

Education Ministry

As a youngster growing up in a Baptist preacher's home, my favorite church event was Vacation Bible School. I remember the joint worship services which included the salutes to the flags and the Bible - the mission stories and all the excitement of marching in the sanctuary each morning. It seemed that the refreshments always were graham crackers (which stuck to the roof of your mouth) and Kool-aid laden with sugar. I enjoyed the Bible stories, the games, and especially the crafts. I looked forward to the great times which happened every VBS. As a parent, I loved the Family Nights. There were unexpected foopahs and mess-ups that usually occurred. I only hoped it wasn't my child that did the unexpected. It was all a part of VBS, and all in all a wonderful experience.

I believe there are many children who are looking forward to Bible School just like me. They only are waiting for an invitation. It will require the entire church to become involved in order to reach these youngsters. Mark your calendar for June 9th. On this Sunday after evening worship, we plan a blitz in a certain neighborhood to enroll precious children.

Jan Hixson and her staff are working hard in preparation. We are enlisting and encouraging workers to teach and help. Please help us when you are asked. Look for requests in the "Voice" each week. Think of kiddos who live near you and tell us about them. There is nothing livelier than hundreds of children studying the Bible, playing games, and experiencing a good time at VBS!

Last night I was deeply moved through Dr. and Mrs. Mark Lovell's testimonies of the adoption of their beautiful Rachel. I am reminded anew of the miraculous salvation we have as an inheritance when God adopts us as His children. It is my prayer that through our children's ministries, we will witness the unspeakable gift of salvation as many children confess childlike faith in Jesus as their Savior. This is the reason and the goal of VBS.

Let's Go For the Goal,
Bob



FROM THE MINISTER of MUSIC

A BLESSING! From the first time I laid eyes on Rachel Lovell I was in love. She is a charmer. As a fellow teacher with Mark in Adult VI Sunday School, I had already had two other occasions before Sunday night's time of sharing to hear about their experiences in adopting Rachel. However, I was blessed again Sunday evening. I believe that one of the reasons God sent the Lovell family our way (long before Rachel was such a cute part of their family portrait) was to give us this beautiful reminder of God's love for us as individuals redeemed and adopted into His family. Mark and Lisa have always been an inspiration to me in their Christian walk (though I've never admitted this to Mark even privately, much less in the church newsletter!) God has used them even more as their adventure in adopting Rachel has unfolded. Their openness and sensitivity to the spiritual nature and applications of their experiences have been and will continue to be a source of blessing for us all, especially as we share their joy and responsibility in helping nurture Rachel in the love and admonition of the Lord.

MEN AND BOYS CAKE BAKE! Details are available elsewhere in the newsletter, but let me put another plug in for this special event, Sunday evening, May 26! Gentlemen, start your ingredients!

CHILDREN'S VBS/SUMMER MUSICAL: The 1996 Children's VBS/Summer musical has been selected and will be previewed in the near future. Parents, don't slack off in having your kiddos at children's choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. We are not quite through yet!

M & M CARNIVAL: Wednesday evening, May 29 is our annual Missions and Music End-of-the-Year Carnival. Our preschoolers and children who have attended Mission Friends, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, and graded choirs will have opportunity to come and spend the tokens they have earned through their attendance at this exciting event. All other regular Wednesday evening activities will be suspended for that one evening. Supper will be served though it will have a distinct carnival flavor! So, then plan to be present and be a part of the festivities!

Mike

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Adult IV Sunday School Department is sponsoring a Blood Drive to assist Community Blood Services, the agency that supplies blood to our local hospitals in meeting the needs of the northwest Arkansas patients who are in need of blood. It will be held in the FBC Gymnasium on June 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our goal is to sign up a minimum of seventy-five people over the age of seventeen and who weigh at least 112 pounds. You will be counted toward meeting our goal even if they reject your application due to medicines, illness or exposure to infectious disease.

To be a part of this project, just complete the form and give it to an Usher, a S.S. Department member, or turn it in to the church office.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

Please check one of the items:

- ☐ 1. I will be a donor. I would like an appointment at _____.
- ☐ 2. I would like to help by providing a refreshment. (Cookies, sandwiches, a two or three-liter pop, fruit, or chips, etc.)
- ☐ 3. I would like to help by serving as a greeter or helper during the drive. (Someone will call you about particulars.)
- ☐ 4. I can't donate blood or participate otherwise; but, I will pray for the Blood Drive and those needing the products.

YOUTH MINISTRY

of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church

Summer is quickly coming upon us. Before you know it kids will be out of school, the temperature will slowly but surely rise, and summer activities will begin.

The summer of '96 will hold special meaning for me. It was ten years ago this summer that I came to know Christ for the first time. I was saved at a youth camp in Hawkins, Texas just north of Tyler. It was there that my journey with the Lord began. I guess the exciting thing about that is that this summer could be a starting point for many of our young people. Through youth and children's activities this summer many students will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel, some for the first time, and to respond to the call of Christ to salvation. The start of their eternal journey could only be weeks or months away.

So what is your role in helping these young people come to know Christ in a deeper way this summer? Well, the first thing all of you can do is pray. Pray that God would move in such a supernatural way that lives are changed for eternity. Secondly, you could be one of the ones that God is calling out to help sponsor a youth or children's event, or maybe commit to work full time in Sunday School or another weekly program. Finally, maybe God is calling you to give to one of these ministries to help a student who cannot afford to go to a camp or an event. I have seen gifts like these give students the opportunity to hear the Gospel and respond to Christ's call for salvation.

Please pray about how you can help further the Kingdom of God this summer. Seek where God is working and then get involved in what He is doing. May He receive all the glory. Thanks so much. God bless.

In Him,
Jim

ATTENTION YOUTH

remember



Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.



MEN & BOYS CAKE BAKE



Sunday, May 26, 1996 • 6:00 p.m.

Awards will be given in both the senior (men) and junior (boys) divisions in the following categories:

- Most beautiful
- Most creative
- Best of show
- Best tasting
- Most unique
- Biggest flop (if applicable)

(Father/son team efforts will compete in the senior division)

Gentlemen, plan to participate!
Church family, plan to join in on the fun and eating!



Only 43 days until Vacation Bible School! Have you invited anyone to attend? Many of you have received a self addressed, stamped postcard asking for names of children. Please take 5 minutes and list children that you know may or may not attend church. Remember your children's classmates, tee ball friends, dance students, or soccer teammates. Many of us work with parents whose children will attend daycare this summer. We will arrange transportation to daycare facilities, babysitters' homes, etc. There is no reason why any child should miss a week of learning about Jesus. Vacation Bible School is an excellent opportunity for us to show families how much we love kids and what a family oriented church we are. So....please take a few minutes and jot down names, addresses or telephone numbers. Mail them to the church office or give them to me and we'll see that our Outreach team gets in touch with that family. Most importantly, please put Vacation Bible School on your prayer list!

Thanks,
Jan Hixson

Praise Record ~ May 12

Sunday School Enrollment	1025
Sunday School Attendance	413
New Sunday School Member	3
Weekday Attendance	11
Morning Worship	N/A
Evening Worship	N/A
Received May 12	\$ 12,980.84
Required May 12	\$ 16,153.85
Received in May	\$ 39,520.87
Required in May	\$ 32,307.70
Received in 1996	\$ 301,360.46
Required in 1996	\$ 306,923.15
Debt Retirement	\$ 2.00
Balance Owed	
Property Acquisition Loans	\$ 6,783.72
Find Us Faithful	\$ 2,936.60
Find Us Faithful since 4/14/96	\$ 22,832.03
Balance owed Cornerstone loan 4/30/96	\$1,043,399.52

Extended Session ~ May 19

Babies: Maxine Mayes, Melanie Million
Young Ones: Margaret Little, Dolores Hoover
Ones: Phillip & Dana Hargis
Twos: Ron & Deedra Branscum, Lindsey Loyd
Threes: Joe & Cheri DeSoto, Jackie Loyd
Fours: Karen Ramsey, Sarah Savage
Evening: Barbara Hinton, Marquita DenHerder

Parking/Van Ministry - May 19

Parking all members
Van Harry Norman

Hospitalized

Bill Martin WRMC #512

New Members

Angey Fincher
2936 Susan Carol
Fayetteville, AR
521-2514

Farrell & Becky Hass
1486 Woodbrook Drive
Fayetteville, AR
443-7169

Kabe Austin Lyons
2936 Susan Carol
Fayetteville, AR
521-2514

Sympathy

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to family and friends of Mary Evelyn Duncan, who died May 11, 1996. Graveside service will be May 17, 2:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery, New Albany, Mississippi;and to Jake Kitchens, who lost his sister, Violet Richards of Benton, Arkansas, recently.

WOMEN ON MISSION
Multifocus II
Prayer Group

Tuesday, May 21 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

WEDDING INVITATION

Dr. David E. Douglas and
Ms. Margaret Little
request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Jennifer Kay
to

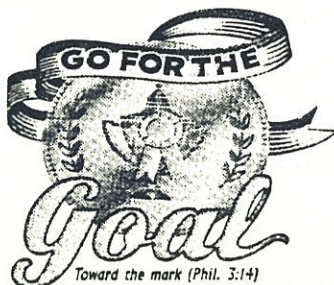
Jonathan Lance Arbuckle
Saturday, May 25, 1996
2:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
20 East Dickson Street
Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Reception following
in the Fellowship Hall.

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


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

- JUICE CAN LIDS
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT SCOOPS
- PAPER TOWEL ROLLS
- SMALL BABY FOOD JARS
- CLEAR 2 LITER COLA BOTTLES WITH LIDS
- STRAWBERRY BASKETS

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

Fayetteville's First Baptist Church Staff
Pastor - Jere Mitchell
Minister 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 University Students - Bruce Salsman
Organist - Jennie Riggs
Pianist - Rita Savage

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From Your Pastor

Victory Sunday was a wonderful day. We recognized University of Arkansas new graduates, and mothers. We also received commitment cards for "FIND US FAITHFUL." We now have 183 cards. The total given, or committed, over the next three years is \$817,643.00. We still have over 400 cards that have not been returned.

If you have not yet returned your card, would you please give very prayerful consideration to doing so. I would like for every one to at least commit to pray for us. I'm not worried about the money. This is God's church, and He will provide out of His riches. I am praying for that, and ask you to do the same.

God has been so good and continues to do even more. Thank you, Father!

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

Love,
Preacher

**SUNDAY
MAY 19TH**


High School Seniors Recognition Service
Morning Worship
10:50 am

Missions Recognition Evening Service
6:00 pm 