

## Praise Record - Jan. 5

Sunday School Enrollment	1049
Sunday School Attendance	476
New Sunday School Members	3
Morning Worship	494
Evening Worship	165
Decisions	2
Received January 5	\$ 24,199.42
Required January 5	\$ 17,381.72
Received in January	\$ 24,199.42
Required in January	\$ 17,381.72
Received in 1997	\$ 24,199.42
Required in 1997	\$ 17,381.72
Find Us Faithful - 1/5/97	\$ 5,027.50
Find Us Faithful - 4/14/96	\$ 243,785.76
*Balance owed FUF	
loan 12/31/96	\$ 993,648.73
World Missions as of 12/15/96	\$ 46,189.77

## EXTENDED SESSION ~ Jan. 12

**Babies:** Shirley Norman, Pam Earhart

**Older Babies:** Audrey Clinehens,  
Johnie Williams

**Ones:** Donna and Jessica Riggs

**Twos:** Scott and Sandy Hamilton

**Threes:** Ron and Deedra Branscum

**Fours:** Edith Griffin, Sarah Savage

## PARKING/VAN MINISTRY- Jan. 12

Parking ..... all members  
Van ..... James Sugg

## NEW MEMBERS

Darrin & Lesley Helms  
1202 E. Ash  
Fayetteville, AR 72703  
444-0705

## HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Johnson..... WRMC #229  
Bobbie West..... WRMC

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

Fred Robertson, January 12-18, 1997

## SYMPATHY

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Bill and Carol Brunner and to Windell and Bonnie Wood, and Ben and Morgan on the loss of Bill's father, William Brunner of Tulsa;

.. to Thurl and Onita Copeland on the loss of his sister, Velora Holt, in Kansas City, Missouri;

.. to Lora Hayes and her family, who lost her grandmother, Evelyn Masters Burke of Charlotte, North Carolina;

.. to David and Barbara Moore and on the loss of his uncle, Boyd White of Seneca, Missouri;

.. to Ashley Stewart who lost her father.

.. and to Robert and Maxine Mayes on the loss of his aunt, Eva Williams of Fayetteville.

## WORLD MISSION PRAYER EMPHASIS



In a country famous for its cuisine, Jim and Becky Bricker offer an original flavor: tabletop evangelism. "This is a phrase I coined to describe our witness to Muslims after we share a meal together," Jim says.

The Brickers, missionaries to France in Muslim evangelism, live in Toulouse. They find Muslim immigrants very willing to talk about spiritual matters. They distribute the Bread of Life (French and Arabic New Testaments) from their "book nook" in an outdoor Muslim market. This ministry has borne fruit in a small cell church where many Muslims attend a Christian church for the first time. "We've see five Arabs baptized - a thrill beyond words," Jim says. Arab converts need much prayer for their growth and protection as they face great difficulties from their families and other Muslims.

Prayer for the Bricker children is vital. Joy, 6, and Samuel, 7, are growing up in an educational system that is hostile toward Christianity. Jim stresses the importance of prayer for all their missions work. "Some of the frustration of living and ministering in France is that the vast majority of the French are resistant to the gospel. And that 'nut' will be cracked only by an outpouring of God's spirit as God's people humble themselves and pray and seek His face. Please pray for a spiritual awakening in France."

**WORLD MISSION GOAL: \$52,500**  
**Amount received: \$46,189.77**

## WOMEN ON MISSION

### Bible Study

Tuesday, January 14th, 9:30 a.m.

## MEMORIALS

In memory of Mr. William Brunner

Mr. & Mrs. David More

In memory of G.H. Crook

Bea Crook

In memory of Velora Holt

Mr. & Mrs. David Moore

Charles & Rae Oxford

## GIFT GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

Harry & Shirley Norman  
by Brooks Norman

Don Scott  
by Marshall Heck

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# Fayetteville's First Baptist Church Discipleship Training Adult Seminars Winter, 1997

**STARTING SUNDAY, JANUARY, 12 - 5:00 PM**

**That the World May Know** {Biblical Backgrounds} Room E320 Leader - Dan Eckels

This seminar continues from the Fall study. It is a fascinating journey through Israel's timeless landmarks of the Old and New Testaments. The video teacher is historian Vander Laan and our discussion leader is Dan Eckels.

**Conversational Spanish**

Room E226 Leader- Juana Gilstrap

This seminar also continues from the Fall session. Mrs. Gilstrap is a native of Bolivia and teaches elementary Spanish for the purpose of witnessing to the vastly growing Hispanic population.

**Money and You** [Christian Financial Management]

Room E220 Leaders - Jim and Vicki Rader

This is a sixteen week study in Christian finances and answers the question - Why do we spend our money the way we do? Participants will discover their temperament, and how to establish financial self-discipline through God-given principles and guidelines.

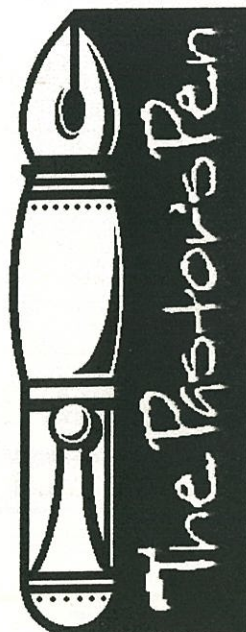
**COMING FEBRUARY, 2**

**Finding Peace in a Troubled World**

Room E322 Leader - Bob Hopkins

This is an eight session video-tape series by Max Lucado based on his book "The Angels were Silent." The subjects include stress, betrayal, hatred, hypocrisy and loss. Max Lucado is a pastor, excellent communicator and gifted writer. I recommend all his books.





Happy New Year!!

My prayer for you is very similar to the prayer Paul prayed for the Ephesian Christians in Ephesians 1:18-19. I pray that you will seek and that God will give you a great desire for a knowledge of Him and that of His will. I pray also that you would then be obedient to His will for you in 1997.

I am excited about this new year and us reaching people for Jesus Christ, worshipping God to His glory, and serving in Jesus name.

Congratulations to Bob and Wanda Hopkins on their first anniversary with us at First Baptist Church.

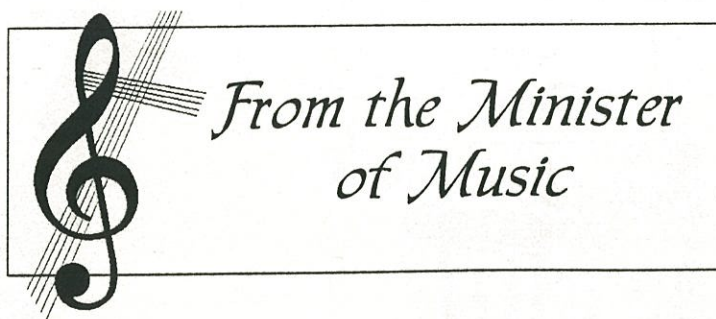
I'll look for you next Sunday in Sunday School and worship.

Love  
Preacher



## DID YOU READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 1996?

Let us know in the church office - 442-2387.



**res-o-lu-tion** (rez' ə loo' shən), *n.* 1. a resolve or determination. 2. the act of resolving or determining, as upon an action or course of action, method, procedure, etc. 3. the mental state or quality of being resolved or resolute; firmness of purpose 4. *Music.* the harmonic progression from a dissonance to a consonance. The dictionary offers nine definitions. I found four fitting for the start of a new year.

God has directed me to consider several new courses of actions, methods, and procedures. He has given me a resolve and determination to succeed. Yet I know, He alone can empower me to remain resolute and firm in my purpose. Well crafted melodies and harmonies are not solely consonances. Consonance, to be fully appreciated must always stand in contrast and in context with dissonance. Yet, when we fail to evaluate, refine, and adjust - when we will not discipline ourselves to renew; constant dissonance produces discord and chaos. So, I am resolved... to strive in the power of His Spirit to do better, to be more, to improve! Pray for me.

**1997! YOUR YEAR FOR MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC:** God's divine plan for some of you is to become involved in ministry through music during the coming year. Don't limit Him. Peter was a simply a fisherman before he became a Penecost Preacher. Esther was an orphan before she became a queen. Joseph was a slave before he became a prime minister, and Paul was tentmaker before he became a missionary.

God often leds us in avenues of service which seem unlikely to us. We tend to overestimate what is required and underestimate what we have to offer. Some of you have unrealistic ideas of what it takes to minister through a choir. It could be that you possess the necessary ability, but God is waiting to reveal it to you through your availability. Be open. You can trust Him. He'll direct you. Along those lines...

**CALLING ALL MEN AND BOYS!** Sunday, January 29 is the day, Baptist Men's Day is the event. Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this annual event (it always involves an all male choir). More information will follow as the date approaches. But, be ready, it's coming!

Mike



The drama is set. The courtroom is full. You are seated in the defendant's chair and all eyes are on you. The prosecutor, the accuser, is now on a roll. He is carefully counting your crimes. He tells of your lack of obedience, your greedy heart, your lustful eyes, and your lying tongue. He tells of your arrogance, your hatred, and your laziness.

Desperately you search the courtroom for a defense attorney, but there is no sign of one. As the accuser continues his rampage, you sink lower into your seat, knowing that what he says is true and that judgment is not far away. You sense a break in the onslaught as the accuser looks at you and says, "The prosecution rests!" Your heart drops with a thud that you swear echoes throughout the courtroom, and all eyes turn toward the Judge.

With compassionate eyes the One behind the bench looks at you. He pauses for a minute and then begins to speak. "I have taken into account all that has been presented here today. I have heard all of the prosecution's arguments, and have weighed the consequences of the actions of the defendant. "The wages of these sins is death." Your whole insides begin to melt! Then you hear the unbelievable, or is it? "But, this one, the defendant, belongs to me." The prosecutor objects, but it is too late for that. The Judge continues, "His sin and his death have already been taken care of by my Son on a cross." "I love this one. He is mine."

Then you hear what you have waited for but never expected to come. With the slam of the Judge's mallet you hear Him pronounce, "Not Guilty!"

It is in this moment that you realize the truth. The defense attorney has been there all along. It was the Judge. And as the courtroom begins to clear and the prosecutor hurries off dejected, you see the Judge look at you and you remember the truth learned long ago, but only understood at this moment. "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1)

My prayer is that we will live this new year in the grace of our Lord Jesus and that we would not fall under the weight of the accuser's arguments. I pray that we will continually rely on the forgiveness and love of the One who took our punishment for us, and that we would give Him the glory in all we do. God bless you and Happy New Year.

In Him,  
Jim



## REGIONAL YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE 1997

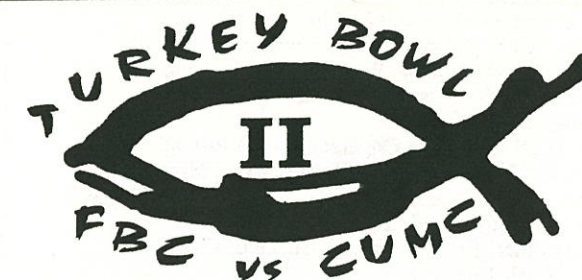
January 31 - February 1  
\$15 per student  
Sign up deadline  
Thursday, January 30th

## Right from Wrong Parents Seminar

a once in a lifetime opportunity for concerned parents with children of all ages

... a seminar with Josh McDowell

Monday, January 20  
7:00-10:00 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Conference Center  
Springdale, AR  
Ticket Price: \$5.00 per person



January 25, 1997

\$10 per student  
(includes T-shirt and food)

Sign up deadline  
extended until  
Wednesday, January 15th