

Education Ministry

Let us not become weary in doing good, for if we are found faithful, (my words) in the proper time we will succeed. (Gal. 6:9)

Congratulations! to all our graduates. You have achieved a great accomplishment. You have succeeded and "hung in there" sometimes in difficult circumstances. To you who graduated from high school, please be assured of our prayers and support as you seek God's will in a career or a university to prepare you for a vocation. To you who have received under graduate and graduate degrees from the university, we offer you our heartiest support as you follow His paths in ministry and service. May God grand all of you the desires of your hearts!

Mission Recognition - Also, congratulations to the many boys and girls who succeeded in our missions organizations. The awards and recognition service blessed me last night. Young people, the church is proud of your hard work and advancement. God job!

All Church Outreach is scheduled for June 9, following evening worship. The plan is to focus on reaching children for VBS. However, we are not limited to VBS outreach if you have prospects to visit for your Sunday School group. Our church has planned an eventful and exciting summer. Basic to the success of what God will do in VBS, and all of the summer programs, is old fashioned visitation. Please plan to be a part of outreach on June 9.

Find Us Faithful Campaign - The famous geyser known as "Old Faithful" is not what she used to be. **USA Today** reported in February 6, 1996 issue that 25 years ago the geyser would faithfully erupt every 66 minutes, or 21 times per day. Today, the average is once every 77 minutes, or only 18 times per day. Personally, I found this out just a few years ago when I visited the old geezer (I mean geyser) on the way to Washington for a mission trip. It seemed we waited more than 77 minutes for the thing to erupt. Now, what I experienced is documented, Old Faithful has become less faithful.

Don't let this happen to our church family. Let me encourage you to be found faithful in support of our capital funds needs. If you haven't pledged yet, it's not too late. And by all means, please be faithful to all the ministry needs of our beloved church this summer.

May we all be found faithful,
Bob



FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

MEN AND BOYS CAKE BAKE! Guys, we had a few sign up to bake cakes, but we are going to need more to make this a real success. Men, and especially you boys, pull out the recipe box or go to the store and get a mix. We need you!!!

You will notice the schedule for our cake bake printed elsewhere in the newsletter. The trio of university guys: Kenny Bell, Jeremy Moore, and Daryl Williams who sang at Christmas, will be singing "I Have Seen the Light," a favorite of our congregation. They will be singing two other equally inspiring pieces. We will have time of good, old fashioned, recreational, fun singing. I hope everyone will come and make this a great time of fun and fellowship!

CHILDREN'S VBS/SUMMER MUSICAL: The theme for our 1996 Vacation Bible School is *Go for the Goal*. Correspondingly, *Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission* has been selected as our 1996 Children's VBS/Summer musical. All children, grades one through six will be previewing this musical soon and sign-up for auditions will follow.

There will be at least five not speaking parts, two speaking parts, three speaking and singing parts, and a host of solos. The production will also include some adults who have already been selected. Pray for our Vacation Bible School effort including the musical. This is one of our greatest opportunities for outreach and evangelism!

M & M CARNIVAL: Our last planning meeting for the annual M & M Carnival was held last Sunday afternoon. It was well attended and this is going to be a great event. Parents, you will be receiving information in the mail. Please mark Wednesday evening, May 29 and make certain your preschoolers and/or children are here for this fun time.

Remember, all other Wednesday evening activities are suspended for this one night. However, supper *will* be served though it will have a distinct carnival flavor (Hamburgers, hot dogs, carnival cookies, brownies). So, the whole church family is invited to come eat, and then watch the fun. (Sorry adults, the carnival is just for the kids!)

Mike

YOUTH MINISTRY

of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church

God's love is so patient. How many times in the Old Testament did the Israelites agree to follow the Lord, but soon after fell away? Yet God was still so faithful to his people and His love abounded even when He had to discipline them.

Well, we know that our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His love and faithfulness remain the same. "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent His son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:10) Do we truly trust and depend on the love that God has for us. If we do, then our lives should be a living reflection of His love. For "God is love. Whoever lives in the love, lives in God, and God in Him." (John 4:16) So "let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth." (1 John 3:18) May people see His love in us!

Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors. I know that this is a very special time in your lives. Remember to always keep Christ first and to seek Him daily. May God bless you as you continue your journey with Him.

Please pray for our youth as they finish school and start an exciting summer of fun, growth, and service. Thanks so much. God bless.

In Him,
Jim

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



SUMMER SCHEDULE

Skating - June 11

Tuesdays - Grades 1-3
Thursdays - Grades 4-6

You must have completed the 1st grade to be able to participate in the Summer Program. Your activity day will be based on the grade you were in last year. You will be receiving your calendars and information sheets in the mail this week.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Beginning June 5

TRUTH WORKS - 5:45-7:00 p.m.

Grades 1-3 meet in Room E224

Grades 4-6 meet in Room E227

ATTENTION YOUTH TEXAS RANGERS SIX FLAGS TRIP '96



Friday, June 7 - Sunday, June 9

\$65 per student

Includes Ranger ticket, Six Flags ticket, and hotel
Sign-up and pay by Wednesday, May 29th



MEN & BOYS CAKE BAKE



Sunday, May 26, 1996 • 6:00 p.m.

- 5:45 p.m. Cake bakers register at the north end of the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Evening fellowship, while the cakes are being judged we the church family will enjoy the following:
- Recreational singing and ringing
 - Mini-concert by our collegiate men's trio and others
- 6:30 p.m. Ribbons awarded in the following categories:
- Most beautiful - awarded for the cake judged to have the most appealing appearance, one in each division, Junior and Senior.
 - Best tasting - awarded for the cake judged to have most appeal to the palate, one in each division, Junior and Senior.
 - Most creative - awarded at the discretion of the judges for a cake featuring creativity in design deserving special honor, one possible in each division, Junior and Senior.
 - Most unique - awarded at the discretion of the judges for a cake featuring unusual appeal to the palate because of its unique recipe and/or ingredients, one possible in each division, Junior and Senior.
 - Biggest flop - awarded at the discretion of the judges for the cake representing a catastrophic failure only in the Senior division.
 - Best of show - awarded for the cake judged to represent the highest level of overall excellence, one in each division, Junior and Senior, and one as "Best Cake of the Bake."
- 6:40 p.m. Dig in, everybody judge the judges!

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

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.

Praise Record ~ May 19

Sunday School Enrollment	1025
Sunday School Attendance	431
New Sunday School Member	4
Weekday Attendance	9
Morning Worship	453
Evening Worship	168
Received May 12	\$ 16,434.86
Required May 12	\$ 16,153.85
Received in May	\$ 55,955.73
Required in May	\$ 48,461.55
Received in 1996	\$ 317,795.32
Required in 1996	\$ 323,077.00

Find Us Faithful since 4/14/96	\$ 28,247.73
Balance owed Cornerstone loan 4/30/96	\$1,043,399.52

Extended Session ~ May 26

Babies: Alma Kitchens, Evelyn Brooks
Young Ones: Chris & Kim Puckett, Shannon Davis
Ones: Jim & Vicki Rader
Twos: Dan & Nancy Eckels, Brenda Stout
Threes: Pam Earhart, Allen Thrasher, Steven Thrasher
Fours: Dawn Lockard, Julie Prater, John Robinson
Evening: Laura Jones, Jane Skinner

Parking/Van Ministry - May 26

Parking.....all members
Van.....Bob Mayes

Hospitalized

Anna A. (Bonnie) Davis.....WRMC, ICU

New Members

Rocky & Vicki Garriott
1880 Seminole Ct.
Fayetteville, AR
443-1971

Katie Garriott
1880 Seminole Ct.
Fayetteville, AR
443-1971

Congratulations

Congratulations to Edith Griffin on the arrival of a grandson, John William, on May 17, 1996. Parents are James and Caroline Griffin of Jackson, Mississippi..

Sympathy

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Angie Samuel who lost her grandmother in Denison, Texas, on May 7, 1996.

LEISURE CLUB

*Tuesday, May 28
12 Noon*

Program: Dr. Charles Oxford, Speaker and Entertainer.

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN MINISTRIES

Parent-Teacher Fellowship in

Fellowship Hall
Friday, May 31
7:00-8:45 p.m.

'Freshments & Fellowship
Film: James Dobson's
"The Strong Willed Child"

Reservations for childcare by May 28th.

**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.

MEMORIAL

In memory of Mary Evelyn Duncan by Bea Crook.

GO FOR THE GOAL
Toward the mark (Phil. 3:14)
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 24-28, 1996
SUPPLY DRIVE**

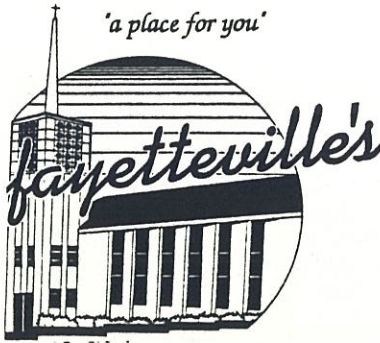
In order to offset the expense of VBS, we are asking church members to help with supplies. This week we are asking for

**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

Can you believe the University of Arkansas Spring Semester is over and the public schools have only two more weeks? Where does time go? Speaking of time, Paul encourages us to redeem (buy up) the time in service to the Lord. There are so many opportunities for service; but so little time, and I am only one person.

I am sure you often feel overwhelmed at times. Let me encourage you in your praise and gratitude for the loving kindness of the Lord.

Let me also encourage you in your service of God. The writer of Hebrews says, "Let us offer up through Him a sacrifice of praise that is the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. Do not neglect doing good and sharing, for God is pleased with those sacrifices." Hebrews 13:15-16.

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

Love,
Preacher

**SUNDAY
MAY 26TH**



**MEN & BOYS
CAKE BAKE**



**WEDNESDAY
MAY 29TH**



**M & M
CARNIVAL**