

Education Ministry

Bible School was tremendous — beyond all expectations!! We recorded an enrollment of 290 students and faculty. Ten fourth through six graders made decisions for Christ. The Sunday festivities were outstanding. Parents joined their children during Sunday's invitation to publicly make their decision for Christ. It was a great blessing - what a week!

My heartfelt thanks goes to the following people who worked tirelessly to make all the events so amazingly successful. **Jan Hixson** who directed the VBS with vision and efficient organization. She enlisted the faculty and planned the activities that made the Bible stories so dynamic. **The Bible School teachers** who faithfully taught precious children and made the Bible come alive. **Mike Paslay and Jonathan Story** who provided music and worship leadership. **Jim Thomas and Brandon Brister** and the youth group who played with the students and produced great fun and games. **Becky Riggs** and her staff for the fantastic musical. The youth, children and actors were top shelf. **Clementine Hembree and Lisa Wheat** and the office staff for all their assistance in all kinds of ways. **Evelyn Macdonald and Carol Brunner** for organizing the refreshments and lunches. **Bill Brunner and Imogene Delap** who provided activities for the early arrivals. **Larry Laningham** who worked hard to make sure all the air conditioners were working and the rooms presentable. **FBC membership** who prayed, passed out VBS flyers, baked cookies and supported the school in so many ways. Last, but not least, **Brother Jere**, who gave us leadership and motivation.

God blessed the school in so many ways. We found many prospect families that we must follow up. Also, we discovered children who should be involved in Bible study each Lord's day. The attendance for family worship was 621 - practically a full house. I believe God was pleased with the large amount of people gathered in our beautiful place of worship. I am told there were many guests who attended for the first time. I hope this is only the beginning and God grants us a full house each Sunday.

Really, we are all servants. Paul writes that we are servants who have been assigned a task. "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God make it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building." [1 Cor. 3: 6-9]

Bob



The Ministry of Music
of
FAYETTEVILLE'S
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
presents

KING DAVID
A WORSHIP CONCERT

featuring the music of
Cindy Berry • Ralph Carmichael
Tom Lettke • Mike Paslay
John Putter • Randall Thompson

Sunday • July 14, 1996
6:00 O'Clock in the evening

Sanctuary of First Baptist Church
Corner of College and Dickson
Fayetteville, Arkansas



FROM THE MINISTER of MUSIC

VBS AND HANS BRONSON'S GOLD MEDAL MISSION, were both tremendous successes. So very many people involved in the total effort. So very many preschoolers and children in attendance each day (this, of course increased the number participating in the musical!) So very many first through sixth graders staying each day to sing in the musical (some 58 practicing at some point, a 70% increase over the 34 who participated last year!) So very many guests in worship, coming to see what their children had learned. This certainly was a *Gold Medal* week for our education ministry.

However, laypersons answering their call to service are the true key to this kind of effort. Those of us on the staff realize how vital you are. We as a church, are indebted to the commitment of time and energy you the laity gave to such enormous undertakings. Jan Hixson and those she enlisted have touched the lives of children and their families for years to come.

I could not have been more thrilled to be a part of the VBS/summer musical. The children under the direction of Becky Riggs and her assistants accomplished nothing short of a miracle. To have prepared this kind of presentation, at the level of excellence at which it was accomplished, in this kind of time frame reveals God at work through the effort and skills He gave them. Hallelujah! May His name be praised forever.

Certainly, this week presents a high mark for the overall ministry of our church to the community!!

KING DAVID WORSHIP CONCERT is only two weeks away. Sunday evening, July 14 we will present a concert of varied, beautiful music built around the life of the great psalmist, King David. The program will be a great worship experience and evangelistic in nature as well. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, invite folks to come. The success of the Vacation Bible School was the outreach effort of so many people. To facilitate your effort, we have printed personal invitations you may mail to friends. They are available in the church office. If you will stop by and address the envelopes, our secretarial staff will mail these for you (the ministry of music will even pay the postage). Note sheets are available to insert if you would like to jot a brief note. If you prefer, you may pick these up, write them at your leisure at home, and return them later or post them yourself.

This concert will be one of our greatest efforts of the year, equal in many ways to a pageant effort. Please help us by spreading the news by word of mouth, and through the invitations. And please remember to pray. At that God will:

1. receive the glory due His name
2. that we musicians will prepare to the best of our ability
3. that our church members will invite many to attend
4. that the lost will be open to the gospel message
5. that Christians will be open to have their hearts renewed and their joy expanded

It's going to be great!!

CAMP CAMPANELLA is open to all guys and gals going into the 5th - 7th grades next school year. It will be held July 16, 17, and 18 from 9:00 to 11:00 each day in the Choir Room. It is designed to prepare these musicians for participation in Campanella, the 5th, 6th, and 7th grade ChoirChime group that will begin rehearsals weekly in late August on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Information will be in the mail this week to the parents of children and youth this age. If you parents have any questions, or any of you who do not have children this age, yet know of prospects to give us, please feel free to call.

Mike

YOUTH MINISTRY

of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church

Well, it has been an incredible two weeks. God did so many awesome things during Super Summer and Super Summer JV, and He continued to do them during Vacation Bible last week as well. We saw at least 10 children come to know the Lord during VBS and a few more on Sunday morning. May God receive all the glory!!

I just wanted to take a minute to thank the 20 jr. high and high school students and the 6 youth workers who helped out in VBS. Your service and availability were used by God in mighty ways. Thank you for all your time, hard work, love, and a desire to minister to children.

We have two exciting events coming up for our youth in July. The first event, Youth Summer Bible Conference is Sunday, July 21-Wednesday, July 24. This year's theme for YSBC is "*Get Chiseled*." Our theme verses are Ephesians 4:11-16. We will be studying the book of Ephesians and how we can be more *chiseled* into the likeness of Christ while building up and encouraging those in His body, the church. We will also be doing those crazy, wild, and sometimes wet games, sharing in great praise and worship, and looking intently into God's Word. The first 15 students who sign up for YSBC will get a very chiseled free T-shirt. Plan now to be a part of YSBC '96.

The second event in July is Discovery Week Youth Camp '96. This year's camp is July 29th through August 3rd. The cost for Discovery Week is \$120 per student. Scholarships are available while they last. Registration forms have already been sent to all youth members and prospects. You must turn one of these in to reserve your space for camp. Signing up on the board outside the youth room does not reserve you a space. The registration form and your money is due by Sunday, July 28th. If all spaces fill up, you will be put on a waiting list. If for some reason someone cannot go, the first person on the waiting list will be able to go. This is necessary because of a limited number that we can take to Discovery Week this year. Turn in your registration forms as soon as possible to reserve your space and get ready for the most exciting camp ever. If you need a registration form, please call or come by the church office.

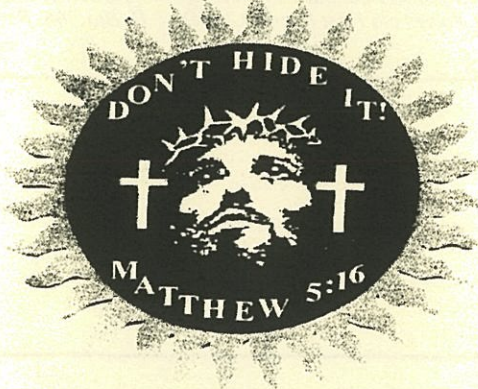
Please be in prayer for our youth as they prepare for these events and as God continues to move in our lives this summer. May we truly be emptied so that we may be filled with Him. God bless.

In Him,
Jim

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



What a wonderful week of VBS! Many lives were touched this past week. Children who had never heard about the love of Jesus were enlightened this week. Many of our own children, 9 on Thursday, and 2 more on Sunday, invited Jesus into their hearts! What a wonderful Lord we have.

There are so many people who need to be thanked for all the time and hard work they put into making VBS a huge success. Thank you to all those who worked in, prayed for, donated to, and made cookies for the week. You will never know how much you are appreciated, not only by me but by the children. Thanks to Becky Riggs, Mike, and all the other people who participated in the musical Sunday night. It was great. What a talented bunch of children and adults we have in this church. I also want to say an extra special thanks to Jan Hixson, Uncle Bob, and Clementine for all their love, hard work, and patience. You are the Best!

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 4TH-6TH GRADERS!

If you are interested in your child going to camp this summer, contact Lisa by July 10. In order for us to go we must have a male and a female counselor. If you are interested in being one, contact Lisa or the church office. We cannot sign up for camp without counselors.

Lisa

Crazy Hat Day

Sunday, July 7th

CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM

Grades 1-3

LAKE WEDINGTON

Tuesday, July 9, 11:30-3:30

Bring \$1, towel, sunscreen, sack lunch, 2 drinks, money for snack bar, and anything else you might need at the lake.

Grades 4-6

LOKOMOTION

Thursday, July 11, 12:00-3:00

Bring \$6 and extra spending money for more tokens or snacks. Please eat lunch before you come.

Reservations needed by Sunday, July 7.
Call the church office, 442-2387.
Parent Sponsors needed - contact Lisa.

Praise Record ~ June 30

Sunday School Enrollment	992
Sunday School Attendance	505
Morning Worship	621
Evening Worship	276
Weekday Attendance	9
Decisions	9
Received June 23	\$ 13,555.64
Required June 23	\$ 16,153.85
Received in June	\$ 80,777.90
Required in June	\$ 80,769.25
Received in 1996	\$ 406,946.89
Required in 1996	\$ 420,000.10
Find Us Faithful	\$ 2,961.00
Find Us Faithful since 4/14/96	\$ 56,293.65
Balance owed Cornerstone loan 5/31/96	\$1,041,743.09

Extended Session ~ July 7

Babies: Audrey Clinehens, Lola Mae Shackelford

Young Ones: Eva Cornwell,

Dolores Hoover, Barbara Hinton

Ones: Nelda Gaines, Lori Dunn

Twos: Jane Eaves, Shannon Davis

Lucy Pendleton

Threes: Charles & Yvette Getch, Brenda Stout

Fours: Johnnie Williams, Laura Lacy

Parking/Van Ministry - July 7

Parking all members

Van Bobby Harwell

Hospitalized

Janie Rose, UAMS #427, Little Rock

Deacon of the Week

Bruce Jones, July 7-13

New Members

Cheryl Barker & Barrett Barker

1734 Austin Dr.

Fayetteville, AR

442-0520

Patti Blass

1420 N. Salem Rd.

Fayetteville, AR

442-3586

Jane Eaves & Brooke Eaves

1744 Hunters Ridge

Fayetteville, AR

587-1058

Connie Moore & Courtney Moore

359 Village Dr.

Fayetteville, AR

444-6845

Tim Hamilton

281 Wedgeview Dr.

Farmington, AR

267-2085

Daniel Rogers

4831 Sandi Lane

Fayetteville, AR

444-7696

Memorials

In memory of Loran Jefferson

Don McGraw & Ruth McGraw

Jim Zerger

WOMEN ON MISSION

Bible Study Group

will meet Tuesday, July 9th at
9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

*How Can I Find God's Will
in Today's World?*



FIRST BAPTIST TRAVELERS

Dinner at Stephensons
Theatre - "Anything Goes"

Arts Center of the Ozarks

Cost: Dinner & Shows, \$21.00

THURSDAY, JULY 18TH

Leave church at 4:15 p.m.

Reservations and money due

no later than July 7th - Call Louise - 442-2994

Fayetteville's First Baptist Church Staff

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From Your Pastor

This past Sunday was a wonderful day in the life of our church! Thank you Lord for your blessings.

I received a note in the offering plate this past Sunday asking us to pray for all of the men and women who have served and are serving in the military of the United States of America. We must never forget the great sacrifices these men and women paid and are paying. Freedom may be free, but is not cheap. The families of these men and women also pay a great price. Remember them as you celebrate this Independence Day. Remember also, the great price that Jesus paid that you might have freedom from the power of the penalty of sin.

A BIG THANK YOU is in order for all of the wonderful people who worked so hard to make our Vacation Bible School such a success. The sacrifices you made were rewarded, in part, Sunday when so many made public decisions for Christ. Rewards will continue to be reaped in the days to come.

I will look for you this Sunday in Sunday School and Worship.

Love,
Preacher

