

## NBC HISTORY 2000

Remember Y2K? We started the year off wondering how this would affect us in the year 2000 and it turned out to be a non-event in most cases. Thank the Lord!

Our Search Committee spent the year searching for a new Pastor for our church and although it did not materialize in 2000 we believe they will succeed early in 2001. They are a dedicated and hard-working group.

A new young adult (18-40) Sunday School class called "The Explorers" was formed and is now meeting regularly and they have begun meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month for fellowship and fun.

Women's Ministries became active again under the leadership of Bea Cunningham with a joint meeting of the Circles in March to hear about the ministry and needs of the Murrow Indian Children's Home in Oklahoma. Women's Ministry Sunday was celebrated in March with speaker Carol Kautz and women leading the worship service. A joint meeting of Circles in September enjoyed guest speaker Peggy Burke's report on her attendance at the Baptist World Congress/Baptist Conference/Baptist World Alliance meetings in Melbourne, Australia.

In addition to the Circles usual support of Community Resource Center with food, money, and \$5 gifts and stockings at Christmas, the Circles joined with the Girl Scout Troop that meets in our church to assemble and ship 48 shoeboxes for Franklin Graham's Operation Christmas Child. \$205 was also collected to help with shipping costs. The Circles met their White Cross goals.

All four mission collections for the year met our goals. In addition following a request for flashlights from Dayton Christian Center, the church collected 84 for them. A \$1.50 Sunday in February raised \$223.40 to support White Cross needs in the Philippines. A Walk-A-Thon in March raised \$394 for the America For Christ offering. A special Love Gift was taken in April to help with the medical needs of the David Baldridge family following the death of David's wife Kim and the special medical needs of his daughter Emily who had been born shortly before his wife's death.

In the summer from June 11 to September 3<sup>rd</sup> the adult classes met together in the Sanctuary for a series of discussions and study on "The Church Alive Today" with various leaders: Joe Brown, Jim Dowdy, Harry and Sandy Hawkins, Rev. Don Scribner, Dick Shoemaker, and Rev. Dan Taylor.

Our church building was updated with pews being recovered in April, new air conditioners in the main sanctuary, crib and toddler rooms and Pastor and Secretary's offices. A new computer was purchased for the office. Heating problems in December forced cancellation of the Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> worship service and the evening Choir and Candlelight service. Heating was fixed and the Choir cantata "Night of Wonder" was moved to the December 31<sup>st</sup> worship service.

## NBC HISTORY 2000 (Continued)

Donna Marcum of First Baptist Church visited us on Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> with a skit for our Ice Cream Social on "Four Amazing Women" (Betsy Ross, Harriet Tubman, Jane Addams and Charley Parkhurst), and on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> to direct a play "The Crowded Inn" during our Christmas Program with some of our young people taking part.

On Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> we were surprised with a "we're appreciated" outing to the MCL Cafeteria in Westerville with the church picking up the tab – sponsored by the Property/Finance Team. Lots of good food and fellowship.

In November at the Annual Business Meeting a budget of \$111,500 was adopted for the year 2001. The slate of officers and board members was elected.

On the social front we welcomed seven little ones to the world: Hannah Marie to David and Karen Brown, Emma Day to Josh and Anna Burford, Jesse Michael to Eric and Amanda Gay, Hadley to Dan and Heather Brown, Kyle Matthew to Mike and Jennifer Martin, Mica to Don and Katie Heffner, and William John to Mike and Joanne Durbin. We said good-bye to Paul Hood, Griffa Moore (Charter Member), Leona Speaks, Virginia Van Beuren and Geneva Williams. Married were Anna Lee Bishop to Erick Stephen Guitner and Deanna Marie Anderson to Steven Edward Berrier. Garold and Pat Garrett celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Violet Cook celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with family here on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Dr. John McCallum's family and friends celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at NBC on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Check the reports of the various Teams to follow all of the regular/recurring activities carried on here at NBC throughout the year – a lot of work by a great many members to keep our church running smoothly.

Virgina Baker

## NBC HISTORY 2001

Once again it's time to take a look back over the year and review what NBC has been doing.

In January our hard-working Search Committee presented us with a candidate to become our new Pastor. He and his wife joined us in February at an all-church dinner to meet everyone and to deliver the next morning's sermon. He accepted a unanimous call to our church. On March 12<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Cyrus Broughton began his ministry with us, hit the road running and has been very busy since. His family, wife Shari and sons Joel and Matthew, joined him in June from Des Moines, Iowa after selling their house and the boys completing their school year. He was officially installed on July 8<sup>th</sup> to become the 7<sup>th</sup> pastor in our 53-year history.

Our Interim Pastor, Rev. Owen Stewart, delivered his last sermon on March 11<sup>th</sup>. A reception was held for him and his wife Joan, to thank them for their 2 ½ years of service to us. He's already serving another church as Interim Pastor.

New Member Luncheon on January 21 welcomed Louis Jessing, Debbie Smalley, and Bob Yost as official church members. The annual Love Feast was held Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at the Clintonville Woman's Club with Adam and Judy Marcum as guest speakers on "For the Love of Stories."

Special Sunday evening sessions in the Word were held March 4 – April 29 to study the Book of Revelation. Led by Jim Dowdy, the series was based on the book and video "Breaking the code: understanding the Book of Revelation" by Bruce Metzger.

Lenten Services were held March 22, 29 and April 5 and 12, followed by refreshments/fellowship. On April 12<sup>th</sup>, the Upper Room experience was re-enacted with communion and followed by an all-night vigil at the church.

Pentecost Service was held June 3, a "Celebration of Voices," celebrating the birthday of the church.

In August our annual church picnic was held at the church, rain kept us indoors but was enjoyed by all. Later on the 26<sup>th</sup>, the Ice Cream Social was held with great music by Bob Cassady and his quartet, "The Sons of Liberty."

September 11<sup>th</sup>, NBC women hosted the ABWM Columbus Association Fall Rally. Our Men's quartet and Sandy Hawkins provided the music. Skits followed on the theme: "Vital Signs: Strengthened by Faith, Hope and Love." Business meeting was followed by luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. There we heard of the terrorist attack on the Twin Trade Towers in New York City, and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. What it portends for the future remains to be seen. NBC donated \$400 to the Red Cross for disaster relief.

## NBC HISTORY 2001 (Continued)

In October, pictures were taken of our members for a new Pictorial Directory to be ready by the first of next year, and church membership was treated to a free lunch at the MCL as a thank you for support of the budget this year. Fall Renewal Services were held 28-30 with the Rev. Mark Pittman of Monticello, Indiana as Evangelist with music led by Darren Hawkins with the help of Steve, Carrie and David Brown.

Hanging of the Green was celebrated November 29<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the Christmas season.

In December we were busy working with the Girl Scout Troop to fill shoeboxes for Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse outreach. Fifty boxes were sent. Food and presents were also collected for the Community Resource Center. The Women's Ministry held a Christmas Tea on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Vikki Sussman provided the music and her testimony. Decorations on the tree added \$69 to the Women's Ministries general treasury for future projects and needs. The Annual Business Meeting adopted a budget of \$121,384 for 2002 and elected Officers and Board Members for 2002. Board was changed from 3 to 5 Teams. The Choir presented a lovely cantata, "The Wondrous Story" during the worship service the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> with the young people telling "The Christmas Story," led by Dennis Evans. A lovely way to end the year.

On the Social Front we welcomed new babies: BethAnne Marie Bautista, Carter Petersen, Benjamin Robert Taylor, Gabriella Joy Burford, Kayla Marie Hildebrand, Nolan Kirsch, Thomas Michael Alan Phillips, Samantha Jo Brown, and Grace Alana Cvelbar. We said goodbye to: Anne Chovan, Billy Crandall, Helen Diller and Ed Thompson. Harold Castor celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with a reception at Friendship Village. New hymnals were purchased in memory of Billy Crandall, Helen Diller, and Virginia Van Beuren.

Our church building was updated with a new rug in the Fellowship Hall, and new windows and blinds in the Fellowship Hall, Furnace Room and Kitchen. The Office Computer was updated and a new computer purchased for the Pastor.

We like to eat, don't we? A special thanks to the Kitchen Committee who we have kept very busy this year.

Be sure and read the reports of each Team for the many activities they sponsor and carry out through the year, a lot of work by a lot people. Many thanks to them all.

Let us remember as we look forward to a New Year, that Jesus is the reason for the season (year), God's answer to our sin.

Virginia Baker

## NBC HISTORY 2002

Hard to believe another year has flown by and it's time to look back and review the year. As usual, it was very busy. To begin with we were all challenged to read the Bible through in 2002 and were given a schedule each month to help us do it; reading something from both the Old Testament and the New Testament at the same time.

The Church Constitution was revised ushering in a change of organization. The Church Board now consists of 24 members: the four officers, 5 team leaders, and 15 team members (3 each for the 5 teams, namely the Worship/Member Care, Christian Education/Discipleship, Property/Stewardship, Local/Global Missions, and Outreach/Evangelism Teams. A Council now meets monthly to conduct business and oversight and consists of the 4 officers and the 5 team leaders. The Pastor is an ex-officio member. The Constitution as revised was approved at a special business meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Lenten Season began with Ash Wednesday on February 13<sup>th</sup> and was followed by a series of dinners and services weekly through March 28-29. Rev. Owen Stewart, Rev. Gale Baldrige, Rev. Steve Waltman, Rev. Kirk Gay, Rev. Don Scribner and Pastor Cy each led one of the services. A prayer vigil was observed March 28-29 with church members taking a half-hour slot each for continuous prayer going up to God from 9 a.m. on the 28<sup>th</sup> until 8:30 a.m. on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Easter was celebrated on the 31<sup>st</sup> with breakfast and worship. An egg hunt followed for the children. Three were baptized during the worship service: Matthew Broughton, Matthew Petersen, and Danny Davis. Dennis and Heidi Evans were welcomed as members along with them at the close of service.

New Members Luncheon on March 3<sup>rd</sup> welcomed Amy Harness, Lori Jessing, and Rev. Frank, Sue and Charity Taylor into our membership.

The Pictorial Directories arrived, were very nice, and were distributed in April.

Evangelist Sam Saltar and his wife Ronni visited with us in April with their testimony regarding their life and coming to faith in Jesus. In May Bob Cassady preached and sang with his wife Sharon at our Spring Renewal Services. David, Steve and Carrie Brown added their talent also.

New to our morning worship services was the introduction of a Praise Team, who have become a regular part of the services leading us to new hymns to begin the service with praise to God for who He is.

A leak in the roof of our Education Building developed and repair was necessary. The Property Team led a campaign to raise the necessary funds to do this and was successful. A new roof is now in place.

Two different courses of study were offered to adult Sunday School members during the summer. One was "Temptation Island" based on C.S. Lewis's book Perelandra led by Pastor Cy. The other was "Ministering through spiritual gifts" based on a book by Dr. Charles Stanley and led by Dr. Jim Dowdy.

### **NBC HISTORY 2002 (Continued)**

The Mission Team sponsored a Mission Fair in October during the Sunday School hour. A light breakfast was served. We then had the opportunity to visit informational tables on Campus Crusade, Valley Forge, and Community Resources Center (CRC) needs and services. Representatives were here for Campus Crusade and CRC. Rev. Vincent Harris, Chaplain of Thistledown Race Track in Cleveland, preached and gave his testimony during the morning worship service.

They were also successful in meeting their goals for the 4 collections we take each year for ABC/USA. A walk-a-thon supported the America For Christ offering in March. Food was collected each month for CRC and gift items in December for their children to give to their parents, Care and share items collected for Judson Camp, and clothing for the Salvation Army.

The Leola Black and Ann Judson Circles met monthly, September – May, for fellowship, study, and in support of mission and white cross needs.

Sandy Hawkins resigned as Church Pianist in October. She served us faithfully for many years as both Pianist and Choir Director.

In his fall series of sermons on “Real Couples – A Real Blessing” Pastor Cy recruited a number of our “NBC Players” to help him tell their stories. We have talent!

A Business Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> adopted a budget of \$117,798 along with the election of officers and board members for 2003.

At the end of November we prepared the coming Christmas season with the Hanging of the Green.

We had a Christmas Celebration, celebrated by Women’s Ministries, on December 8<sup>th</sup> with a wonderful quartet called the “Grace Notes” from the Market Street Baptist Church in Zanesville and enjoyed a Christmas Party at the home of Terry and Judy Darst. The Choir sang their hearts out on December 22<sup>nd</sup> with their Cantata from “King Forever” by Joe E. Parks during morning worship. The planned Candlelight Service for Christmas Eve was cancelled due to expected icy weather.

In November we worked together with the Girl Scout Troop that meets in the church to collect items for and to fill 57 shoeboxes for Franklin Graham’s Operation Christmas Child project.

Socially, Jim and Joan Dowdy, Jack and Dorothy Johnson, and Owen and Joan Stewart celebrated 50 years of marriage. Babies were welcomed by Donn and Stacie Robinson (Nora June), and grandmothers, Mary Robinson (Lindsay Renee Thompson) and Mary Rose Shoemaker (Moira Rose O’Reilly). We mourned the deaths of Pat Garrett, Evelyn Muns, Tom Barrington, Luella Collins and Marge Kinder.

**NBC HISTORY 2002 (Continued)**

Please read the Team Reports for the year to discover all the activities carried on annually by these groups. A lot of work by a lot of people which we are not always aware of and need to appreciate and thank.

May God guide and bless us as we look to the New Year.

Virginia Baker, Historian

## NBC HISTORY 2003

Another year has rolled around and now it's time to again look back and remember the days.

Christian Unity Sunday was celebrated on January 19<sup>th</sup> with an All-Church game night. Eighteen members enjoyed chili, snacks, sandwiches, scrabble and trivial pursuit, while the children watched a movie.

The annual New Members' Luncheon followed morning worship on January 26<sup>th</sup> at which time those who had read the Bible through in 2002 were also recognized.

February began with an All Church Board planning meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>. On the 16<sup>th</sup> NBC began "The Fifty-Day Spiritual Adventure," to continue for eight weeks, encouraging us to spend 20 minutes a day in the Bible and reflecting on relevant life questions in a personal journal. Sunday sermons and music were coordinated with the lessons. It began with a potluck luncheon after the morning worship service for instructions and to receive a journal if desired. It ended on March 30<sup>th</sup> with a "Honey baked Ham" luncheon. Each Sunday in between, there was a Sunday Fun-Night at 5:00 p.m. to share fellowship and insights gained from the lessons.

Women in Ministry Sunday was celebrated on March 9<sup>th</sup> as women of the church conducted the morning worship service with guest speaker, the Reverend Yvette Hensley, bringing the message.

The America for Christ Offering was taken. The goal was \$1200 and we received \$1856.01. This was supported by a Walk-A-Thon in which 18 members participated raising \$948 of the amount received.

In April the women served a meal to senior citizens through the Community Resource Center in the Clintonville area.

Boris Goldin, Russian Jewish Christian and Missionary with Chosen People Ministries, shared with us in an evening service on April 10<sup>th</sup>. His message was on "The Messiah in the Passover" reenacting the traditional Seder Meal and telling how it points to Jesus, the Messiah.

An Upper Room Service was held on Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., followed by a 12-hour continuous prayer vigil. Members took ½ to 1-hour time slots between 9 p.m. on Thursday until 9 a.m. on Friday for personal devotion and meditation on the suffering of our Lord. We could pray at church or at home.

Easter on April 20<sup>th</sup> began at 9:00 a.m. with devotions and music, followed by breakfast and fellowship at 9:30, Worship Service at 10:50, and an Easter egg hunt for the children under 11 years of age to finish.

## NBC HISTORY (Continued)

Annual Clean-up day in May brightened up our windows and put away the screens. We also recognized our 2003 school graduates Dean Moore, Joel Broughton, Jennifer Collins, and Logan and Jennica Strong at the end of the month.

In June the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was taken. The goal was \$1200. We received \$836.78. Wanda Brown and Marilyn Yost attended the ABWM Conference at Granville at which time they delivered all of the Care and Share items collected at NBC for them.

The All-Church Picnic was held June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rev. Gale Baldrige brought the message in an outdoor service in the absence of vacationing Pastor Cy. Lots of good food and fellowship was enjoyed on the church's front lawn.

The Mission Team collected 103 cans of tuna for the needs of CRC.

In July Pastor Cy began a series of sermons on favorite Bible passages of NBC members of power and inspiration.

Pastor Cy began teaching the summer adult Sunday School class on "Which Bible Should I Be Reading?" The series covered July and August with a look at numerous Bible translations.

Power outages caused by a summer storm lasted four days at the church and surrounding areas.

The Mission Team worked with CRC to serve their Free Lunch Program to children 18 and under in need in the Broadmeadows area. NBC served lunches July 14-18.

July also saw a family outing to a Clippers Baseball game and a trip to Kings Island on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to see our own Dean Moore perform in "Spellbound." Also, a group from NBC attended a performance of "Cotton Patch Gospel" at Northpointe UB Church at Lewis Center. Students from Huntington College in Huntington, Indiana performed it.

In August we purchased the copy machine we had leased for several years as well as a window air conditioner for the Junior High Room. Teams were asked to begin work on the budget for 2004.

In September, the Mission Team collected clothing in our annual drive for the Salvation Army and sponsored an Ice Cream Social with 62 attending. David Brown provided the music.

The Women's Circles began a new year of monthly meetings September - May, starting with a salad extravaganza on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Millie Baldrige brought the devotion.

## NBC HISTORY 2003 (Continued)

Sunday Night in the Word Bible Study began on the Book of Acts. A 10-week series led by Pastor Cy. Dr. Jim Dowdy also shared the night's meditation from Psalms. Nancy Bootes provided refreshments prior to study.

Pastor Cy asked for help to keep him out of jail as he attempted to raise money for MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association). NBC raised \$503.

In October the Pastor invited us to join him at the Worthington Mall to begin walking exercise at 9:00 a.m.

The World Mission Offering was taken with a goal of \$1000. On the 12<sup>th</sup> the Mission Team sponsored a Mission Fair with Rev. Dan Taylor of ABC/OHIO, Bill Owens of CRC, and Bob Stonecypher of the Gideons providing information and literature on their needs and activities. Nancy Bootes provided breakfast. Rev. Taylor brought the morning worship message.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> NBC sponsored a trip to the Hocking Hills to visit Ash Cave and Conkle's Hollow Nature Preserve bringing a sack lunch and stopping at the Olde Dutch Restaurant for dinner before returning home. Twenty-four attended. Heidi Evans coordinated the trip.

The Annual Appreciation Dinner was sponsored by the Property/Finance Team to thank everyone for financial support throughout the year. Nancy Bootes coordinated the dinner with 70 in attendance.

Operation Christmas Child started collecting items to fill shoeboxes for Christmas for the ministry of Franklin Graham. The Circles and Church work with the Girl Scout Troop at our church on this project. Also need \$5 donations to cover mailing costs.

In November the Men's Fellowship Breakfast group took a trip to visit Slate Run Metro Park, a working farm, to see how things used to be done.

Wednesday morning walks moved to Polaris Mall.

The Ann Judson Circle helped the Girl Scout Troop fill the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Seventy-five boxes were filled along with the money needed for mailing expenses.

Morning worship service on the 9<sup>th</sup> welcomed friends of Emma Chagaeva, "The Solokhas," a Russian family, as they played and sang for us. They were very good.

The Church Business Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> adopted a budget of \$117,689 for 2004 and elected Officers and Board Members for 2004.

### **NBC HISTORY 2003 (Continued)**

Hanging of the Green on November 23<sup>rd</sup> decorated the church for Christmas season, preceded by a chili supper. We begin to collect \$10 gift items for the tree in the Fellowship Hall to be given to CRC for their family gift shop. Families are encouraged to bring a Christmas card for displaying in the Fellowship Hall to remember each other at Christmas.

In December the Men's Fellowship Breakfast distributed the poinsettias in the Sanctuary. Terry and Judy Darst invited adults to their home for a party. Canned food/gloves opened the door to the party.

Aaron Badenhop of Campus Crusade spoke in the morning worship service of his plans to go on mission work next year in Brazil and would be grateful for any help given to him, as he needs to raise money for his expenses before leaving.

The Women held a Christmas Celebration on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. with storyteller Betty Menear, followed by refreshments.

Leola Black Circle prepared and delivered fruit baskets to our shut-ins.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> the children took part in our morning worship service and then had a Christmas party in the Fellowship Hall. Betsy Hildebrand accompanied them on the piano and Betty Menear told a Christmas story. Nina Riggs planned and organized the event.

A Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service was held. The church was beautiful.

On the last Sunday of the year, Rev. Kirk Gay delivered the morning message as the Pastor was away on vacation. Dr. Jim Dowdy assisted and Dr. Joe Brown led the singing as John Martin was battling a sore throat.

On the Social front, Kirk and Nancy Gay held an Open House to celebrate Kirk's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 12<sup>th</sup>, Dave and Sharon Miller's children celebrated their parents' 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on February 9<sup>th</sup> with an Open House at Brookstone Clubhouse in Westerville. Marriages were celebrated by George and Marcia Myers Smith in September and Morton and Sandy Phelps in October. The Josh Burfords celebrated the birth of Jeb Edward, Jim and Amy Poe the birth of Faith, and Joe and Wanda Brown celebrated the birth of grandson, Thomas Hamilton to Dan and Heather Brown. Former member Golda Kelley celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We said goodbye to Cynthia Fambro, Lee Foreman, Dick Beach, Harry Hawkins and Carrie Askew. Saddened to hear of the death of John McCallum's son Scott, Shari Broughton's mother Marian Bornstein, and of Braden Feucht, son of Chris and Nancy Feucht.

NATIONALLY America went to war in Iraq on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Though we won the war, will we win peace? Iraq is still a very dangerous place.

**NBC HISTORY 2003 (Continued)**

These are only highlights of the year. Be sure to read the reports of each Team to understand all that goes on throughout the year and how all the body parts work together for the Lord's work here at NBC. Thanks to all for their time and effort.

Virginia Baker, Historian

## NBC History 2004

Looking back over the many activities and programs of the years, NBC members have been very generous in the support of the needs of others: The four special mission collections, collecting care and share items for Judson Hills Camp in June, serving luncheon to CRC seniors, help with CRC summer lunch program, collecting school supplies for Dayton Christian Center, kitchen shower, clothing drive for the Salvation Army, fruit plates prepared and delivered to shut-ins, 57 shoeboxes filled and mailed for Franklin Graham's Operation Christmas Child, collection of food and gloves at Darst's Christmas party, collection of Christmas gifts and filling of stockings for CRC, as well as monthly collection of food for the CRC food pantry, and meeting the goals for White Cross bandages and print blocks.

In January the new Officers and Board Members were commissioned. We received the Common Lectionary Readings to follow for the year and began a series of "Sunday Evenings in the Word" on the Book of Acts.

The Lenten Season began on February 25<sup>th</sup> with the Ash Wednesday Service. On the 29<sup>th</sup> the first Lenten Service was held at 6 p.m. focusing on the "Seven last words of Christ." These services continued from March 7 to April 4<sup>th</sup> with Pastors Owen Stewart, Gale Baldrige, Rev. Kirk Gay and Pastor Cy bringing the messages. A Prayer Vigil followed Maundy Thursday Service on April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8 p.m. on Thursday until 8 a.m. on Friday. Easter Service on April 11<sup>th</sup> began with an early service at 9 a.m. followed by breakfast, regular morning worship service, and ending with an Easter egg hunt for the children. An Easter fellowship luncheon followed the morning service on April 18<sup>th</sup>. That evening discussion was held on the new movie of Mel Gibson's entitled "The Passion of Christ."

This being a Presidential election year we were all encouraged to do our duty and VOTE. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, Dick Shoemaker led a reading on America's Religious Heritage entitled "Celebrate America" with the help of Jim Dowdy, Keith Fuller and Terry Darst. This series continued on four evenings in October. George W. Bush was elected for a second term in November.

The two Women's Circles met regularly from September through May, the Leola Black Circle in the mornings, and the Ann Judson Circle in the evenings. The Men's Fellowship met in January, February, May, and December and sponsored a trip to Dayton Air Force Museum in March.

In June, the Sunday School began a summer program VBS for the children – a one room school house on "Jesus Expeditions" with 2 week themes – to run through September 12<sup>th</sup>. Thereafter, to return to the regular Sunday School program and the return of Judy Darst to continue her children's story and class during morning worship service.

Together, we enjoyed fellowshiping on February 1<sup>st</sup> with a Super Bowl Party, an Agape Feast on June 6<sup>th</sup>, a Church picnic on June 27<sup>th</sup>, an Ice Cream Social on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Annual Appreciation Dinner on November 7<sup>th</sup>, Hanging of the Green on November 21<sup>st</sup>, Darst's Christmas Party on December 4<sup>th</sup>, and a Family Christmas Celebration on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Some attended a life-size replica of the Old Testament Tabernacle on September 26<sup>th</sup>, others an outing on October 16<sup>th</sup> to Johnson and Fowler Woods.

### **NBC History 2004 (Continued)**

In May, we recognized our graduates: Mandy Miller, Brooke Dowler, Chad and Jamie Thompson, and held a bridal shower for Matthew Petersen's fiancée, Jill Firetto.

In June we enjoyed a visit from former member, Doris Groves, had lunch together, reminisced, and enjoyed hearing of her life in Cheboygan, Michigan, where she now lives.

In October, Louis and Lori Jessing renewed their marriage vows, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

The Annual Business Meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> adopted a budget of \$119,671.50 for 2005.

This year we celebrated the arrival of Reagan Collette to Chris and Roni Petersen and Noah Robert to Karl and Betsy Hildebrand. We said good-bye to Clarence Williams, Esther Gunning, Reba Cheatwood, and Bob Hildebrand. Matthew and Jill were married June 20<sup>th</sup>.

All in all, it was a busy year. Be sure to read all the Team Reports. It takes a lot of work by a lot of people to carry out the church program. Our thanks to them all. Also, to Mike Boyer at the organ, Darlene Williams at the piano, Johnny Martin leading our singing, and Nancy Bootes who feeds us so well.

Our thanks also to our Officers: Terry Darst, Sharon Miller, Jan Snowball, and Bette Martin who has served so long and well as our Treasurer. Also, to Pastor Cy for his messages, enthusiasm, and leadership.

On December 22<sup>nd</sup> Ohio was hit with an ice/snow storm, which left many without electricity for 1-6 days or longer. It has been compared with the Blizzard of '78, some believing this one the worst. It disrupted many Christmas family get-togethers and Christmas services, and stranded a lot of people in airports.

But--- it was a scenic, beautiful WHITE CHRISTMAS.

TRAGIC EVENT – The day after Christmas, December 26, 2004, the world was stunned to hear of the terrible underwater earthquake off the coast of Indonesia, followed by the Tsunami waves that devastated the surrounding coastal territories of Sri Lanka, India and Western Indonesia and struck as far west as Somalia in Africa. The death toll appears to be 125-150,000. So many were swept away into the water, the death toll may never be known. Worldwide relief is being mounted to help the survivors. The countryside is in shambles, bodies everywhere, and survivors without food or safe water making disease an ever-present threat also.

Virginia Baker, Historian

## NBC HISTORY 2005

This year will go down in the history books for the very active hurricane season with 26 named hurricanes creating much destruction of property and lives in the U.S., especially Hurricanes Katrina and Rita doing the most damage to Florida, the Gulf Coast of Mississippi and wiping out much of the city of New Orleans. Many old Southern homes were destroyed. Recovery will take many years.

We are still at war in Iraq and hopefully they will be able to form a stable government and our troops can come home.

NBC continues to be supportive of the needs of others: the four mission collections, preparing personal kits for CRC, bandages for White Cross, collecting care and share items for ABW Ministries, helping with the CRC summer lunch program at Broadmeadows, fruit plates assembled and delivered to shut-ins, 56 shoeboxes filled for Franklin Graham's Operation Christmas Child, filling Christmas stockings and collecting gifts for CRC gift shop, as well as monthly personal care items and food for the CRC pantry, collection of gloves and food at the Darst Christmas Party also for CRC. The remaining debt for former pastor Drew Aquino was cancelled.

The Leola Black Circle met monthly in the mornings from September through June with Bible study, fellowship and lunch. They prepared and delivered fruit plates to out shut-ins in November and supported our Women's Ministries along with the Ann Judson Circle. Sad to say, they met in June and after much discussion felt that the time had come to discontinue to function as a circle with only 4 members remaining.

The Ann Judson Circle met monthly in the evenings from September through May in members' homes and at church. Along with the fellowship there was a Mission Night looking at the work of Neighborhood Ministries and preparation of personal care kits for CRC, a book review by June Crandall, Bible study with Rev. Steve and Ann Waltman, a look back at the Andy Griffith TV show and it's support of Christian behavior, salad and dessert supper and guest speaker on "Laughter is good for the soul," sharing a mission trip to Bali and Chile with Karen Morgan and her children Cara and Lilli, an International meal with Nancy Bootes with Bible study by Pastor Cy, and finished with a Christmas meeting at the church. Marcia Smith and Darlene Williams treated us to hors'd'oeuvres and dessert following which there was a candle gift exchange, and the assembling of Christmas stockings for the CRC. We were sent home with a goody bag.

The Men's Fellowship met Saturday mornings once a month beginning in February and ending in December except for the month of March and October. On these days they helped with the bagging of the free bread given our church from Panera on Friday evenings to distribute to our members on Sunday mornings.

Each Friday, Panera Bread gave our church leftover bread and rolls to be distributed to and by our members. Members helped to collect the bread and bag it for pick up on Sundays. Bette Martin has been coordinating this effort.

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In February members of the Church Board for 2005 were commissioned. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, following breakfast, the Adult Sunday School classes were combined to begin a study and preaching series on "Forty Days of Purpose" based on Rick Warren's new book entitled *The Purpose Driven Life*. Messages from the pulpit would also relate to it. This Lenten Series ran from February 13 to Maundy Thursday on March 24. Maundy Thursday's meditation was based on excerpts from *The Book of God* by Walter Wangerin, Jr.

Easter was celebrated in March with an early service at the Franklin Park Conservatory beginning at 8:00 am, followed by a tour of the Conservatory. Breakfast was back at the church at 10:00 am. Following the morning worship service and Easter Egg Hunt was held for the children on the lawn.

In April a Spring Chicken Cookout was held for our members, their friends and our neighbors on Charleston Avenue. 94 attended.

Mother's Day was celebrated on May 8 with messages from our own Heidi Evans, Roni Petersen, Wanda Brown, and Joan Dowdy.

In June the ABWM of Ohio held their 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Worthington. Care and share items were collected for them. The theme was "Keeping Balance." Four attended from NBC: Bea Cunningham, Lori Jessing, Cindy Tillis, and Marilyn Yost.

On June 12<sup>th</sup> a Fellowship Breakfast was held at the church to recognize and commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pastor Cy's ordination. The Worship Team prepared a scrapbook. A Love Gift was given to him. Three of his former church members attended. Also on June 12<sup>th</sup> we held a recognition of our high school and college graduates: Amanda Miller, Matthew Petersen, Lori Jessing, and Raymond Moore. Mike Boyer resigned as organist and moved to Illinois. He was also recognized for his contributions to the congregation on that morning.

In June through August Bible School was held for the children led by Dennis and Heidi Evans in June and July and Louis and Lori Jessing in August. On June 26<sup>th</sup> our Area Minister, Rev. Bob Cassady, came to help with an Evangelistic Survey. 13 from NBC attended.

In July Pastor Cy began a summer preaching series on the Minor Prophets, "There's Nothing Minor About These Prophets." Included were Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah and Nahum.

Our Annual Church Picnic was held in August at Selby Park in Colonial Hills, Worthington. Church Service was 11:00 to noon, lunch from noon to 1:00 and fellowship and games from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Our Ice Cream Social was also in August at the church with Mary Loesche bringing information about Judson Village along with a collection of material for their Book Depository in Cincinnati. Joe Brown and daughter Debbie and granddaughter Melissa led the singing.

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On September 25<sup>th</sup> the children's story and junior church resumed with Judy Darst leading. Also a new Sunday School class for women with Judy Darst as teacher began with an in-depth study of Rick Warren's book *The Purpose Driven Life*.

On September 29<sup>th</sup> Judson Hills Camp and Conference Center was sold, ending nearly 50 years of camping ministry there.

In October Pastor Cy began a sermon series on "Basic Christian Beliefs" which ran through December.

November saw the "Hanging of the Green" to decorate the church for Christmas. 56 boxes were filled and sent to Franklin Graham's Operation Christmas Child project.

December began with a Christmas Party at the Darst's house. They furnished the meal, with a donation of gloves or canned food as an entrance fee. All collected went to CRC. A business meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> adopted a budget of \$104,709.34 for 2006. An outing for children and adults went to the movies to see the newly released movie *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* from the *Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis. A Narnia Party was held for the children before the movie.

The year concluded with a Christmas Eve Service at 6:30 pm and a Worship Service held on Christmas Day, which was a Sunday. No Sunday School was held so that families could be together for Christmas.

Socially, we welcomed Nolan Gay to Grandparents Kirk and Nancy Gay and Elyse Joanna to Lance and Anne Kesterson. We had a bridal shower for Amanda Miller who wedded Carl Smerdel in July. We said goodbye to Ray Cunningham, Violet Cook, Helen Founds, Edna Fuller and former members Darlene Greenwood and Deanna Murphy.

Our thanks to the Officers, Team Members, Secretary Linda Thompson and Pastor Cy for all their hard work throughout the year as noted in their reports.

Pray without ceasing for our church in 2006.

Virginia Baker, Historian

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January saw the first meeting of our new officers and team chairs, consisting of the following members:

Officers

Moderator - Joe Brown  
Church Clerk - Beverly Dowler  
Church Treasurer - Chris Petersen  
Financial Secretary - Darlene Williams

Team Chairs

Education & Discipleship - Jim Dowdy  
Local & Global Missions - Marilyn Yost  
Outreach & Evangelism - Rev. Cyrus Broughton, Acting  
Property & Stewardship - Joe Brown, Acting  
Worship & Member Care - Judy Darst

The Outreach Team requested that each church member share a suggested theme or slogan for our church's ministry to run until February 12<sup>th</sup>, with gift certificates to be given for the best three responses. The winner was Rev. Ben Heskett with the slogan, "Teaching and Sharing NBC - Nothing But Christ". Runners-up were Pastor Cy and Darlene Williams with the slogans, "NBC - A New Beginning Church" and "Christ Is the Answer".

A sad note was the resignation of our church secretary of 18 years, Linda Thompson.

On February 5<sup>th</sup> the new officers, team chairs and members were commissioned for the year in the morning worship service. The team members were:

Education - Lori Jessing, Terry Moore  
Missions - Rita Hallam, Dorothy Johnson, Cindy Tillis  
Outreach - Wanda Brown, Dennis Evans, Janis Snowball  
Property - Harold Castor, Garold Garrett, Louis Jessing, Bud Petersen  
Worship - Keith Fuller, Pat Petersen, Mike Tillis

On the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup>, a "Souper-Bowl" party was held to watch the game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Seattle Seahawks (Pittsburgh won) with soup, snacks, and fellowship. One dollar from each was collected for donation to the CRC food pantry.

March was a busy month with the beginning of "The Great Adventure of Life" series to run through April 9<sup>th</sup>. Meetings were held in five different homes: Darsts', July Barrington's, Keith Fuller's, Rita Hallam's, and Tillis' with leaders Pastor Cy, Rev. Ben Heskett, Dr. Jim Dowdy, and Dennis Evans. The series covered childhood, adolescence, adulthood, and senior adulthood. The series was preceded by an introductory session and completed by a group discussion and review. Classes were also held at 1:00 p.m. for those unable to attend in the evenings.

NBC also experimented in March with an early worship service at 8:30 a.m., moved the Bible Fellowship time to 9:30 a.m. and the traditional service to 10:30 a.m. The early service was discontinued at the end of April, and the other times remained.

March also saw the annual Walk-A-Thon and the America for Christ Offering with a goal of \$1,000. A total of \$1,175 was received, of which the Walk-A-Thon raised \$365.

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April saw the ending of "The Great Adventure of Life" series and the celebration of Easter on the 16<sup>th</sup> with an early service, breakfast at the church followed by the morning worship service, and an Easter egg hunt for the children afterward.

The new Helen Founds Playground was dedicated on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. It is for children 2-12 years of age and was funded and built in memory of Helen by her nephew and his wife, Robert and Marilyn Funari, who live in California. A flea market was also held at this time to bring in some of our neighbors for the dedication, followed by refreshments.

In June, the Pastor began a summer sermon series on "Enduring Stories of Jesus - How shall we live them now?" which ran until August 27<sup>th</sup>. We helped CRC with their summer lunch program at Broadmeadows where 40-50 children received meals every day, with Nancy Bootes coordinating.

The ABW Ministry held their 72<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting in Worthington at the Radisson Hotel, and Marilyn Yost and Bea Cunningham attended.

Three of our young people, Jason Croxton, Danny and Paul Davis attended Camp Kirkwood.

Our annual picnic was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> as we had morning worship on the front lawn, followed by a potluck lunch of sandwiches, salads and desserts. It was a good time to enjoy the new playground.

In July, recent retiree Janis Snowball volunteered to serve as interim secretary. A new church directory was distributed, and a business meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> voted to modify the existing pastoral compensation package regarding health insurance.

In August, it was good to have Mike Boyer back and playing the organ for us on Sunday once again. It was also time for our annual Ice Cream Social at 6:00 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup>, an old-fashioned one to recall those old times. There was a 1931 Model T Ford in the front of the parking lot (courtesy of Dorothy Johnson's family), and Mike Stanley entertained by singing with his 12-string guitar and inviting us to sing along.

In September, a Brownie troop of first graders began meeting at our church twice a month at 6:00 p.m. Judy Darst resumed her adult women's class on Rick Warren's book *The Purpose Driven Life*, as well as Children's Church and story in the morning worship time.

October started off with a mission fair sponsored by our Mission Team, beginning with breakfast at the church at 9:30 a.m. and guests Bill Owen of CRC and ABC missionary Duane Binkley from Thailand as speakers; Rev. Binkley also spoke in the morning worship service. That evening a special service was held with Rev. Mike Snow, who was a candidate for pastor of a church in West Virginia. Rev. Snow is the son-in-law of Rev. Ben Heskett.

On the 15<sup>th</sup>, Class 101 began meeting at the church on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and on Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. and evening at 7:00 p.m., with members attending at any of those times. The theme was Discovering Church Membership and consisted of four topics: "The Strategy of NBC", "The Structure of NBC", "The Statements of NBC", and "The Story of NBC". These classes continued into November.

The Hanging of the Greens was on November 26<sup>th</sup> to decorate the church for Christmas.

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On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, we enjoyed a Christmas party at Terry and Judy Darst's home. The annual business meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> adopted a budget of \$104,753 for 2007 and elected officers and team leaders for 2007. We enjoyed special music with a solo by Janis Snowball, and a group of seven led by Joe Brown delighted us on the 24<sup>th</sup>. A group also went caroling to our shut-ins on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Through the year, Panera continued to supply us with surplus breads on Friday nights to be used and distributed by our members. We thank the Evans and Martin families, and Bob and Jack Reed for picking these items up from the store, and often the Men's Fellowship for bagging them.

We thank Rev. Ben Heskett and Rev. Kirk Gay for leading our services when Pastor Cy was away. We appreciate our music: John Martin leading our singing, Joe Brown help-ing with the music, and Carolyn Heskett and Darlene Williams at the piano.

NBC is mindful of the needs of others: in addition to the four mission offerings collected during the year, bandages and needed items were collected for White Cross, Care and Share items for ABW Ministries, fruit plates assembled and delivered to shut-ins, 61 shoeboxes filled and mailed for Franklin Graham's Operation Christmas Child, collecting food and personal items for CRC monthly, helping with summer lunch program at Broadmeadows, serving a meal for senior citizens, preparing Christmas stockings and gifts for their gift shop, and collecting food and gloves at the Darsts' Christmas party.

The Men's Fellowship met monthly on the first Saturday morning from February through December and helped with the bagging of Panera bread.

The Ann Judson Circle met monthly on the second week in the evening from January through May and September through December at church and in various members' homes. Along with fellowship and refreshments, there was a book review, return to a visit at Mayberry with Andy Griffith and friends, a visit from Flag Lady Mary Leavitt, a visit with Chaplain Paul Miller of the Beulah Park Race Track Ministry, Bible study with Pastor Cy, preparation of shoeboxes, filling of Christmas stockings, and gift exchange and finishing with an excellent dinner at the church with hostesses Marcia Smith and Darlene Williams. May ended with election of officers and a potluck to end the first half of the season and potluck in September to begin the new season.

For fitness buffs, walking has been offered on Tuesday and Thursdays early in the morning at Polaris Fashion Place or the Worthington Mall in various months.

Socially, in June there was a wedding of Rick Hawk and Krista Stalnaker (daughter of Charles and Phyllis Collins) who grew up at North Baptist, and the celebration of the retirement of Terry Darst on March 5<sup>th</sup>. We said goodbye to Haley Baldrige, Doris Beach, Lee Hood, Helen Martin, and Rev. Owen Stewart, our former pastor who served us from 1973 to 1990, and later as interim pastor between Rev. Aquino and Pastor Cy. Also, farewells were said to former members Richard Hang, Jo Henderson, Helen Hunt, and Ruth Montgomery.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act. [Psalm 37:5 (RSV)]  
Thankfully, He has guided us through another year.

Virginia Baker