>COMMITMENT FOR 1997</u>	
Per Week	\$937			_____	Per Week
Per Month	\$4,059			_____	Per Month
Per Year	\$48,702			_____	Per Year

<u>1996 BUDGET</u>		<u>OUTREACH MISSIONS</u>		<u>COMMITMENT FOR 1997</u>	
Per Week	\$115			_____	Per Week
Per Month	\$500			_____	Per Month
Per Year	\$6,000			_____	Per Year

<u>BUILDING ON COMMON GROUND</u>	
<u>COMMITMENT FOR 1997</u>	
_____	Per Week / Month / Year (circle one)

<u>HANDICAP ACCESS</u>	
<u>COMMITMENT FOR 1997</u>	
_____	Per Week / Month / Year (circle one)

Signed _____

Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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Keep This Portion For Your Records

Name _____
My/Our Pledge for 1997

For Church Operating Expenses \$ _____ Per _____

For Outreach Missions \$ _____ Per _____

For "Handicap Access" \$ _____ Per _____

For "Building on Common Ground" \$ _____ Per _____

If for any reason you need to change your Pledge, please notify
Mrs. Evelyn Lee, Financial Secretary
259 S. Section Line Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015

NOVEMBER 1996

First Baptist Church

101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship	4 7:00 Piecemakers; Boy Scouts	5 7:00 Deacons	6 7:00 Choir	7 7:00 Pastoral Relations Committee	8 6:00 Second Fridays Dinner at Andrew's House	9
10 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 Pie Contest and Auction, sponsored by A.B.W.	11 6:30 DISCIPLE 2 7:00 Boy Scouts	12	13 7:00 Choir	14 12:00 Young at Heart	15	16 8:30 Mens' Breakfast
17 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship 12:00 A.B.W. Ministries Meeting, bring a sandwich, all are invited	18 6:30 DISCIPLE 2 7:00 Boy Scouts	19 7:00 Board of Christian Education	20 7:00 Choir	21	22	23
24 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Morning Worship <i>Newsletter Deadline; Last day to order poinsettias</i>	25 6:30 DISCIPLE 2 7:00 Boy Scouts	26	27 7:00 Choir	28	29	30

December 1 -- 9:00 Sunday School; 10:45 Morning Worship; "Hanging of the Greens"

The Rev. Jody Lynn Brummett, Pastor
Jim Stephenson, Editor

Letter

Baptist Church,
() 363-7021

Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join the choir for our annual Christmas caroling on Friday, December 20 at 7:00. We'll be singing familiar Christmas carols that everyone knows. Please dress warmly and bring a flashlight. We'll return to the church afterwards (probably around 8:30) for refreshments.

- Jim Stephenson, choir director

Birthday Party for Jesus / Secret Advent Friends Party

The birthday party for Jesus will be celebrated on Sunday, December 22 immediately after church.

All members of our church family are invited to stay after the program for a party in the fellowship hall. We ask each family to bring a dozen cookies. Beverages will be provided. Secret Advent Friends will be revealing their identities at that time.

Christmas Program

A Sunday school Christmas program will be presented at 7:00 on Sunday, December 22nd. Mary Lou Lovell and Carol Grubbs will be directing "Gift of Christmastime," a musical drama by Vendla Walton. Everyone is invited to attend.

Christmas Eve Service

Our candlelight Christmas Eve service will begin with instrumental preludes

at 6:45 on December 24th, and the service will begin at 7:00.

Intergenerational Activity

On Sunday, December 29 we will have an intergenerational activity in the Senior High room during Sunday school. We will begin at 9:00. There will be no regular classes that day.

S.A.F. 1997

Please consider being a Secret Advent Friend for 1997. Pick up a form in the vestibule during December and give it to Pam Faulk. We will be drawing names after church on Sunday, Dec. 29.

Celebration of New Ministry

The Wardens, Vestry and People of St. Peter's Episcopal Church 45 W. Winter Street Delaware invite you to join them and The Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson Bishop of Southern Ohio in The Celebration of a New Ministry of this parish and The Rev. Thomas VanBrunt on Sunday, the eighth of December Nineteen hundred and ninety-six at five o'clock in the afternoon Reception Following in Andrews House.

Christmas Kettle

This message comes from the Salvation Army:

Once again, the Christmas Holiday Season is quickly coming upon us. The annual tradition of The Salvation Army Kettles on the street corners will once again be seen and heard throughout our country. We would like to give you an opportunity to be a part of this exciting fund raising program.

As you can imagine, the need for the services The Salvation Army offers grows greater each year. Requests for our assistance continue to increase rapidly. We are trying to cut down on our expenses by using more volun-

teers. The more volunteers we get the less we spend on employees, and we are better able to help families and individuals in our community.

We are asking you to volunteer to stand one or more days at one of our locations around town.

Dates for kettle work will be from November 29 through December 24. Starting time will be from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The location for this years kettles are: Downtown Kroger's, Kroger's at Rt. 23, Wal-Mart at Rt. 23, and IGA Sunbury. Please contact Lt. Terry L. Streck at 369-5301 or 369-2715 to sign up.

- The Salvation Army

Frances Belt

Eva Frances Belt, 79, died on Sunday, November 24 in Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania.

She was born in Newton, Iowa, was a graduate of Radnor High School, and was a former employee of Bun's Bakery in Delaware.

Frances had been a member of First Baptist Church for many years when she lived in Delaware. She had been active in the women's society and served as church clerk.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Hamilton of Sandy Lake; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Her husband, Robert, died in 1958. She also was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Leaper.

Funeral services were held at Robinson Funeral Home in Delaware on November 26, and burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

Sunday School Time Changes

At the October business meeting, our church voted to change the amount of time between Sunday School and Worship from 30 minutes to 20 minutes. This change will go into effect on Sunday, January 5, 1997, for a trial period lasting through this Sunday School year. We will then evaluate the

DECEMBER WORSHIP

December 1

First Sunday of Advent
"Hanging of the Greens"

December 8

Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8
"Home for the Holidays"

December 15

Third Sunday of Advent
John 1:6-8,19-28;
Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11
"More is Better"

December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Luke 1:26-38; Romans 16:25-27
"Guardians of Life"

December 24

Christmas Eve
Luke 2:1-14
"Home Is Where the Heart Is"

December 29

First Sunday of Christmas
Guest Preacher

January 5

Second Sunday of Christmas
Matthew 2:1-12

situation and decide if we want this to be a permanent change.

This change will necessitate a change in the time of the beginning of Sunday School. Instead of beginning at 9:00 a.m. with our opening assembly, we will begin at 9:15 a.m., with classes beginning at 9:25 a.m. and lasting for 1 hour. Classes will end at 10:25 a.m. and worship will begin at 10:45 a.m.

As we try this new time, please let Pastor Brummett, members of the Board of Deacons or members of the Board of Christian Education know how you think it is working. Our goal is to make the Sunday School and Worship time of our church be a wor-

shipful and welcoming experience for everyone.

Open House

The Turners would like to invite the church family to a Christmas Open house at their new home. 141 Providence Lane (in Lexington Glen). Sunday, December 8 from 3-5p.m.

Trustees' Notes

- Our largest project in several years was completed by Durable Slate of Columbus during November. About 120 missing, broken, and bad slates were replaced on the steeple. This work was done from a lift bucket on a crane and took two days. The cost was \$5,860.
- Joe Mowery repaired the lazy susan in the corner of the kitchen cupboard which had collapsed making quite a mess! Joe also got the kitchen floor drain (which had been stopped up) running again.
- The furnaces at the church were serviced for the winter and the filters were changed. The heat duct was refastened along the north side of the fellowship hall where it was coming loose. This work was done by Don Patrick. The cost was \$165.
- The fire extinguishers were serviced by B&J of Marion.
- Betty Porter donated a rocker for the nursery. Jeanne Ekelberry took the wooden one home for repairs.
- Steve Stoner repaired the remote unit for the garage door at the parsonage. Steve also cleaned out the gutters at the parsonage and repaired a piece of loose siding.
- Back in July, Peter White sealed the driveway at the old parsonage. The materials cost \$50.
- Jody Lynn and Peter White served as building hosts at the Archart-DeBarr wedding and rehearsal.
- A thank you to some behind-the-scenes helpers — Jim Van Brimmer for doing the bulletin board out front all year and to Larry and Pam for buy-

ing the paper supplies for the rest rooms. Also, a thank you to all those who helped with small jobs throughout the year.

This will serve as our year-end report unless something big comes up before the first of the year.

—Peter White, Chairman

Personals

- FRANCES JOHNSON is a patient at Windsong Nursing Home after a slow recovery from gall bladder surgery.
- EVELYN LEE was shaken up after an auto accident at an intersection in town.
- DAVID OSBORNE is a patient in a Grand Rapids, Michigan hospital with pneumonia.
- MRS. EDITH HALL is recovering from shingles.
- JOHN LINN underwent some tests at Grady Hospital.
- MICAH STONER earned Dean's List honors with a perfect 4.0 GPA in his first trimester at DeVry Institute of Technology in Columbus, July to October, and so far has received examination credit for two required courses.
- STEFANIE STONER HEIZER recently became a member of the Cleveland Symphony Chorus by audition. The group's first performance with the Orchestra opened November 21 and

included the complete ballet music for Ravel's *Daphnis and Chloé*. See the Heizers or Stoners if you want the Chorus's future schedule. Stefanie also received a significant promotion at Ohio Savings Bank, beginning in January.

• JEFF FAULK spent several days in Dublin, Ireland with the Notre Dame Band when the football team went there in November.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Dec. 4 Erin Faulk
5 Zachery Grubbs
13 Tammy Grubbs
Geneva Evans
14 Jeremy Heizer
18 Cap Gabriel
25 Carol Grubbs
Steve & Karen Stoner
28 Sharon Baker
29 Rutherfords' anniversary
Harold & Deborah
Van Broekhoven
- Jan. 4 Cynthia Bland
Ashley Francis
Shirley Parker
5 Lola Jackson
Evelyn Lee

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First Baptist Church

Affiliated with American Baptist Churches/USA

November 25, 1996

Dear Friends,

Over 60 children around the world call Esther Wiebe "Darla." It is their term of affection for the American Baptist missionary nurse who saved their lives. Placing children with families to love and care for them wasn't Esther's "job." Practicing medicine was the skill she brought to the hospitals. But the love of God is what she personified, both to her patients and to these children in India whose families could not care for them. Esther adopted three of the children, and they now live together in Hillsboro, Kansas.

These children thank God for Esther's commitment to serve a God of love and compassion. The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering gives you an opportunity to join them in thanking "Darla" and over 3,000 other retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries, or their widowed spouses, for their service.

Here is how your contribution will be used: 43% is designated to meet emergency and special financial needs and 57% is distributed in the form of ABC Thank You checks to eligible recipients. Because The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board assumes the cost of promotional expenses, 100% of your gift will go to a retired minister, missionary or widowed spouse.

Ask yourself: "What would my life, my church, my community, my world, be like without those who have given their entire lives to the service of God?" Each of us has a reason to "Celebrate Their Commitment"! A generous gift to this year's RMMO is a wonderful way to show our retired spiritual leaders that we honor and appreciate them.

Sincerely,

Linda White, Mission Education Ch.

Celebrate Their Commitment