

## Education Ministry

**Wow! What a surprise!** The Reception the First family gave Wanda and me was a tremendous blessing! You welcomed us with grace and generosity. We thank the personnel committee, the staff and all the FBC fellowship for the reception. We enjoyed the food, the lovely decorations, and especially the fellowship. The "money basket" is a great blessing and Wanda will make good use of the generous gifts. It is such a pleasure to serve you along with our Godly ministerial staff. We look forward to the days ahead as together we grow numerically and spiritually in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

**Vacation Bible School** begins next Monday at 8:30 sharp. Jan Hixson and her workers are prepared and ready for a good group of children. Thanks to all who handed out VBS flyers and worked hard to make this VBS successful, however it's not too late to invite children to Bible School. And, it's now too late to volunteer to serve. We can use the help. Please pray for the school, especially on Thursday when the pastor leads the evangelism decision service. You are always invited to drop by next week and see what's going on. At one time during the ministry of Jesus, there were those around Him who were preventing the little children to come to Him. "When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'" [Mark 10:14] Next week the kingdom of God will bless precious children.

Thankfully,  
Bob

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you for your support for my trip to China. It is greatly appreciated. Thanks for your wonderful love and friendship and your many prayers. I am excited about what the Holy Spirit is going to do on this trip and will always remember that your support was/is a great part of this work! Thanks again.

Your-Sis-in-Christ,  
Renee Gaines



### FROM THE MINISTER of MUSIC

**Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission** that will be rehearsed and presented in conjunction with our 1996 Vacation Bible School. Children entering grades 2 through 7 are invited to participate in the rehearsals which will follow VBS each day. The presentation will be Sunday evening, June 30 at 6:00 p.m.

**KING DAVID WORSHIP CONCERT:** Work is progressing and the preparation for this effort is really exciting for me. Our choir is the most capable choir I have had the privilege of directing. Already they sound wonderful on the classic anthem, *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*, and Cindy Berry's *Restore My Joy* (many of you will remember Cindy - she came for a composer's weekend during Jeff Bennett's time here). The choir has made fast progress on two more demanding works: Randall Thompson's *The Last Words of David* and John Rutter's *The Lord Is My Shepherd*. All four of the anthems will include our capable keyboardists and other instrumentalists from within our membership. String players from our community will join with our folks on several pieces. The concert includes several of our soloists and I have written some of the music just for this concert. I hope that you will pray for this endeavor. It will be a great time of worship and includes an evangelistic challenge. I cannot urge you enough to invite friends from outside our church family to come share the experience, especially those who are less receptive to typical, traditional, *churchy* events. It will not be an evangelistic rally, but the gospel will be preached through the powerful means of music!

Mark your calendar and invite your friends, NOW! Sunday evening, July 14 at 6:00 p.m. Don't miss it!

**CAMP CAMPANELLA!** Coming soon to Fayetteville's First Baptist Church! For guys and gals entering grades 5, 6, and 7. Be watching the mail and this newsletter for more information!

Mike

Dear Church Family,

I wish to give my heart-felt thanks to each of you for your prayers, visits, gifts, and the support of others while I was sick recently.

Love & Thanks,  
Brenda Stout

## ATTENTION YOUTH

Remember



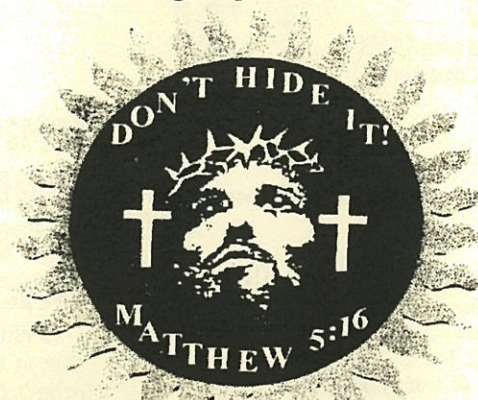
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**BE THERE!!**

More youth are still needed to help with recreation and classes for VBS next week. Please let your Sunday School teacher know if you are willing to help.

## 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



THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES NEXT WEEK BECAUSE OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO ATTEND BECAUSE IT WILL BE A GREAT WEEK! WE WILL NOT HAVE ANY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH. EXCEPT FOR CHOIR CHILDCARE. SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

LISA

## Bring a Friend Day Sunday, June 23rd

Bring your friend to Sunday School to meet your Best Friend, Jesus!





## Praise Record ~ June 16

Sunday School Enrollment	1004
Sunday School Attendance	432
New Sunday School Members	1
Weekday Attendance	6
Morning Worship	438
Evening Worship	160
Received June 16	\$ 13,494.47
Required June 16	\$ 16,153.85
Received in June	\$ 55,262.73
Required in June	\$ 48,461.55
Received in 1996	\$ 381,431.72
Required in 1996	\$ 387,692.40
Find Us Faithful	\$ 7,578.57
Find Us Faithful since 4/14/96	\$ 52,233.50
Balance owed Cornerstone loan 5/31/96	\$1,041,743.09

## Extended Session ~ June 23

**Babies:** Alma Kitchens, Evelyn Brooks  
**Young Ones:** Chris & Kim Puckett  
**Ones:** Jim & Vicki Rader, Lesley Purtle  
**Twos:** Dan & Nancy Eckels,  
 Brenda Stout  
**Threes:** Pam Earhart, Allen Thrasher,  
 Steven Thrasher  
**Fours:** Dawn Lockard, Julie Prater

## Parking/Van Ministry - June 23

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

## Hospitalized

Anna A. (Bonnie) Davis ... WRMC #229

## Deacon of the Week

Vaughn Skinner, June 23-29

## Preschool Teachers Supper & Planning Meeting

Thursday, June 20th  
 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## 1ST ANNUAL WOMENS RETREAT

Pictures  
 are available  
 for order  
 at the  
 visitor's  
 center.

## UNIVERSITY MINI GOLF PRO-AM SHOOT-OUT

**Friday, June 21st**  
 Meet at the church parking lot at 7:00 p.m.. Going to Locomotion for 18 holes, then on to Braum's for ice cream. Prizes for the lowest score per gender. If anyone beats Bruce, he will get down on his knees and kiss their feet!  
**Bring Friends!!**  
 (and at least \$6.00)

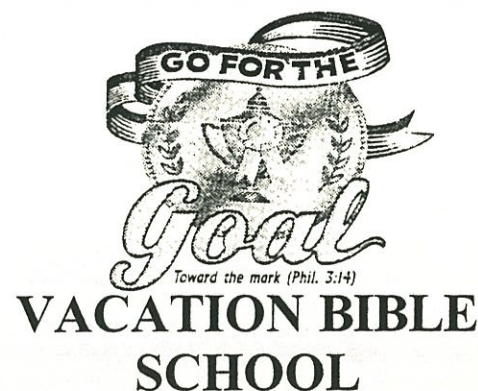
## MEMORIALS

*In Memory of*  
**Mary Evelyn Duncan**  
 Esther S.S. Class

*In Memory of*  
**Loran Jefferson**

Bobbie & Harvey Bowman  
 M/M Bill Brunner  
 Carol Coffey  
 Margaret Culpepper  
 Velma Jones  
 Lorin & LaVerne Keeton  
 Bill & Cleta Kirkpatrick  
 Bob & Jennie Riggs  
 Dan & Mildred Russell  
 M/M William Tilton  
 Henry & Helen Vannier  
 M/M Wendell Wilkins  
 M/M Bob Wood

*In Memory of*  
**J. Lowell Ponder**  
 Esther S.S. Class



## 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. Please bring the following items:

**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 Visitor'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

Many of you know by now that there are petitions circulating in Arkansas to put a proposed amendment to the State Constitution prohibiting gambling in our state on the ballot this Fall.

This proposed amendment will prohibit gambling on contests or games of chance or skill and specifically prohibit gambling on horse racing and dog racing. Gambling proponents have tried several times to add a lottery and casinos to the racing gambling we already have in Arkansas. I would like for us to have the opportunity to get rid of all legalized gambling in Arkansas.

We need over 125,000 valid signatures to get this on the Fall ballot. We must get these petitions into the Christian Civic Action Office by June 28th. That means we need to finish this up and get them in the mail soon.

We have the petitions here at the church. Please sign one soon. We also have petitions you can circulate at work or in your neighborhood. You must be a registered voter to sign. You can only sign once.

I'll look for you this Sunday in Sunday School and worship.

Love,  
 Preacher

## Next Week

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 24-28**  
**8:30-12 Noon**  
**4 yrs.- 6th Grade**

