

what's inside commitment sunday!



Thank You

Special thanks to those church members who helped with the Clean-Up Day, Saturday, April 19th: Ben Harrison, Ron Austin, Clayton Brunson, Keith Robbins, Jim Lacy, Aaron Lacy, David Lacy, Shirley Norman, Rick Tanneberger, Terry Martin, John Reed, Francis Reed, Bob Hopkins, David Moore.

- Bob Harwell

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!

WOMEN ON MISSION

The General Meeting of Women on Mission will be Tuesday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Praise Record ~ April 28

Sunday School Enrollment	1024
Sunday School Attendance	N/A
Weekday Attendance	14
Morning Worship	471
Evening Worship	165
Received April 28	\$ 7,915.52
Required April 28	\$ 16,153.85
Received in April	\$ 55,577.25
Required in April	\$ 64,615.40
Received in 1996	\$ 261,839.59
Required in 1996	\$ 274,615.45
Debt Retirement	\$ 102.00
Balance Owed	
Property Acquisition Loans	\$ 7,021.05
Cornerstone of Faith (C. of F.)	\$ 2,955.36
C. of F. Since 4/1/93	\$ 854,035.36
Balance owed Cornerstone loan 2/29/96	\$1,056,193.19

Extended Session ~ May 5

Babies: Linda Townsend, Lola Mae Shackelford
Young Ones: Karen McCoy, Eva Cornwell
Ones: Donna Riggs, Jessica Riggs
Twos: Carol Earhart, Jane Eaves, Lucy Pendleton
Threes: Yvette Getch, Howell Meddors, Michael Allen
Fours: Johnnie Williams, Laura Lacy
Evening: Cathy Williams

Parking/Van Ministry - May 5

Parking all members
 Van Bobby Harwell

Hospitalized

Bill Martin WRMC #508
 Marilyn Martin WRMC #512

Sympathy

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Lora Stewart on the recent loss of her aunt, Stella Dobberysfuhl of Daytona Beach, Florida.

Food Pantry Day, Sunday, May 5

Items needed: Crackers, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Powdered Milk, and Cereal. Bring your contributions to the Visitor's Center. Thanks for sharing!

Commitment SUNDAY

**This Sunday,
May 5th, 1996**

You should have received your Find Us Faithful Commitment Card in the mail this week. Please pray with your family to decide what God would have you do.

Giving for those already committed to Find Us Faithful begins THIS SUNDAY!



From Your Pastor

Celebration Sunday was outstanding. The brunch, the fellowship, the worship service, the commitments, everything was wonderful! Thank you and thank the Lord.

Including the commitments made by our wonderful youth, we now have 124 commitments for a total of \$604,908.00. That is a great start toward our VICTORY GOAL of \$1,000,000 and our HALLELUJAH GOAL of \$1,250,000. How exciting! There will be a time for receiving commitments in the morning services for the next two weeks.

We are not yet there.

Keep praying.

If some of you who have made commitments believe God wants you to increase your amount, you may do so by calling Linda Townsend, our financial secretary.

Giving for "Find Us Faithful" begins next Sunday, May 5.

If you have not received your Commitment Card, it is in the mail. Please pray earnestly about God's will for your giving and be prepared to make your commitment either May 5 or May 12. If you cannot be here either Sunday, will you please mail your card or bring it by the church office. Thanks!

I will look for you next Sunday in Sunday School and church.

Love, Preacher

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FIND US FAITHFUL: Sunday was a high, holy day in the life of our church. I think nothing thrills me more than seeing the laity organized, working together to accomplish great things for God. Almighty God, who breathed the universe into existence can do anything. He never needs our help. But, He does ask us to join Him. If we fail to meet the challenge, our unfaithfulness doesn't alter His faithfulness one iota! He will get the job done with or without us. But, the scripture says, "Christ in you, the hope of glory..." By His design, He is glorified when we, His people submit to His task. It is how He in His sovereignty has chosen to work.

Saturday, when my youth parent conference concluded, I observed a team of women putting the finishing touches on the preparation for the brunch. It was splendid! Sunday morning as we had opportunity to hear three different church members offer three different perspectives of our church at work: in the past, today, and in the future I felt blessed to be a small part of the ongoing work of God through our church. Several times different groups in the church were asked to stand: those who have grown up in the church, those who have joined within the past five years, those who have been members for twenty-five years. Our pastor of seventeen plus years recognized a former pastor who led our church for at least that same length of time. And then, the announcement of the giving commitment of our church leadership! The anticipation of what the total will be when we all have joined in the effort is overwhelming. When God's people unite, responding to His faithfulness with faithfulness the truth of God's Word is clearly seen, "Christ in you, the hope of glory..."

JESUS FEST! Jim Thomas, his youth workers, and our youth are to be commended. I attended last year and again this year. It was more than worthwhile. I am grateful to be a part of a church that cares for youth and their parents because we all need support, encouragement, and training. This event has helped my family and we are indebted to Jim, his staff and the church.

*Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Pope
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
La Donna Michelle*

to

*Mr. Dale Arthur Robertson
Saturday, the fourth of May
nineteen hundred and ninety-six*

at two o'clock

*First Baptist Church
Fayetteville, Arkansas*

Reception

immediately following

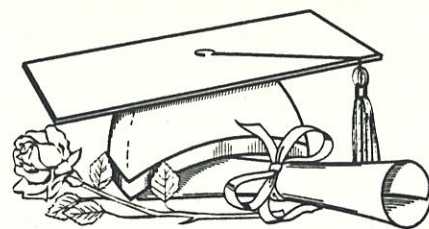
UNIVERSITY MINISTRY/ SENIORS

By Bruce Salsman, University Minister

It's time again to prepare finals CARE PACKAGES for our university students and you can help! Just make a batch of cookies or brownies and leave them at the church office this Friday, May 3. We will assemble the CARE PACKAGES the next day. Whatever you can make for the students will be greatly appreciated!

Say a big congratulations to the students who are graduating from the University this spring:

Greg Blaylock
Paula Brister
Justin Denton
Shane Diamante
Jason Knewton
Dixie Shrum
Micah Stewart
Lynn Loyd, Ph.D.
Bruce Salsman, M.A.



UNIVERSITY MINISTRY CARE PACKAGES

Remember our University Students during final week with cookies, brownies and other goodies!

Please bring to the church office this Friday, May 3rd. Your thoughtfulness will be greatly appreciated!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 24-28, 1996

SUPPLY DRIVE

In order to offset the expense of VBS, we are asking church members to help with supplies. This week we are asking for

GLUESTICKS

You may leave these in the box labeled VBS in the Center's Center.

education

by bob hopkins
minister of education

The leadership of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church is committed and generous. The amount pledged toward the FIND US FAITHFUL emphasis was astonishing. I couldn't believe it! Truly, our leadership was found faithful in pledging almost sixty percent of the Victory Goal and one half of the Hallelujah Goal. Now, for the next two weeks it's time for the rest of the membership to make a commitment. May God find us all faithful in the most important decision.

I want to thank Bill and Carol Brunner and the steering committee for their leadership. This group is superb! The leadership rally was wonderful. The food was delicious and the whole evening was informative and motivational. This past Sunday, we were served the best breakfast in all of Northwest Arkansas. Everything went without a hitch. The Celebration Worship was dynamic and inspirational. The testimonies blessed my life. The music was outstanding and the preacher set the spirit and tone for the future. I'm glad to be a part of the life and ministry of this great church. May God grant a marvelous increase of spiritual and numerical growth in the days ahead!

Expectantly,
Bob



this Sunday...

as our family gathers for a commitment to God's faithfulness towards us.

Pray what He will have you do!

come join us!