

Education Ministry

ALL CHURCH OUTREACH - This coming Sunday evening after worship, the FBC family will conduct witnessing and visitation in at least two ways. Many of us will travel to a neighborhood packed with elementary children and invite them to VBS. Along with our invitation, we will pass out flyers that will publicize our Bible School. Others will visit prospects for their Sunday School department.

We are trying outreach on Sunday evening for the first time. Hopefully, people are home on Sunday evening. It should be a great time to visit with people about the things of the Lord. According to the book of Acts, the main activity of the early church was to gather for worship, then go out to witness. This Sunday we will follow the pattern of the early Christian.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MEN'S RALLY - A Promise Keepers endorsed event is scheduled for Friday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Parsons Arena (Springdale) at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket. Dr. Tony Evans is the featured speaker who is in great demand as a Promise Keepers communicator. He is the former chaplain of the Dallas Cowboys and is now the Pastor of the Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas. We have purchased 25 tickets in advance. Tickets are going fast, so call the church office for your reservation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - We are planning for over 400 children enrolled in VBS this Summer. The date is June 24 through 30. Jan Hixson tells me that the complete faculty is enlisted and preparing for a super time of Bible study and all kinds of fun activities. Please do your best to invite and perhaps bring children living in your neighborhood.

We have planed at least two special events for VBS that we hope will reach children and their families for Christ. Sunday morning, June 30 is the commencement. We will continue VBS through Sunday morning at Sunday School time followed by VBS commencement in place of morning worship. An auditorium Bible class for parents of children attending Bible study is planned. One of the goals of this change of schedule is to invite prospects to attend Bible study and stay for the unique VBS joint worship on Sunday morning.

The other special event is a children's musical led by Becky Riggs. Elementary age children in grades one through six are invited to stay after Bible School and practice for a musical to be presented Sunday evening June 30. I really believe we will experience a full house for both events. Thank you in advance for your flexibility and cooperation. Please plan to attend on this special Sunday, and it's not too late for you to volunteer to be a part of a tremendous VBS.

See you Sunday with Bible in hand,
Bob



FROM THE MINISTER of MUSIC

WORK CONTINUES ON OUR CHILDREN'S MUSICAL! Becky Riggs gave me an update Sunday on the progress of our VBS/Summer children's musical. This year's musical will involve a number of adults. Those cast for these *big people* roles have already begun work on their parts. The production of *Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission* will be presented Sunday evening, June 30 at 6:00 p.m. Be certain to pray for Vacation Bible School and the preparations of this musical. Invite children you know to attend and plan to be present yourself for the musical.

DO YOU REMEMBER MY FIND US FAITHFUL ROBIN? You know, the one who assaulted her own reflection in our front window for weeks. Well, she finally gave up and built a nest atop the porch post farthest from that window. She laid her eggs, hatched them, fed her fledglings, protected them, and now they've grown up and flown away. We really enjoyed watching the whole process, once the *window pecking* was over! In fact, the day we walked out on the porch and the nest was empty and void of activity; the entire family was surprisingly sad. None of us had realized how attached we had become to that family of birds.

It wasn't a large family. She only had two babies. We all laughed at the sight of those two giant *chicks*, struggling to live in that tiny, crowded nest just before they learned to fly. Not until they were gone and I took the nest down did I discover the beautiful, blue, unhatched egg. Was it defective? Did nature wisely cull it from fruition? Is this merely a common occurrence in *robindom*? Or, was that egg doomed from the beginning because the nest was too small to allow the mother's warmth to help it develop properly. I don't know the answer, but there are a number of things that I have realized from this experience:

- *It's better to build your nest on the post that's available instead of waiting for the perfect tree until it's too late* - sometimes we must settle for less than we would like in a given circumstance.
- *Two out of three ain't bad* - it's better to attempt great things and fall short of your goal, than to attempt nothing and achieve it.
- *Life is filled with empty nests and unhatched eggs* - some sadness is the natural result of living, it's unavoidable, and so we must focus on the joy of our realized goals and achievements.
- *Our mundane daily activities are being watched by others, especially when we build our nest on someone's front porch* - nothing we do goes unnoticed, someone is always observing us, and sometimes circumstances put us under real scrutiny.
- *We have today and eternity* - babies grow up and fly away, we must enjoy them today; our life is fleeting, we must invest in things that will live on beyond us.

I'm sure there are many other lessons, but these are just a few that God gave me through our uninvited blessing!

Mike

YOUTH MINISTRY

of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church

What does it mean to be godly? Does it mean that we stay locked up in our prayer closet twenty-four hours a day? Does it mean that we go around quoting scripture to every living and non-living thing? Does it mean that we are at the church every time the doors are open and even sometimes when they are not?

Well, I think that there is a small element of truth in each of these extremes, but I think that godliness is not just in the doing, but in the living. Let me explain. It says in I Timothy 4:7-8 that we are to "train ourselves to be godly."

Well, what is this living it out all about? Just a few verses down Paul lets us know how we are to flesh out this call to godliness. In verse 12 he writes, "but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity." You see God calls us to be like Him in everything we do. We are to be different. We are to be a living example of Christ on Earth. We are His representatives, His ambassadors! Therefore, we should live with uncompromising standards and live up to the calling we have received. We should live in true holiness and godliness.

Pray for our youth as we travel to Texas this weekend for a time of fun and fellowship. Thank you for your prayers. God bless.

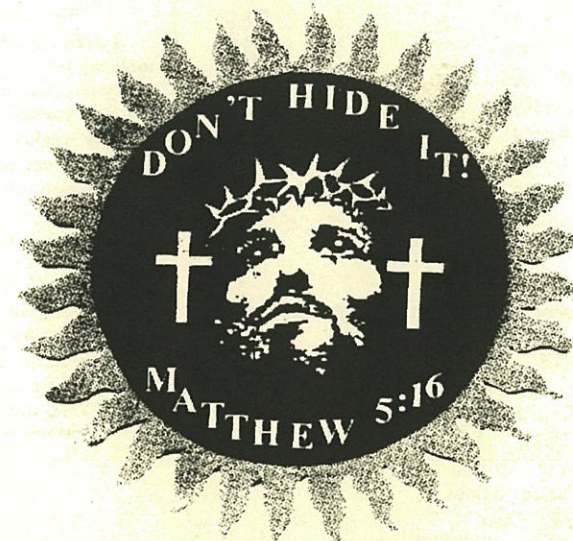
In Him,
Jim

RECEPTION
for
BOB & WANDA HOPKINS
SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 7:15 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL
following the evening service

The entire church family is invited to come join in this celebration. Our Personnel Committee is sponsoring the event to welcome the reunited Hopkins family to our fellowship!

ATTENTION YOUTH DISCOVERY WEEK '96

July 29 - August 3
Mt. Lebanon Baptist Encampment
Dallas, Texas
\$120 per student
Sign-up Now!!



Children's Ministry

of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church



DEVIL'S DEN

Hiking, Swimming, & Picnicing

Grades 1-3

Tuesday, June 11 - 11:30-4:00

Grades 4-6

Thursday, June 13 - 11:30-4:00

What to Bring:

\$3 for swimming, swimsuit, towel, sun-screen, sack lunch, extra money for snacks, and a flashlight, if you want to hike, and PERMISSION SLIPS!

Reservations by Sunday, June 9th
Parents sponsors needed - contact Lisa!

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MEN'S RALLY

Friday, June 14 - 7:00 p.m.

Parsons Arena (Rodeo Grounds of Springdale)

Speaker:

Dr. Tony Evans

- Promise Keepers platform speaker
- Former chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys
- Pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, Dallas, Texas

Working to equip, empower, and unite through God.

Tickets: \$5.00 - call the church office, 442-2387



Praise Record ~ June 2

Sunday School Enrollment	1024
Sunday School Attendance	444
New Sunday School Members	2
Weekday Attendance	14
Morning Worship	471
Evening Worship	121
Decisions	2
Received June 2	\$ 22,856.68
Required June 2	\$ 16,153.85
Received in June	\$ 22,856.68
Required in June	\$ 16,153.85
Received in 1996	\$ 349,025.67
Required in 1996	\$ 355,384.70
Find Us Faithful	\$ 7,724.00
Find Us Faithful since 4/14/96	\$ 40,892.93
Balance owed Cornerstone	
loan 4/30/96	\$1,043,399.52

Extended Session ~ June 9

Babies: Shirley Norman,
Barbara Hinton, Linda Townsend
Young Ones: Barbara Bolding,
Melanie Million
Ones: Nelda Gaines,
Jennifer Dunn
Twos: Peggy Goff, Clayton Brunson,
Michael Allen
Threes: Jeff & Lora Hayes,
Shannon Suvino
Fours: Edith Griffin, Stacy Suvino
Evening: Virginia Rose

Parking/Van Ministry - June 9

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

Hospitalized

Anna A. (Bonnie) Davis.... WRMC #229
Bill Martin..... WRMC #535

New Members

Jonathan & Leslie Martin
5901-B Samantha
Fayetteville, AR 72704
444-8448

Sympathy

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Dolores Jefferson on the loss of her husband, Loran, on June 4, 1996. Funeral will be Friday, June 7, at 10:00 a.m. in church sanctuary with burial at Claremore, Oklahoma.

What a Horrible Dream!



I dreamed that the Lord took my weekly contribution to my church, multiplies it by ten, and turned this amount into my weekly income. In no time, I lost all the things I had bought on credit, had to give up my car, and I couldn't make my mortgage payments. What can a person do on only \$100 a week? Suppose God took YOUR weekly offering and multiplied it by ten and made that YOUR weekly income? How much would YOU have?

WOMEN ON MISSION

Bible Study group will meet next Tuesday, June 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

LOA FELLOWSHIP

Meeting at the home of Dot Robertson on Thursday, June 13th, at 6:30 p.m.

GO FOR THE GOAL 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. 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
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Minister of Youth - Jim Thomas
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Pianist - Rita Savage

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CHILDREN'S DAY 1996

Sunday, June 9th

Light Their Way With Love



This Sunday at Fayetteville's First Baptist Church we will be celebrating and honoring our preschool and school age children in the morning worship service. We will have High Attendance Sunday in the Preschool and Children's divisions and give a special gift to all preschool and school age children who attend Sunday School.

Immediately following the morning service, we will have a Pizza Picnic in the Fellowship Hall for all preschool and children, their families, and all preschool/children's workers.



I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
John 8:12

ALSO THIS SUNDAY
ALL CHURCH OUTREACH