

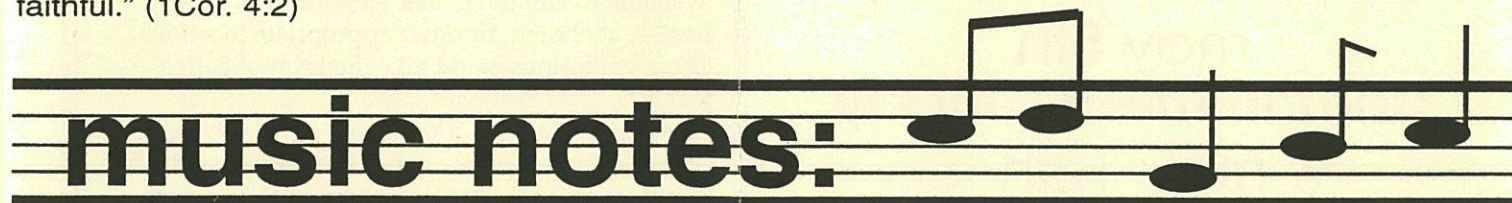
## education

by bob hopkins  
minister of education

Monday's "Northwest Arkansas Times" printed an article on the new hundred dollar bill that began "A new \$100 bill with a bigger, off-center picture of Benjamin Franklin and several innovations to thwart counterfeiters goes into circulation around the world today." The point of the story is the "Fed" is printing a hundred dollar bill that is impossible to counterfeit and will become the leading medium of monetary currency throughout the world. The article states "Russia has an especially big demand for the new bills, since cash is popular as a hedge against the huge inflation of rubles. The Russian central bank estimates that \$12 billion to \$13 billion in American currency already circulates in the country, making it the biggest user of U.S. currency abroad." Also, the piece goes on to point out that modern technology is proficient enough that almost anyone is able to duplicate American currency. It's so valuable throughout the world that dishonest people profit from counterfeiting it. (I wish I had a bunch of the real bills.)

After reading the story, I can't help thinking of our priceless inheritance that will never be counterfeited. Peter states that our salvation 'can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you.' Paul writes to the believers in Ephesus, 'And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, ....I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power...to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ...' (Ephesians 2:6,7;3:7,8)

It seems to me this is the reason for our "Find Us Faithful" campaign. We will be asked to pledge our hundred dollar bills for Fayetteville's First Baptist to use the facilities as a means to reach and disciple people who will proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. Therefore, the Gospel of God's grace will circulate throughout the world. "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." (1Cor. 4:2)



by mike paslay  
minister of music

**NO AVALANCHE!** Despite the impression you may have gotten Sunday when our pastor asked my son, Tim, about my skiing, neither Pam nor I created any avalanches. However, after reading Jim's article, you will know that I did *bump* into a small building near the queue for one of the lifts. It was only a slight collision and overall both Pam and I did pretty well (not as well as our children, but there is a small weight and age differential which must be considered if you are going to be fair!)

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES!** I always look forward to the Easter season and the special services we share during Holy Week. I hope that you will clear your calendar and be present for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter worship services. Different groups from our music ministry will be participating. Plan to be present. Pray for the effectiveness of these services, even if you are unable to attend them all. Remember to invite friends and family to these special services. The reality of the gospel is never more clearly seen than during the Easter season.

## the YOUTH

by jim thomas  
youth minister

Well, we survived another jaunt to Colorado. Though we had one minor injury and very spring-like temperatures, all involved in the Spring Break Youth Trip had a great time. What were some of the highlights? Lucy Pendleton helplessly skiing off into the no-skiing area. Laura Thomas and Sarah Skaggs "conquering" the moguls of a blue slope. Brad Dutton running over a squirrel. And of course, Mike Paslay hitting free standing structures at full speed. There were many more creative moments that happened as well. Ask anyone who went for more enlightening stores.

I want to thank all those who were involved and all those who helped sponsor this second annual trip to Durango. Thanks to all of the sponsors who went. They were Mike and Pam Paslay, Michael Hunt, Sarah Skaggs, Pete Franz and Laura Thomas. You were great in the long hours of driving, in being sensitive to the moving of the Holy Spirit, and in your ministry to the students. My appreciation is beyond words.

Thanks also to all of the students who went. On the first night of Bible Study, we talked about being ambassadors for Christ. You truly were just that. We had comments from many people, including people from where we stayed to our own sponsors who said that you were a great group. That is a testimony to your love for Christ and your desire to let Him be seen in your lives. Keep on being an example for Him!

We saw three students come to know Christ for the first time on this trip. This continues to show me that God can work through different ways and activities to bring people to Himself. May He receive the glory always!

Please be in prayer for our students as they return to school and as they continue to be an example for Christ in their world. Please also continue to pray for the Jesus Fest Student Conference coming up at the end of April. Pray also about your participation in this groundbreaking conference. Thanks so much. God Bless.

ATTENTION YOUTH

**JESUS FEST '96**  
APRIL 26-27

BIG TENT REVIVAL

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**Cost:**  
*Before April 1st deadline:*  
\$20 per person - Max of \$50 per family  
*After April 1st deadline:*  
\$25 per person - Max of \$60 per family

**Guest Speakers:**  
Wayne Rice, Wade Morris, Rick Caldwell

DON'T MISS it!



in  
all  
things... prayer  
worship  
time  
money  
family

the latest  
on spiritual  
growth in  
our church...

the future  
is now!

come join us





## what's inside

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## TOGETHER IS BETTER!!

Come to Women on Mission Multi focus II Meeting Tuesday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Find out how we can work together.

## ATTENTION SENIORS:

SMILE Exercise Class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. in the FBC Gym. Please Join Us!

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so very much for all your prayers and your care of me and my family. We are thankful to God for health and for all His Blessings. Your friendship is one of His greatest Blessings. Thank you  
Barbara Batson

### STAFF:

**Pastor-Jere Mitchell**

**Min. of Education:**

Bob Hopkins

**Minister of Music:**

Mike Paslay

**Minister of Youth:**

Jim Thomas

**Preschool Coordinator:**

Clementine Hembree

**Minister of Children:**

Lisa Wheat

**Minister of Univ. Students:**

Bruce Salsman

**Organist:** Jennie Riggs

**Pianist:** Rita Savage

### Praise Record ~ Mar. 24

Sunday School Enrollment	1030
Sunday School Attendance	422
Weekday Attendance	12
Morning Worship	415
Evening Worship	128
Received March 24	\$ 9,396.33
Required March 24	\$ 16,153.85
Received in February	\$ 57,983.83
Required in February	\$ 64,615.40
Received in 1996	\$ 184,673.37
Required in 1996	\$ 193,846.20
Debt Retirement	\$ 50.00
Balance Owed	
Property Acquisition Loans	\$ 7,547.07
Cornerstone of Faith (C. of F.)	\$ 1,435.56
C. of F. Since 4/1/93	\$ 823,021.84
Balance owed Cornerstone loan 2/29/96	\$1,057,136.52

### Extended Session ~ March 31

**Babies:** Royce Ann Mitchell, Carolyn Tanneberger  
**Older Babies:** Dolores Hoover, Barbara Moore  
**Ones:** Rodney & Mary Ryan  
**Twos:** Danny & Charlotte Casady  
**Threes:** Kendal Hudgins, Howell Meddors, Julie Prater  
**Fours:** Jan Hixson, Sarah Savage  
**Evening:** Marquita Denherder, Cyndy Meares

### Parking/Van Ministry - March 31

Parking ..... all members  
Van ..... Ron Eaton

### Hospitalized

Bill Martin ..... WRMC, ICU  
Marilyn Martin ..... WRMC #528

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Tom and Linda Townsend on the arrival of a granddaughter, Lindsey Marie, on March 22, 1996. Parents are Todd and Sheri Townsend of Berryville, Arkansas.

### Sympathy

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to family and friends of Barbara Parker, who died March 24, 1996.

### Mid-Week Meal

**Wed., Apr. 3rd, 5:00 p.m.**  
Fried Chicken/ Baked Beans/  
Potato Salad/ Sandwich Bar/ Salad Bar/  
Potato Bar

### Memorial

**In memory of R.H. Nelms**  
Adult 3 Mixed 1 Sunday School Class



## calendar of events:

april 10th  
Leadership Rally  
april 28th  
celebration sunday  
may 5th  
commitment sunday  
may 12th  
victory sunday

## adult department socials

**ADULT 1:** March 26th Noon - Leisure Club  
**ADULT 4:** March 31st, Breakfast 8:30 a.m.  
**ADULT 6&7:** April 12th 6:30 p.m.  
**ADULT 5:** April 14th Pot-Luck Dinner  
after morning worship services

Dear Church Family,

It hardly seems possible that 3 years ago we were beginning a capital funds campaign to finance a building and renovations that we had seen only on paper and modeled on a large tabletop. Today we rejoice as we have seen our church using these new facilities that have met a wide variety of needs. Though it is more difficult to get excited about paying an existing debt than to build something new, we are thankful that we are this far along and not still waiting to gather funds and build. Now we must complete the task.

The "Find Us Faithful" stewardship emphasis is intended to continue and complement what was begun with "Cornerstone." There will be both similarities and differences in content and format. Rather than building an additional organization we have chosen to work through existing organizations for the spiritual emphasis/information phase of the program. We urge each member and regular attender of First Baptist Church to attend one of the meetings designated for that purpose. The special issues of THE VOICE and your organizational leaders will announce those meetings.

In addition to announced meetings, members of the steering committee and church staff will be available to attend smaller gatherings in your homes, at church, or other appropriate locations. These gatherings could take the form of coffee klatches, teas, brunches, lunches, desserts, or "pine float" parties. This would be an excellent opportunity to become better acquainted with staff members and to share hopes and concerns and pray together for the various areas of our church life. If you would host a group of fellow members, call the church office or a steering committee member for help in making arrangements.

We hope you will feel free to address one-to-one questions or comments to members of the steering committee, stewardship committee, properties committee, or pastor and staff as opportunities arise. Let us join together in seeking God's direction for us as individuals and as First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Bill and Carol Brunner  
Campaign Directors