

Jim Barrows started coming to our church shortly after his mother died three years ago. Soon after that he quietly accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Recently Jim went through membership classes and has now decided to be baptized and to join the church. He has been an active participant in the Yokefellows class and recently has taken over the duties of our sound man. He also is part of the volunteer crew that does the janitorial work of the church. Jim will receive the right hand of fellowship as a member of our church after his baptism today.

Charlotte and Kirk Bennett are seeking to join our church by transfer of church letter from the Berlin Center Church. After receiving Jesus as their Savior they were baptized by sprinkling into the membership of that church. But since they have recently built a home and moved to Ionia, they feel it is important to be a part of a church in the community where they live. We will receive them into associate membership today with the right hand of fellowship.

Natalie Bennett accepted the Lord at a Pioneer Club meeting two years prior to her moving to Ionia in 1989. She is active in Sunday School, BYF, and Lake Louise Baptist Camp and has gone through new believer classes and a class on baptism. Natalie will become a member of our church upon her baptism today.

Mary Elliott accepted Jesus as her Savior when she was in fifth grade while attending a Tom Skinner Crusade with a group from her school. She was baptized by sprinkling in the Byron Center United Methodist Church. Although it is not necessary for her to be baptized again by immersion, she has chosen to do so today, as a picture of her faith experience and to become a full member of our church. Mary has been an active participant in the life of our church for several years and has attended membership classes.

Kelly Geiger received Jesus as her Savior at Lake Louise four years ago. Since then she has shown a desire to be baptized. She has been a part of our new believer classes and a class on baptism. Kelly will be baptized today and be received as a member of our church with the right hand of fellowship. She is active in Sunday School, Seekers, Vacation Bible School, and Lake Louise Baptist Camp.

Brenda Golden received Jesus as her Savior when she was six years old at a missionary conference at the Baptist Church in Carson City. She was baptized in that church at the age of 12. Since she now has been away from that church for some time, she is seeking to join our church by experience. She has been interviewed by our Board of Deacons, and on Sunday, March 8th shared her faith with us and expressed her desire to join our church. Since coming to our church, Brenda has been active in our choir, Sunday School, and has recently become a member of our Music Committee. She will receive the right hand of fellowship today.

Joel Golden was led to the Lord by his great-grandmother when he was four years old. He now recognizes his need to be baptized and will join our church upon his baptism today. Joel is active in Sunday School, Youth Bible Study and BYF. He has gone through a preparation class for his baptism on April 19th.

Dave & Glenda Gorby - Dave accepted Jesus as his Savior at a church camp at Lincoln Lake when he was ten years old. He was baptized in the lake right after that. Glenda accepted Christ when she was nine years old at the Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church and was baptized there when she was ten. Dave and Glenda have been interviewed by our Board of Deacons and on Sunday, March 1st shared their faith before us and their desire to join our church by experience. They have been active participants in our church as a family for several years. Dave has been active in Men's Fellowship and Glenda in our choir. We will receive them as members with the right hand of fellowship today.

Lexie Gorby came to faith in Jesus Christ as a result of our evangelistic efforts. Two years ago at Vacation Bible School we gave an invitation after a week of teaching about Jesus, and Lexie accepted Jesus as her Savior. Since then we have watched her blossom in the Lord. She is active in Sunday School, and Lake Louise Baptist Camp and has been a part of our new believer classes and a class on baptism. Lexie loves Jesus and will become a member of our church upon her baptism today.

# OBITUARIES

## James R. Barrows

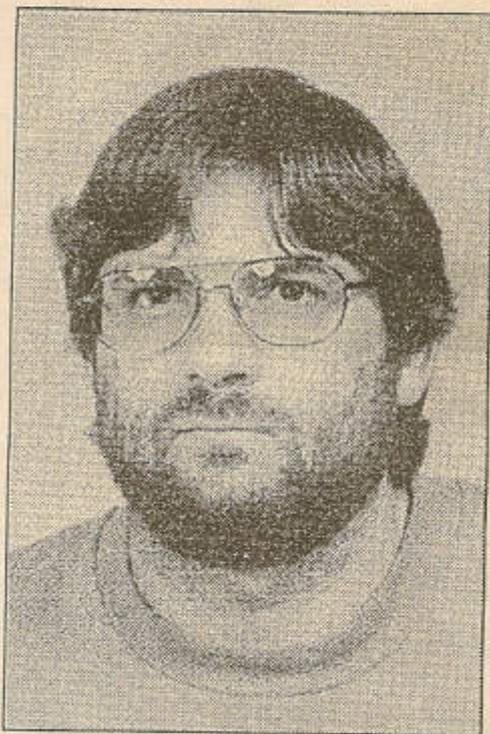
Mr. James R. Barrows, 41, of Ionia went to be with his Lord Jan. 17, 2002. Jim was born the son of Clyde and Hazel (White) Barrows on April 9, 1960 in Ionia.

Jim graduated from Ionia High School in 1978. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Ionia. He worked at Lacks Extruded Metals in Saranac, Brown Corp. in Ionia and at Custom Office Systems in Ionia for the past ten years.

Surviving are his siblings: Norma (Kenneth) Glynn of Stockbridge, Lucky (Jerry) Phelps of Venice, Fla., Janice (Rick) Booth of Coral Springs, FL, Yvonne (John) Challender of Eaton Rapids, Viola (Robert Jr.) Waters of Ionia, Kim Taylor of Ionia, Betty Barrows of Ionia and Margaret (Karry) Hughes of Ionia. Many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde L. Barrows on Jan. 19, 1989 and Hazel Barrows on April 11, 1989, one nephew, Kevin McGee.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday from the First Baptist Church in Ionia with



### Barrows

Rev. James Bennett officiating. The organist will be Dorothy Horrocks. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Myers Memorial Chapel, 148 E. Main St., Ionia.

Memorial contribution can be made to the First Baptist Church Memorial Fund in care of Myers Memorial Chapel.

*In Memory of*  
**MR. JAMES R. BARROWS**

*Born*  
April 9, 1960  
Ionia, Michigan

*Passed Away*  
January 17, 2002  
Ionia, Michigan

*Funeral Service*  
Monday, January 21, 2002, 11:00 AM  
First Baptist Church  
Ionia, Michigan

*Officiating*  
Rev. James Bennett

*Organist*  
Mrs. Mary Cusack

*Interment*  
Sunset Memorial Gardens

*Pallbearers*

Robert Wolcott	Kenny Glynn
Shannon Wolcott	Clark Fountain
Adam Hughes	Ryan Cunningham
Karry Hughes	David Swearinger

*Arrangements By*  
**Myers Memorial Chapel**

*You Are Invited To A Time Of Fellowship And Lunch At The  
First Baptist Church Immediately Following The Interment*