

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

I recently shared with you information about our capital funds campaign and my desire for this to be much more than just a money-raising program. We cannot spend all of the effort, time, and money just to raise money. Besides all of that, stewardship of material goods is Biblical. From the experience of Jesus and the rich young ruler we learn that it is often material things that keep people from being true followers of Jesus.

**"Find Us Faithful"** is the theme of this emphasis. It is my goal and my prayer that we will encourage all of our people to be faithful in all things to the Lord. Faithful in worship; faithful in prayer; faithful in Bible study; faithful in giving; faithful in serving; faithful in all things.

The Steering Committee for **"Find Us Faithful"** is: Bill and Carol Brunner, Campaign Directors; Keith and Jackie Robbins, Spiritual Emphasis Directors; Gerald and Anne Jones, Advance Committee Directors; Rodney and Karen Ramsey, Information Directors; Jane Jones, Celebration Director; Evelyn McDonald, Hospitality Director; Greg and Hannah Lee, Communication Directors; Berta Seitz, Secretarial Director; and Clayton and Hazel Brunson, Follow-Up Directors. Please pray for these people.

God is at work. Where does He want you to join Him? Where does He want Fayetteville's First Baptist Church to join Him?

I'm excited!!

I'll look for you Sunday in Sunday School and Worship.

## Education Ministry

Love,  
Preacher

This Sunday is **"I Am Here, Too"** day. Obviously, the "too" means that most of us attend both Sundays. The registration is somewhat different than last Sunday. We will ask information concerning reasons for joining FBC. Also, the form will include a place to **Turn In a Prospect**. We hope our members will inform the church staff of an opportunity to reach people and families for Christ through the ministries of the church.

Last Sunday, the record showed that 372 people registered in worship, compared to a head count of 423 who attended. There were 25 non members who registered, and 22 worshippers marked a request for information or a prayer request. No one wanted to say anything to the staff, except one member wrote that the staff was "cool."

Please attend this Sunday and support **"I Am Here, Too."** Through the registration and information, we hope to identify the unchurched and develop outreach strategies and ministries to reach people in need of Christ and His church. St. Paul writes, "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessing." (1 Cor. 9:22-23)

## Youth Ministry

Heaps of blessings,  
Bob

It is amazing to me how faithful God is to give forgiveness and to heal. It is evident throughout His Word. It is evident today. Look at Job. He suffered through so much, yet God restored him and blessed him above and beyond what he already had. Job was known as a man of faith. He trusted that God did not hold anything against him. He trusted that God was faithful to His children. God proved him right in the end.

Do we live daily in a constant trust in the Lord? Do we really see Him and live like Him? He is faithful to fulfill the promises He has made to us. Do we take Him at His word or do we try to take up the slack when we feel like God is falling down on the job? Where is our faith? Where is our trust? "This is what the Sovereign Lord, the holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and TRUST is your strength." (Isaiah 30:15a)

Please pray for our students that they may trust the Lord this week in their schools, families, and their peer groups. Pray that they would be the example of Christ that He calls them to be. Pray also for the **Youth Spring Break Ski Trip**. Pray for safety, a good time, and for the Bible study times as well. Start praying now for **Jesus Fest Student Conference** on April 26-27, 1996. Thanks so much. God bless.

In Him,  
Jim

## University Ministry

Didn't the students do a great job leading us in worship last Sunday night? Thanks to all who participated, especially to Brandon Brister who preached.

Have you contacted your adopted student recently? If you have adopted a student through our Home Away From Home Program, please call, write, or have them over this week (at least before spring break, March 15).

Bruce

## Praise Record ~ Mar. 3

Sunday School Enrollment	1023
Sunday School Attendance	491
Weekday Attendance	18
Morning Worship	511
Evening Worship	185
Decisions	3
Received March 3	\$ 27,392.13
Required March 3	\$ 16,153.85
Received in March	\$ 27,392.13
Required in March	\$ 16,153.85
Received in 1996	\$ 154,081.67
Required in 1996	\$ 145,384.65
Debt Retirement	\$ 311.00
Balance Owed	
Property Acquisition Loans	\$ 7,547.07
Cornerstone of Faith (C. of F.)	\$ 3,429.44
C. of F. Since 4/1/93	\$ 817,990.78
Balance owed Cornerstone	
loan 1/31/96	\$1,058,367.40

### Extended Session - March 10

Babies: Shirley Norman, Melanie Million  
Older Babies: Audrey Clinehens, Judy Allen  
Ones: Donna Riggs, Jessica Riggs  
Twos: Peggy Goff, Clayton Brunson  
Michael Allen  
Threes: Jeff & Lora Hayes, Shannon Suvinio  
Fours: Edith Griffin, Stacy Suvinio  
Evening: Virginia Rose

### Parking/Van Ministry - March 10

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

### New Members

Chris Gregory  
2100 N. Leverett #136  
Fayetteville, AR  
442-6382

Duane & Dawn Rhodes  
3109 Tarton Way  
Fayetteville, AR  
582-5366

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Bryan and Jimmie Walker on the arrival of their first child, Morgan Alexa, on March 3, 1996:

... and to Nancy Knight on the birth of a grandson, Jefferson Michael, on February 26, 1996. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Knight of Little Rock.

### Sympathy

Word has been received that Ruth Atherton, a former member of First Baptist Church, died on February 27, 1996 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Address of her husband, Dr. J. C. Atherton, is 6099 South Polard Parkway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808.

### Mid-Week Menu, Mar, 13, 5 p.m.

Chicken Fried Steak/ Macaroni & Cheese/  
Spinach Casserole/ Surprise Dessert/  
Salad Bar/ Sandwich Bar/ Potato Bar

### STAFF:

Pastor - Jere Mitchell  
Min. of Education - Bob Hopkins  
Minister of Music - Mike Paslay  
Minister of Youth - Jim Thomas  
Preschool Coord. - Clementine  
Hembree  
Min. of Children - Lisa Wheat  
Min. of Univ. Students - Bruce  
Salsman  
Organist - Jennie Riggs  
Pianist - Rita Savage

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## SUCCESSFUL WOMEN'S DAY



Glory be to God for the success of *Baptist Women's Day* last Sunday morning. We started out with a breakfast for women and girls and had a *great* turn out. Despite "frigid" conditions, the atmosphere remained warm and friendly. Then we moved upstairs for a "women lead" worship service including an all women and girls choir lead by Becky Riggs. It was great to get together as sisters in Christ to worship our Lord and Savior. Great appreciation expressed to Laura Thomas, Bonnie Wood, and Nancy Eckels for their help in the kitchen. Special thanks goes out to Lisa Lovell, Evelyn Brooks, Becky Riggs, New Song, and all the women and girls in the choir for their participation in the leading of the service of worship of our Lord.

Time to sign up for the Women's Retreat March 29-30. Sign up sheets are in the church office and at the Visitor's Center.

In Christ,  
Cyndy Meares



WOMEN'S  
MISSION

Multifocus II Bible Study Group will meet Tuesday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

The study is found in *Missions Mosaic* beginning on page 13.

*Women's Retreat 1996*  
**What's in a name?**  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
**SAVIOR**  
PEACE OF PRINCE  
Almighty God  
Everlasting LOVE  
Father LORD OF LIFE I AM

featuring Barbara Finfrook & "What's in a Name?"

Enjoy the fellowship

and bible study on

FRIDAY & SATURDAY,

MARCH 29 & 30,

6:00 p.m. Fri. to Noon Sat.

The Ark

southwest Missouri

only an hour away

cost-economical

The retreat you'll long for.

**"I AM HERE,  
TOO" day**  
Sunday, March 10th

CEO

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING**  
Sunday, March 10, 1:30 p.m.

*Fellowship Hall*

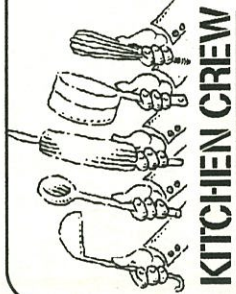
Representatives of Area Government Agencies will be available to describe their services and eligibility.



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**HELP  
NEEDED**

**KITCHEN CREW**

Help is needed in the kitchen. To keep the program cost effective, we must have volunteers. If we could get 8 volunteers, we could rotate once-a-month. The time and work involved is small, but the benefits are great! The hours are 5:15-6:30 p.m., or so. If you can help, talk to Evelyn McDonald, 442-6535, or Bob Hopkins, 442-2387.

Dear Church Family,  
Thanks so much for your prayers, calls, and visits during Ricky's recent surgery. It meant so much to us. You are our family here in Arkansas. Our church family is so wonderful - they care for us as a member of their family. Thanks again!

Yvette, Charles & Ricky Getch