### 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!

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### 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."

- Early morning drop-off is provided for parents who need it.

  Transportation to develop facilities and habitation because 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.

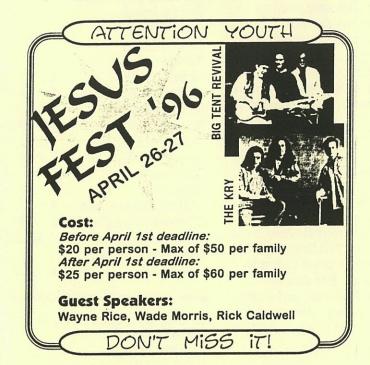
Our students today struggle with the same desires to be loved and accepted. They are crying out to be included and to feel a part of a group that they can call their own. The youth ministry here at Fayetteville's FBC is committed to loving students and to allowing them all to feel a part of a family. 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 Rless In Him

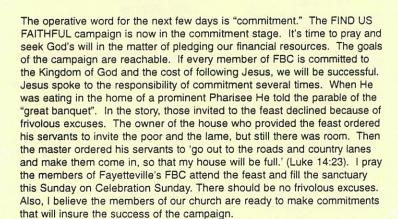
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### >education

by bob hopkins minister of education •



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!!

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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!

### 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!

# JNIVERSITY MINIST

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### 4TH ANNUAL MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST Please plan to be a

WYCLIFFE

BANQUET

Make your plans to

attend the Wycliffe

Associates banquet in

Springdale. Compli-

mentary tickets are still

available for the dinner

event taking place at the

6:30 p.m. with reserved

seating until 6:45 p.m.

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Hear a moving testi-

Holiday Inn on April

29th. Doors open at

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 **ASSOCIATES**

Sunday School Attendance New Sunday School Members Weekday Attendance Morning Worship Evening Worship Decisions Received April 21 Required April 21 Received in April Required in April Received in 1996 Required in 1996 Debt Retirement -0-Balance Owed Property Acquisition Loans Cornerstone of Faith (C. of F.) C. of F. Since 4/1/93 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.

### Sunday School Enrollment 1023 483 7 16 468 163 10,986.55 16.153.85 47,661.73 48.461.55 \$ 253,924.07 \$ 258,461.60 \$ 7.123.05 \$ 1,070.00 \$ 851,080,00

### **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

### Gelebration

### 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.

