



## FROM YOUR PASTOR

Royce Ann and I have been in the mountains of northern New Mexico this week. We have enjoyed the beauty of the mountains and the time of rest and recreation.

Several years ago our church elected a Property Acquisition Committee and gave them the responsibility to seek out property near our church for additional parking. This committee, made up of LeRoy Duell, Feriba McNair and Keith Robbins, have served us faithfully. They have recommended the purchase of several pieces of property along Highland Street north of our buildings. Over the past several years we have purchased six pieces of property for a total price of \$567,800.00. The notes on all of these pieces of property have been retired.

These purchases have helped us to add to our available parking. We are still short on the parking we need to accommodate anticipated growth of our church.

A couple of weeks ago the red brick house, which is next to the last house on the east side of Highland before you get to Lafayette, came on the market. This week the blonde brick house, which is the last house on the east side of Highland before Lafayette, became available.

Sunday night, July 21, at our regular monthly business meeting, the Property Acquisition Committee will present a recommendation that we purchase both pieces of property. The price on the red brick house is \$111,000. The price on the blonde brick is \$90,000. I believe that this is a great opportunity for our church. I hope that you will be present at the business meeting to hear the details of this recommendation. There is owner financing on the blonde brick property.

Please pray for the wisdom, leadership and spirit of God as we make this decision.

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

Love,  
Preacher



## FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

**REFLECTIONS:** Years of dreams, months of planning, weeks of work, and days of intense focus have come to an end. The concert Sunday evening involved the energy of lots of folks. For me personally, it was almost all-consuming toward the end. Large, special projects typically are for all of us. It will take a few weeks for me to fully *unwind* and get a full picture of our efforts, but here are a few of my immediate impressions.

*Gratitude* — I thank the Father for life, Jesus for redemption, the Spirit for guidance. I am grateful for a call to salvation and service. I am appreciative of nurturing for ministry and a people and place to express it. This church and its musical resources represent the greatest potential of my ministry to this point in time. I do not take the moment lightly. I feel a great sense of responsibility and thankfulness for the challenge.

*Joy* — During my seminary days, Bill Green was minister of music at First Baptist Church in Richardson, Texas. During a visit to his church as a part of a field education class, he said to us with great passion, "If you don't wake up everyday with joy in your heart that you get to be a minister of music, feeling sorry for everyone else in the world they can't be, you ought to do something else." He expressed quite well exactly the feeling that I had then and have continued to have throughout my ministry. I do regret terribly that so few of us get to do what I do. (Of course, I realize that the beauty of God's plan is, everyone else feels the same way about what they are *called* to do.) Sunday evening's concert was a great experience. It gave me joy. But, Monday morning when it was over, it gave me joy to realize that I still wanted to come to work. As big an event as it was, it was just that, one event in a sequence. Camp Campanella began Tuesday, and it thrills me just as much to teach young people how to start as musicians as it did to direct the choir and instrumentalists Sunday evening. I feel joy in the event as a *highlight*, and joy in knowing that it was not the sum of the whole, just part of it.

*Hope* — Each time we share our faith, we give opportunity for the Kingdom to expand. Yet, sharing our faith is not something we do just for others. Sunday evening as I opened my heart and shared the things good has taught me through David's life, I realized all over again just how great God is and how much I love Him for being who and what He is. I came face to face once again with reality of His existence and my relationship to Him. I was renewed in my faith in Him, and of His call to use music to share His reality with others. I was reminded that as long as He tarries, His song must be heard - bold and strong, sweet and clear, with passion and heart.

This small space and your patience will not allow me to express all that I feel, but I wanted to share these thoughts with you. Thank you for your prayers for the effort. Thank you for your attendance and interest in inviting others. Thank you for indulging me as I shared my dream and involved you as a church in it. And a special thanks to those of you who contributed time, energy, and effort trusting that what I dreamed could glorify God, build His church, and speak to those who have yet to respond to His Song.

Mike

## YOUTH MINISTRY

of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." If you have spent any time in the life of a church, this verse should seem very familiar to you. The problem with familiarity though is that it seems to breed numbness. Numbness to meaning, impact, and truth.

What does it really mean to trust? Well, it is the child jumping off the side of the pool toward the waiting arms of a loving parent, though the child is terrified. It is the teenager driving off on their first date while the parents stand helplessly behind on the front porch. It is the college graduate weeks from graduation and still without a job. It is the spouse that is left behind who is scared to face life alone. It is a Savior giving Himself on a cross knowing that even though the world and His own Father have rejected Him that there is hope.

That is trust. Looking at your present situation and not understanding how it will all work out, but knowing that somehow there is God who knows far more than you and who has your best interests in mind. It is believing that God is who He says he is and that He is bigger than anything we will ever face. In this context that old familiar verse seems to hold new meaning. When we give up trusting in ourselves and truly look to the One who is bigger than our problems, He promises to make our road very straight. May He receive all the glory!

Please be in prayer for our youth and their leaders as we prepare for *Youth Summer Bible Conference*. Pray that students will come and that God will meet us in a powerful way. Pray also for *Discovery Week '96*. Pray for our preparation for this time and that students will continue to sign-up to go. Thanks for your prayers. God bless.

In Him,  
Jim

## Children's Ministry

of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church



**DONUT SUNDAY** - This Sunday, July 21

Enjoy your favorite donuts this Sunday in Sunday School.

## CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM

Grades 1-3

**PIZZA HUT/SKATING**

Tuesday, July 23, 11:30 am-3:30 pm

Grades 4-6

**BIG SPLASH - TULSA**

Thursday, July 25, 8 am-6 pm

Reservations needed by Sunday, July 21. Call the church office, 442-2387.

Parent Sponsors needed - contact Lisa

## YOUTH SUMMER BIBLE CONFERENCE

July 21-24



This year's book:  
**EPHESIANS**

Sunday & Wednesday

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday

7:00-8:30 p.m.

## DISCOVERY WEEK '96

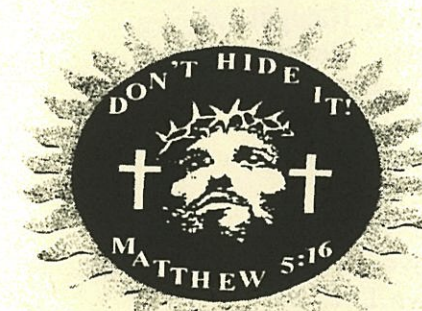
July 29 - August 3

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Encampment

Dallas, Texas

\$120 per student

Sign-up Now!!





**Praise Record ~ July 14**

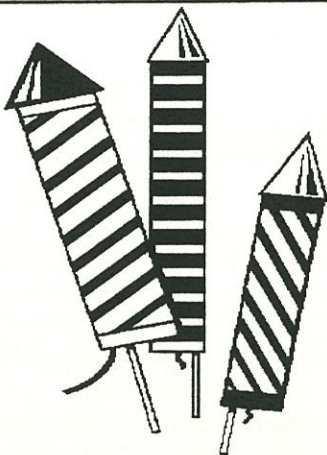
Sunday School Enrollment	997
Sunday School Attendance	424
Sunday School New Members	3
Morning Worship	443
Evening Worship	334
Weekday Attendance	N/A
Received July 14	\$ 15,271.39
Required July 14	\$ 16,153.85
Received in July	\$ 38,180.07
Required in July	\$ 32,307.70
Received in 1996	\$ 445,829.86
Required in 1996	\$ 452,307.80
Find Us Faithful	\$ 4,337.13
Find Us Faithful since 4/14/96	\$ 65,946.28
Balance owed Cornerstone	
loan 6/30/96	\$ 1,029,323.37

**Extended Session ~ July 21**  
*Babies:* Maxine Mayes,  
 Debbie Rose, Hannah Lee  
*Young Ones:* Margaret Little,  
 Virginia Rose  
*Ones:* Jim & Vicki Rader  
*Twos:* Ron & Deedra Branscum,  
 Lindsey Loyd  
*Threes:* Joe & Cheri DeSoto,  
 Jackie Loyd  
*Fours:* Dawn Lockard,  
 Sarah Savage

**Parking/Van Ministry - July 21**  
 Parking..... all members  
 Van ..... Harry Norman

**Hospitalized**  
 Tom Hendricks, WRMC

**Deacon of the Week**  
 Bob Riggs, July 21-27



**JULY**  
**LEISURE CLUB**

**Tuesday, July 23, 12 Noon**  
**Speaker:**  
 Mr. Charles Venable  
*Assistant Director of Public Works*  
*City of Fayetteville*  
 Speaking about city streets and future planning.

*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*

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**SUMMER BIBLE CONFERENCE**  
**July 21-24**  
*Ephesians: One Body in Christ*

The annual Summer Bible Conference begins this Sunday morning. Bob Hopkins is our teacher. The book of study is Paul's epistle to the Ephesians. Paul wrote this letter in Rome while in prison. He intended for the letter to be read in the churches as a manual for the New Testament church. It's as relevant in our church today as it was to the ancient church in Ephesus. Please do your best to attend every session. The schedule which includes the outline and the time of each session is listed below:

- Session One:** Sunday Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.  
 God's Eternal Purpose (Chapter 1:1-4)
- Session Two:** Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.  
 Background of the book and the Exaltation of Christ. (Chapter 1:15-23)
- Session Three:** Monday, 7:00-7:50 p.m.  
 Spiritual Transformation (Chapter 2)
- Session Four:** Monday, 8:00-8:30 p.m.  
 The Mystery of the Ages (Chapter 3)
- Session Five:** Tuesday, 7:00-7:50 p.m.  
 Diversity of Gifts (Chapter 4:1-5: 14)
- Session Six:** Tuesday, 8:00-8:30 p.m.  
 Practical Christian Living (Chapter 5:15-33)
- Session Seven:** Wednesday, 6:00-6:45 p.m.  
 The Christian Armor (Chapter 6)

~Note: A break will follow sessions three and five~