



mike paslay, minister of music

YOUNG MUSICIANS ARE SUPERIOR! We all knew it was true, especially those of us who are blessed to have one of them living in our home. However, all three judges concurred with our opinion this past Saturday at First, Fort Smith. I told Becky Riggs that I'd never heard them sing any better. Congratulations to you, Young Musicians! Thank you Becky Riggs for your ministry in their lives, along with your helpers Tracy and Donna Riggs, and your accompanist, Jennie Riggs.

THE FIND US FAITHFUL FELLOWSHIP blessed my life. I think so many times we allow the obvious focus or function of any event to rob us of the less obvious blessings. I have prayed and will continue to pray for the success of the giving campaign in helping us realize our goals in meeting financial obligations and needs. However, I appreciate those who have led us in this endeavor. Their emphasis in the spiritual realm has grown me, blessed me, and challenged me as a Christian. The fellowship Sunday evening is an excellent example. I had opportunity to hear and see some of my fellow church members in a light that only this kind of emphasis can offer.

This experience is similar to my participation in the Master Singers. Our goal in that group, as a choir of church musicians, is to arrive at the concert site, rehearse, and present a well-prepared concert. Yet, the fellowship and sharing I experience going and coming is often as meaningful as the event itself. So, my prayer for "FIND US FAITHFUL" is that I will adequately prepare through prayer, and give a good concert. But I have to say, I have enjoyed the trip already!



GO FOR THE GOAL!

Vacation Bible School plans are underway. It's time to begin meeting, preparing, and planning for VBS. What part will you play? Have you committed to teach, drive a van, pour Kool-Aid, bake cookies, or participate in follow up visitation? If not, have I got a job for you!

Vacation Bible School is so much more than a week of crafts and recreation. It is an outreach unlike any other on the part of the church. Did you know that a child who attends our VBS everyday from 8:30 to 12:00 receives 17 1/2 hours of bible learning? It would take 5 MONTHS of perfect attendance in Sunday School to acquire that much instruction. Think about that . . . 17 1/2 hours of learning about morals, kindness, and sharing. 17 1/2 hours of learning about God and His unconditional love. But we can't do it without you. Please be a part of reaching children and families who never go to church or may not know anyone who cares enough to tell them the "good news that makes a difference."

Remember:

- Early morning drop-off is provided for parents who need it.
- Transportation to daycare facilities and babysitter's homes is also provided.
- Lunch will be provided for workers and their families at a small cost.

Please call Clementine Hembree or Jan Hixson if you would like to be a part of VBS!

VBS SUPPLY DRIVE

In order to offset the expense of VBS, we are asking church members to help with supplies. Each week I will list one item that you can purchase while shopping for the week. This week's supply: **Standard Crayola Crayons** (any size box) You may leave these in the box labeled VBS at the Visitor's Center.

One of the greatest desires in young people's lives is to be included. I know for me, growing up in very large schools, it was hard to feel accepted with all of the different type of people that were represented there. It took great effort to make friends and a greater effort to keep them. I even compromised what I believed to fit in with the crowd more times than I can remember.

Our students today struggle with the same desires to be loved and accepted. They are crying out to be included and to feel a part of a group that they can call their own. The youth ministry here at Fayetteville's FBC is committed to loving students and to allowing them all to feel a part of a family, God's family. We are committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ and to help disciple those students to maturity in Him.

To do this, we need help. One of the convincing factors that brought me to Fayetteville's FBC, outside of a specific call from God, were the youth workers at this church. I have been overwhelmed with the amount of love and concern that they have for Jr. High and High School students. They are truly the backbone of our youth ministry. Because of God's faithfulness we are in a time of incredible growth right now. In the last four weeks we have had the most students in Sunday School that we have had since I have been here. God has opened some incredible doors especially in our Jr. High department. Because of this, we are in need of more committed adults who will take the chance and the challenge to invest their lives into the lives of teenagers. The rewards are incredible. There is no greater experience than seeing a student come to know Christ for the first time and to start to grow in Him.

Here is what I would ask you to do. First, pray! Ask God if this is where He is working and if He is wanting you to get involved in this area of ministry. Second, contact me so that we can sit down and talk to see where God is leading you and if this is the place where you should serve. Third, open your life to allow God to work through you to impact a new generation for Christ and to fulfill the great commission of making disciples of all nations. Thank you for your support of the youth ministry of Fayetteville's FBC and for seeking the will of God for your life and for our church. God Bless. In Him,

Jim

the YOUTH

ATTENTION YOUTH

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



THE KRY

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!

education

by bob hopkins
minister of education

The operative word for the next few days is "commitment." The FIND US FAITHFUL campaign is now in the commitment stage. It's time to pray and seek God's will in the matter of pledging our financial resources. The goals of the campaign are reachable. If every member of FBC is committed to the Kingdom of God and the cost of following Jesus, we will be successful. Jesus spoke to the responsibility of commitment several times. When He was eating in the home of a prominent Pharisee He told the parable of the "great banquet". In the story, those invited to the feast declined because of frivolous excuses. The owner of the house who provided the feast ordered his servants to invite the poor and the lame, but still there was room. Then the master ordered his servants to 'go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.' (Luke 14:23). I pray the members of Fayetteville's FBC attend the feast and fill the sanctuary this Sunday on Celebration Sunday. There should be no frivolous excuses. Also, I believe the members of our church are ready to make commitments that will insure the success of the campaign.

Social scientists inform us that the word 'commitment' is not a part of the modern person's vocabulary. Church growth experts tell us it is difficult to request a major commitment from most church members. What I see from the spirit and character of our church, I think these experts are wrong! May God grant us victory!!

Expectantly,

Bob

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY

By Bruce Salsman,
University Minister

We owe a big thank you to several people for their help Sunday night at the pancake supper. Thanks to all those students and student workers who pitched in by cooking, serving, cleaning, etc., especially Jill Brannon and Nancy Eckels for their leadership - you were great!

Thanks to you who attended and donated money for their supper. We took in well over \$500! After we have covered our costs, we should be able to give Wei and Chip over \$200 each for their missions and publishing projects. Thanks also to Mary Briggs, Evelyn McDonald, and anyone else who helped. It was a very successful night of service for our Lord!



this
Sunday...

as our family
gathers for a
celebration
of God's
faithfulness
towards us.

Pray what
He will have
you do!

come join us!



what's inside
celebration
sunday!

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WYCLIFFE ASSOCIATES BANQUET

Make your plans to attend the Wycliffe Associates banquet in Springdale. Complimentary tickets are still available for the dinner event taking place at the Holiday Inn on April 29th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with reserved seating until 6:45 p.m. Hear a moving testimony from a Wycliffe Bible Translator - and be inspired! Also learn how YOU can be a part of the Great Commission! For further information and complimentary tickets call Louise Coker at 442-6777.

4TH ANNUAL MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Please plan to be a part of the 4th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on May 2nd (National Day of Prayer), 7:00 a.m. at the Clarion Inn. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in the church office, or at the door. Guest Speaker will be Jim Dawson, President of ZEBCO (Rod 'N Reel) plus very special musical guests. Don't miss it!

Praise Record ~ April 21

Sunday School Enrollment	1023
Sunday School Attendance	483
New Sunday School Members	7
Weekday Attendance	16
Morning Worship	468
Evening Worship	163
Decisions	1
Received April 21	\$ 10,986.55
Required April 21	\$ 16,153.85
Received in April	\$ 47,661.73
Required in April	\$ 48,461.55
Received in 1996	\$ 253,924.07
Required in 1996	\$ 258,461.60
Debt Retirement	\$ -0-
Balance Owed	
Property Acquisition Loans	\$ 7,123.05
Cornerstone of Faith (C. of F.)	\$ 1,070.00
C. of F. Since 4/1/93	\$ 851,080.00
Balance owed Cornerstone loan 2/29/96	\$1,056,193.19

Extended Session ~ April 28

Babies: Alma Kitchens, Evelyn Brooks
Older Babies: Chris & Kim Puckett
Ones: Jim & Vicki Rader
Twos: Dan & Nancy Eckels, Megan Edmonston
Threes: Pam Earhart, Allen Thrasher, Stephen Thrasher
Fours: Dawn Lockard, Julie Prater
Evening: Laura Jones, Jane Skinner

Parking/Van Ministry - April 28

Parking all members
Van Bob Mayes

Hospitalized

Bill Martin WRMC #508

New Member

Wei-Chung Wu
1400 N. Garland #26
Fayetteville, AR
442-8428

Congratulations

Congratulations to Larry & Loye Dawn Hunt on the arrival of a grandson, James Henrik Nash, on April 11, 1996. Parents are James & Kim Nash of Omaha, Nebraska.

Celebration SUNDAY

From Your Pastor

I am excited about this coming Sunday! It will be a great time of celebration at First Baptist Church, Fayetteville. I urge each of you to be present and bring friends. The brunch schedule is printed to the right. You have also received a schedule in the mail.

The morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. rather than the usual 10:50 a.m. At the close of the worship service I will ask the Staff, Deacons, Sunday School Workers, Discipleship Training Leaders, Music Ministry Workers, Mission Organization Leaders, "FIND US FAITHFUL" Campaign Workers, and others to bring their commitment card for the "FIND US FAITHFUL" emphasis and place them on the Lord's Supper Table as an offering to God.

Next week we will mail commitment cards to the rest of our Sunday School and church membership. You will be asked to make your commitment at the close of the morning worship either May 5th or 12th.

Please allow God to guide you in making your commitments. Pray; ask Him what He wants you to commit, and then be obedient. I pray it will be a "faith-commitment", one which you will trust God to enable you to complete. I also pray it will be a sacrificial commitment. Our emphasis is on "equal sacrifice" not "equal gifts". In dollar amounts you cannot all give equal amounts. In sacrifice, all can be equal. That is the Biblical principle.

Please do not take this amount from your tithe or regular giving. Make it a gift "over and above". To take it from your regular giving hurts our budget; thereby hurting staff, programming and mission giving.

I am praying for you as you pray and give in faith.
Please pray for me and for each other.

Faithfully, Preacher

This Sunday, April 28, 1996

Worship begins at 10:30 a.m.

BRUNCH SCHEDULE:

9:00 a.m. Adult Departments 1 and 3
(after eating, Depts. 1 & 3 will then move on to their usual Sunday School Department for class)

9:30 a.m. Youth, Adult Departments 4 thru 7 and Single Departments 2 thru 4.

Preschool and Children will have brunch in their Sunday School Classrooms beginning at 9:30 a.m.

If you are unsure when you should be there, please contact the Church office.

