



mike paslay, minister of music

FIND US FAITHFUL COUNTDOWN: This past Sunday our leadership began their giving commitments. This coming Sunday the emphasis will reach a milestone as the balance of our membership commits and we celebrate Victory Sunday! However, it is a mistake to think that we've completed the task. Find Us Faithful has just begun!

Though the initial commitment emphasis will have come to fruition, Find Us Faithful is far from being completed. We must remain diligent in our prayers. First, for me personally, this has been a time of renewed spiritual commitment. I don't want to see that end. I must pray. I believe it has been a time of spiritual awakening for our entire church. I certainly want to see that continue! We must pray. The enemy never rejoices when God's people truly unite and commit. He will attack subtly and often. Each time we make a payment toward our individual commitments, we in a sense will be recommitting to the cause of Christ. We must watch and pray.

Over the next three years, many of us will simply disappear, and so will the financial support we have committed. The success of any giving campaign hinges on the effort made to challenge new members to commit to give. New troops will be needed to reinforce our effort for God as some of us go on to glory or other parts unknown (that is a reference to other specific geographical locations, not the alternate eternal destination!) We must pray. Only as we make faithfulness a part of our worship lifestyle will the emphasis have lasting impact on our church and in the Kingdom. We must pray that God indeed will find us faithful!

SPRING CONCERT! I always look forward to this event. I love seeing and hearing all of the various groups which comprise our ministry through music. Having the opportunity to direct our church musicians in the combined ensemble is a rich blessing. In the words of J.S.Bach, Soli Deo Gloria, to God alone be the glory!

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God is working in the lives of Jr. High and High School students of Northwest Arkansas. In the last month we have seen some come to know the Lord for the first time and many more taking a stand for their faith on campus.

Jesus Fest '96 was a great success. We saw over 400 students, leaders, and parents involved on Friday night and over 600 throughout Saturday. God really moved through those three conferences, the praise and worship times, and the concerts. We saw four young people come to know the Lord for the first time and about ten make other decisions for Christ. I really believe that God was honored through this conference. Thank you to our church family for your support of Jesus Fest and your openness for us to hold it here at FBC. Thank you also to Larry Laningham, Jim Lacy, Cliff Grisham, Bruce and Laura Jones, Laura Thomas, Lisa Wheat, Charlie Getch, Joe DeSoto, Jim Ferguson, and all the students who helped set up and tear down thank you for all your help during the weekend.

The first ever student led revival service called "Common Ground" was held at the Fayetteville High School gym last Friday during lunch. Between 40 and 50 students attended this meeting which was entirely student led except for a guest speaker. These students also participated in a "Jericho Prayer March" around the school a few weeks before the meeting. They received ridicule and persecution for standing up for their faith, but faithfully continued praying for their school. I really pray that "Common Ground" will be an annual event and that God will continue to raise up Christian leadership in our schools to take a stand for Christ. May God truly bring His power of revival and renewal to His people.

Pray for our students and leaders as school wraps up for the year and we move into summer. Pray for their focus on living their faith out in a dynamic way and reaching their lost friends for Christ. Thank you so much for your prayers. God Bless.

In Him, Jim

GO FOR THE GOAL-VBS 1996



Mark your calendar for this exciting week! June 24th through the 28th from 8:30 - 12:00, and June 30th from 9:30 - 12:00. These are the dates of Vacation Bible School. Our theme is Go For The Goal! Everyday we will be teaching children about God's plan for their lives. Philippians 3:14 says, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Why teach children about goals? Olympic athletes set goals. What about Christians? Is it important for the Christian to set goals? Paul talks about pressing on toward the goal and making a difference. Vacation Bible School is the place where children will learn about setting goals, achieving goals, and living up to the potential that God has given them.

In order to achieve these goals we need three things:

- 1) Prayer. Before anything else takes place, we must pray for those who will teach and those who will learn.
2) Preparation. Preparation is necessary because good learning requires good teaching. Good teaching cannot prepare without preparation.
3. Participation. Children, workers, and church members who support VBS. Have you signed up?

VBS Supply Drive-please save your 2-liter bottles for VBS. You may leave them in the supply box located at the visitor's center.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
We want to thank you for the meals, support, and above all, the prayers you've given us as we traveled and returned from adopting Rachel.
We now have a real life example of our "adoption into God's family" and "old things have passed away, behold all things have become new." !

Mark and Lisa Lovell

By Bruce Salsman, University Minister

We are so grateful to our University Student Workers. They did a great job this school year. Nancy Eckels was wonderful (as usual) as our Sunday School Director. Other workers included: Dan Eckels, Nate McLean, Tommy Cornwell, Jeff & Pam Earhart, John & Cyndy Meares, Jamie Jones, Lynn & Cindy Loyd, Fern Younkin, Mark & Lisa Lovell, Jere Mitchell, and Bruce & Deby Salsman. Thank you all!

Here are some University Graduates that have come to our attention:

- Bryan Cox Cincy Tanneberger
Bryan Glaze P.J. Robertson
Brian Lundy

Congratulations to each of you!

education

by bob hopkins minister of education

I am astounded! Completely amazed! The response of over 155 people who have pledged toward the "Find Us Faithful" campaign was staggering. There will be victory this Sunday. I believe the membership of our beloved church will pledge an amount that will exceed the Hallelujah Goal. Those who have already pledged have been found faithful and set a great example.

Jan Hixson is the Vacation Bible School Director this year. She is doing a marvelous job! Her article appears in this week's voice. I'm excited about the opportunity to reach and minister to precious children. This week, you will receive a flyer in the mail that will give opportunity to suggest children we may enroll in VBS. These youngsters may be members of your child's ball team or someone you wish to invite. Please share this information. You never know, it might make a difference for all eternity.

Expectantly, Bob

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this Sunday...

as our family gathers for a victory celebration of God's continued blessings!

If you have not yet committed come join us in answering God's call this Sunday!

we'll see you there!

what's inside
commitment
sunday!



WOMEN ON MISSION

What are some Paradoxes of Christianity?

Come to Multi-focus II Bible Study this Tuesday, May 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

FBC TRAVELERS

Where:

Fin and Feather Resort
Gore, Oklahoma

When:

Thursday, May 16th
Leave Church, 2:30 pm

What:

- Shopping in a nice, large gift shop
- Buffet Dining to organ music (Western Night Theme)

Cost:

\$20 each

Includes transportation, dinner, gratuity & tax
Reservations & money due by May 12th.

For more info Call
Clementine, 521-2092.

HELP!! PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

Needed:

Vacation Bible School workers for 2 year and 3 year rooms.

ALSO:

Two paid workers for Sunday night and Wednesday night.

Call Clementine, 442-2387 or 521-2092.

Praise Record ~ May 5

Sunday School Enrollment	1025
Sunday School Attendance	458
New Sunday School Member	1
Weekday Attendance	11
Morning Worship	446
Evening Worship	307
Received May 5	\$ 26,540.03
Required May 5	\$ 16,153.85
Received in May	\$ 26,540.03
Required in May	\$ 16,153.85
Received in 1996	\$ 288,379.62
Required in 1996	\$ 290,769.30
Debt Retirement	\$ 235.33
Balance Owed	
Property Acquisition Loans	\$ 6,785.72
Find Us Faithful	\$ 10,654.43
Find Us Faithful since 4/14/96	\$ 19,895.43
Balance owed Cornerstone loan 4/30/96	\$1,043,399.52

Extended Session ~ May 12

Babies: Shirley Norman,

Barbara Bolding

Young Ones: Audrey Clinehens,
Judy Allen

Ones: Nelda Gaines,
Jennifer Dunn

Twos: Peggy Goff, Clayton
Brunson, Megan Edmonston

Threes: Jeff & Lora Hayes,
Shannon Suvino

Fours: Edith Griffin,
Stacy Suvino

Evening: Virginia Rose,
Cyndy Meares

Parking/Van Ministry - May 12

Parking..... all members
Van..... James Sugg

Hospitalized

Bill Martin..... WRMC #508

Sympathy

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Eula Moody on the loss of her daughter, Mary Ellen Moody, recently; . . . and to Joyce Herrin whose brother, Joy Dale Nickle of Battleground, Washington, died on May 4, 1996.

Memorial

In memory of Cy Carney
Kathryn Dickey

Victory SUNDAY

\$771,216.00

From Your Pastor

Another great day at First Baptist Church, Fayetteville! We now have 159 "Find Us Faithful" commitment cards for a total of \$771,216.00. Praise the Lord!! There are many of you who have not yet made a commitment. I urge you, as spiritual people, to seek God's will in this matter and be obedient to Him. Let us be faithful.

Sunday is Victory Day in our "Find Us Faithful" emphasis. I hope you will make every effort to be here and to help make it a victorious day. Mark and Lisa Lovell will share with us about their trip to China in the evening service. You won't want to miss that.

Speaking of China, our own Renee Gaines, daughter of Larry and Nelda Gaines, has the opportunity to spend six weeks in China this summer. She will be a part of a team of ten students from Oklahoma Baptist University who teach English at Xinjiang University in Urumqi, P.R.C. These students are not allowed to do direct mission work, but will share Christ's love through relationships they establish. We need to pray for Renee, but we can also help her raise her own support. She needs \$3,200.00. I feel there are several of you who will want to encourage this young mission volunteer from our church. If you would like to join me in giving some financial support, please send your check or money to the church office, and we will send one check to Oklahoma Baptist University. We need your contribution by May 19, 1996.

Mother's Day is also the time for the offering for Arkansas Baptist Children's Home. Envelopes will be in the pews this Sunday.

I love you and look for you Sunday in Sunday School and worship.

Love, Preacher

Praise The Lord!

159 Commitments made for the total you see above! But more than that, the *Spiritual Rewards & Commitments* cannot be added up and figured, for they go beyond what we here on earth can comprehend! We say Thank you Lord for your bounty!



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