

education

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minister of education

The curriculum of Bible study for adults this coming quarter is appropriate for the current "FIND US FAITHFUL" emphasis. The plan for study includes three units; Words of Encouragement, Words of Instruction, and Words of Challenge. The texts for the units are 1 and 2 Thessalonians and the last third of Romans, respectively. Of course God inspired Paul to write these letters. He probably wrote his two letters to the Thessalonians on his second missionary journey and the letter to the Romans during his third missionary journey. Paul, through these epistles, encouraged the first century Christians to live a life of spiritual growth that pleases God. He instructed the church to work hard, demonstrate faithfulness and trust God. He challenged the Romans (whom he hadn't met as of the date he wrote to them) to "offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--which is your spiritual worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--His good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:1-2)

These inspired words encourage, instruct, and challenge us, the Christians, who make up Fayetteville's FBC. It pleases Him when we respond to His word and approve His will. I believe when it's God's will, everything is right. Now the challenge is to support and participate in the "Find Us Faithful" program.

We worship and serve a risen Savior. Sometimes, through our worship and service it takes some sacrifice and commitment. We can't be conformed to this world, and we must renew our minds concerning the things of God and the building of His church. God is calling us to give - to enable our church to face the opportunities of the future. I believe God will bless us and bring success in our faithfulness of service and giving. I will see you on Easter morning! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!



Mr. Robert Eugene Imel & Mrs. Nancy Bever Imel
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter,
Nancy Kathryn
to
Patrick Gushing
on Saturday, April 20, 1996
at Four Thirty in the Afternoon at
First Baptist Church
Reception following R.S.V.P. 582-0531

at THE EDGE



Be There
Wednesdays,
6:30 p.m.
in the FBC Gym.

From Your Pastor

Sunday is Easter Sunday! I am excited about worshipping with you on that day. The resurrection of Jesus is celebrated every Sunday, but there is just something special about Easter. Please be here.

"FIND US FAITHFUL" is under way. The leadership rally is April 10, 1996. We will eat at 6:30 p.m. All other Wednesday night activities have been cancelled. This will be a major meeting of "FIND US FAITHFUL". Please pray for that evening.

Prayer is a major part of the life of our church. Please pray for your church, each other, and the knowledge of God's will, that we may do it.

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

Love, Preacher

PLAY LEARN

ENROLLMENT

is now open for the 1996-97 school year. Positions will be offered to church members first, and then to the general public. To enroll contact: Sherry Purtle at 442-3992.

the YOUTH



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

MUSIC

PALM SUNDAY was wonderful. The children always add so much to the service. I appreciate Carolyn Paul and Connie Moore coordinating the processional, the bell ringers (we had children, youth, and adults), the Sanctuary Choir, and our staff musicians.

UNIVERSITY students are a distinct aspect of our church life. I appreciate so much Bruce Salsman, our University Minister, his co-workers, and the students' contribution to the overall fabric of worship, ministry, outreach, and discipleship. Sunday evening's student emphasis was a blessing to us all. Continue to support this phase of our church's ministry, remembering to pray for the renewal taking place on campus.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES are often difficult for us to attend because of so many other activities associated with the Spring season. I hope that you and your family will make them a priority this week, attending as many as possible.



PRESCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT

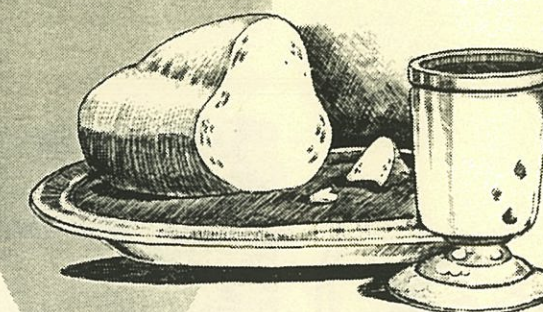
This Saturday, April 6th
10:00 a.m. on the
Preschool Playground.
Bring your own basket.
Refreshments will
be served.

He Is Risen!



Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy
Thursday
Lord's Supper:
April 4th 7pm



Good Friday
Service
Friday, April
5th 7pm



what's inside
get ready for Easter
spiritual emphasis update
Jesus Fest info
notes from the staff
what's going on this week

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FOOD PANTRY DAY!

This Sunday, April
7th is Food Pantry
Day. Items needed:
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Canned Meat & Fruit
Canned Corn

MENS SOFTBALL

Fayetteville FBC
Adult Men's Softball
Registration fee: \$35
(includes T-Shirt).
Call Rick Tanneberger
(521-7760) or the
church office.

No Discipleship
Training next Sunday
April 7th.

TIME CHANGE:

Sunday, April 7th
Set your clocks for-
ward one hour
Saturday before
retiring.

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. 31

Sunday School Enrollment	1029
Sunday School Attendance	525
New Sunday School Members	2
Weekday Attendance	10
Morning Worship	544
Evening Worship	176
Received March 31	\$ 21,588.97
Required March 31	\$ 16,153.85
Received in March	\$ 79,572.80
Required in March	\$ 80,769.25
Received in 1996	\$ 206,262.34
Required in 1996	\$ 210,000.05
Debt Retirement	\$ 10.00
Balance Owed	
Property Acquisition Loans	\$ 7,537.07
Cornerstone of Faith (C. of F.)	\$ 1,841.19
C. of F. Since 4/1/93	\$ 836,808.75
Balance owed Cornerstone	
loan 2/29/96	\$1,057,136.52

Extended Session ~ April 7

Babies: Linda Townsend,
Lola Mae Shackelford
Older Babies: Karen McCoy,
Eva Cornwell, Dolores Hoover
Ones: Nekda Gaines, Jennifer Dunn
Twos: Carol Earhart, Jane Eaves,
Lucy Pendleton
Threes: Joe and Cheri DeSoto,
Lesley Purdie
Fours: Johnnie Williams, Laura Lacy
Evening: Cathy Williams

Parking/Van Ministry - April 7

Parking all members
Van Bobby Harwell

Hospitalized

Dolores Jefferson NMC #2407
Bill Martin WRMC #512
Marilyn Martin WRMC #513

Gift Given

In Honor of David & Barbara Moore
by Beulah Parkhurst

Memorial

In Memory of Octavia Brown
by John & Frances Reed

WOMEN ON MISSION

How Do I Recognize Counterfeit Religions?

Multifocus II Bible Study option will
meet Tuesday, April 9, 9:30 a.m. in the
Conference Room.

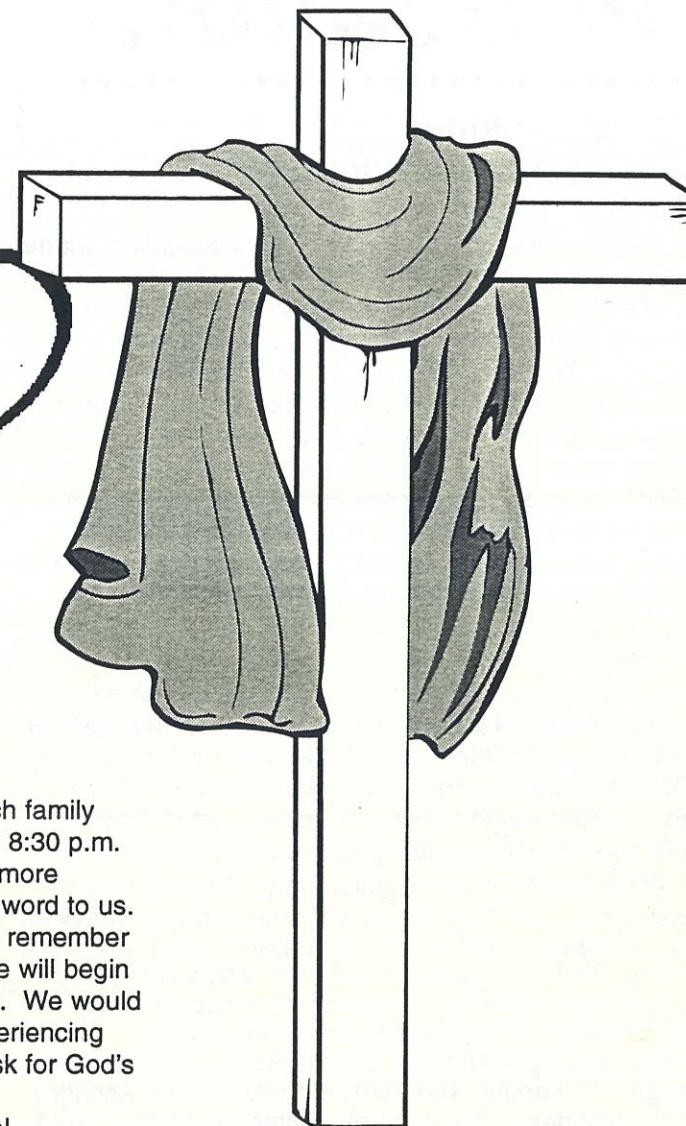
ATTENTION SENIORS!

Smile Exercise Class every Monday,
Wednesday, Friday, 9:00-9:30 a.m., in
the FBC Gym. Please join us!



FIND US

Faithful



Dear Friends,

"FIND US FAITHFUL" is a wonderful opportunity for
our church to be drawn closer to God and to reach out to
our community with the invitation God expects us to extend.
With a full staff in place, we need to support them in God's
work in every way.

The Steering Committee is suggesting that we pray as a church family
sometime between the hours of 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.
every day. If we do this faithfully, we will see our church become more
involved in our praise time. Also, we will learn to listen for God's word to us.
We will be watching to see what God is doing around us. We will remember
the needs of others when we pray with compassion and love. We will begin
to enjoy the real meaning of meditation with rejoicing in our souls. We would
like to suggest that every Sunday School Teacher and every Experiencing
God Leader spend a couple of minutes during each session to ask for God's
leadership.

We are in the process of meeting with different Sunday School
Departments and other groups in our church to better explain the blessing
"FIND US FAITHFUL" can be to the spreading of the Good News. We want
every age group to be fully informed so they can seek God's will for their
involvement, both financially and spiritually. We can humbly and thankfully
say that because of our increased study and prayer time, God's blessings
have increased in our lives.

In order for us to reach our homebound members, we are setting up a
teleconference Bible study that Brother Bob will be teaching to further explain
what a powerful tool "FIND US FAITHFUL" can become for our church. We
pray the Spirit of God will so abound that we will truly feel a relationship in the
Spirit as a church family, and have a burning desire to please our heavenly
Father.

In Christian Love,
Keith & Jackie Robbins
Spiritual Emphasis Directors

P.S. Remember daily praise and prayer time sometime between 6:30 and
8:30 a.m. and 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.!!

EASTER SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

**Come Worship
Him With Us!**