

Education Ministry

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:38

TWO REQUESTS FOR WORKERS IN THE HARVEST

First Request - Sunday School Leadership- The Nominating Committee is in the process of enlisting leadership for the new Sunday School year. We are in great need of preschool/children's leadership. The Children's Division needs two children's directors and three teachers. The Preschool Division needs two director's and at least one teacher. Children are important to the kingdom of God. Jesus told His disciples to "let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Our church must have leadership to minister to precious children. Please pray about your place of service and contact the church office.

Second Request - Extra Office Help - We have found a way to contact everyone who moves to a new residence in Fayetteville. According to our information, at least 125 new residents move in our city each week. We don't know if the new resident is just moving within our city to one place from another, or if they are moving to Fayetteville for the first time. We just know they have moved. We have a plan to mail every new resident some information about our church along with an opportunity to respond. We hope to discover about thirty-five to forty prospect families per month. The need is for someone to volunteer to work in the church office about four hours each week. This volunteer will type at least 124 addresses of new residents per week. Each month we will mail a special mail-out to the new residents. Again, contact the church office if you will help in discovering families in need of a witness or ministry of the church.

Expectantly,
Bob



FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

CAMP CAMPANELLA was a tremendous success! We had eight 5th - 7th graders who attended camp every day. The final day two of the *campers* each brought a guest who stayed for the Thursday afternoon activity sponsored by our Children's Ministry. Donna Hall (who is not a 5th, 6th, or 7th grader) attended two days and helped during camp and the children's activity as well. If all of these ringers commit to CAMPANELLA next month, we'll have a great group. If three more ringers join their ranks we'll do even better. So, pray for this ministry and if you know of someone who might be a *suspect*, let me know so that I can talk to them about this great opportunity.

SANCTUARY CHOIR: Our Sanctuary Choir is made up of some very committed people. In every church I've served the service choir for the morning service comprised of adults (and in some smaller situations, youth as well) has represented a microcosm of the church at large. No where has this been more true than here at Fayetteville's First Baptist Church.

Our choir is made up of teachers, deacons, committee members, discipleship training leaders, youth workers, and mission minded folks. The diversity seen in our church, is mirrored in the choir. The faithfulness of our church membership is reflected in the choir's consistently good attendance. All three summers of my tenure here, our Sanctuary Choir has consistently had an attendance equal to or greater than that of the church as a whole, proportionally. I appreciate these people, not only for their dedication, commitment to serve, and willingness to meet a challenge, but also for their desire for excellence. It inspires me and motivates me to grow personally, both in the spiritual and musical realms.

Some of you have considered being a part of the choir. However, for some reason or another, you feel its not a place for you. Let me encourage you to prayerfully reconsider that idea. Our Sanctuary Choir is a family of church members, each with varying degrees of musical talent, training, and aptitude, unified by their love for the Lord, His church, and the desire to see Him glorified, the church built up, and the lost reached through music. Each of us bring something different to the effort. Collectively, like the church, we are able to accomplish much more than we could singly, with each of us receiving far more than we bring.

Our present Sanctuary Choir enrollment is somewhere around 63. That number should be much closer to 75. If it were, our weekly average attendance of 40-42 would rise considerably. Our loft quite comfortably seats 52 in its present format. There is room for up to 60. To reach that maximum level in the loft, with our present enrollment to attendance ratio, we would need to have 88 people enrolled. You might help us toward that goal. Will you prayerfully consider it?

Mike

YOUTH MINISTRY

of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church

"God can do more in sixty days than we can ever do in sixty years." - Henry Blackaby

That is not a difficult statement to say, but an extremely difficult statement to live out. To believe that God can and will actually do what He says He will do, and to daily trust Him to do that, is hard. It takes daily surrender, daily dependence, daily faith, daily trust, and daily obedience. It takes putting our will and desires aside to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. It takes placing all that we know at the feet of Christ and trusting Him to take us where we cannot see. It takes making Jesus not only Savior but also Lord of our lives. But isn't that what we are supposed to do as followers of Christ anyway? Will we trust Him today to do more than we could ever ask or imagine? Remember who He is!

Please pray for our youth and their sponsors as we leave for Discovery Week '96 this coming Monday. Pray for this year's program personalities. Our camp speaker is Ken Freeman. Our camp musician is Jamie Page. Our camp concert is with Al Denson. Please also pray that God would move in a mighty way to draw us into His presence and for us to be changed more into the likeness of His Son. Pray for those students who do not know Christ. Pray that this would be the week of salvation for them. Pray for those Christian students who need to get right with the Lord. And most of all, pray that God would be honored and glorified in everything that happens at Discovery Week '96. Thanks for your prayers. God bless.

In Him,
Jim

Children's Ministry

of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church



CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM

Grades 1-3

WILDLIFE SAFARI

Tuesday, July 30, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$4.00

Grades 4-6

SILAM SPRINGS AQUATIC PARK

Swimming & Water Slide

Thursday, August 1, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$3.00

*Reservations needed by Sunday, July 28. Call the church office, 442-2387.
Parent Sponsors needed - contact Lisa*

DISCOVERY WEEK '96

July 29 - August 3

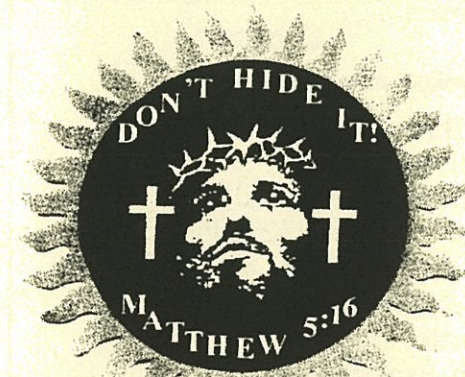
Mt. Lebanon Baptist Encampment
Dallas, Texas

Departure Time:

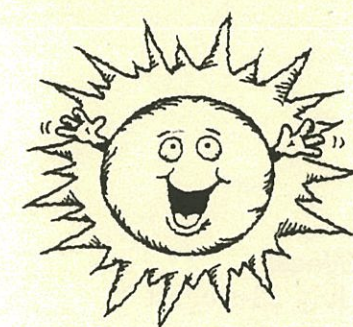
Monday, July 29th, 6:30 a.m.

Luggage Reminder:

Only 1 large suitcase and a carry-on.



*Get Ready For a
Great Week!*



Praise Record ~ July 21

Sunday School Enrollment	996
Sunday School Attendance	371
Morning Worship	407
Evening Worship	142
Decisions	3
Received July 21	\$ 9,547.24
Required July 21	\$ 16,153.85
Received in July	\$ 47,727.31
Required in July	\$ 48,461.55
Received in 1996	\$ 455,377.10
Required in 1996	\$ 468,461.65
Find Us Faithful	\$ 1,341.95
Find Us Faithful since 4/14/96	\$ 67,288.23
Balance owed Cornerstone	
loan 6/30/96	\$ 1,029,323.37

Extended Session ~ July 28

Babies: Evelyn Brooks,
Alma Kitchens, Cathy Williams
Young Ones: Chris & Kim Puckett
Ones: Carol Earhart, Laura Jones
Twos: Dan & Nancy Eckels,
Lesley Purtle
Threes: Pam Earhart,
Allen Thrasher, Steven Thrasher
Fours: Brandon & Paula Brister

Parking/Van Ministry - July 28

Parking..... all members
Van Bob Mayes

New Members

Kim Easterling & Pate Easterling
3156 Kensington Ct.
Fayetteville, AR
587-8487

Laura Parker
554 S. Buchanan, #6
Fayetteville, AR
443-7147

Deacon of the Week

Bill Shackelford, July 28-August 3

Sympathy

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Lisa Wheat on the loss of her grandmother, Goldie McCormack, of Searcy, Arkansas on July 17, 1996.

Memorial

In memory of Mrs. Lettie Carney
by Kathryn C. Dickey

KIEV SYMPHONY CHOIR & ORCHESTRA
AT THE WALTON ARTS CENTER

On Tuesday, September 17th, the Kiev Symphony Choir and Orchestra from the *Church of the Holy Trinity in Kiev, Russia* will arrive in Fayetteville to give a concert at the Walton Arts Center that evening. This interdenominational group of nearly 100 musicians from the Ukraine is on a Music Mission to the United States, seeking to share their musical talent with our country and to learn about American church life. They want to stay in homes and experience knowing a Christian family.

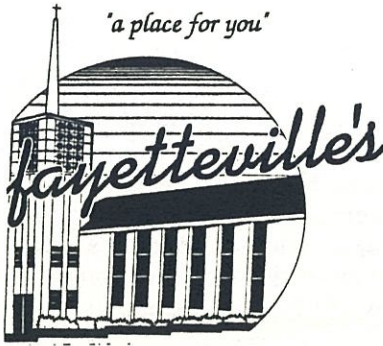
The North Arkansas Symphony and the Walton Arts Center would like to become partners with churches in Fayetteville in providing a one-night homestay for each of these musicians. If you are willing to provide a night's lodging for two or more of these folks or wish more information please call either Lisa Leonard, 521-4166 or Sarah Burnside, 442-9939.

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. concert are \$14.00 For groups of ten or more, tickets can be purchased in a block for \$12.00 a piece. If you are interested in the discount, please call the church office to have your name put on a list. Should we have ten persons make requests, we will then contact them and payment of the \$12.00 will be received at that time.

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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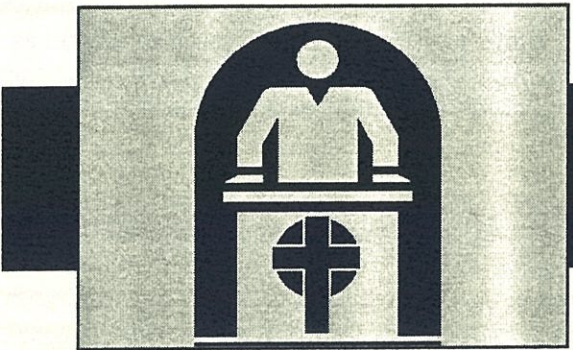
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From Your Pastor

Royce Ann and I had a wonderful time last week on vacation. Thanks to the very capable staff of First Baptist Church for picking up the extra work. Thanks to Dr. Andrew Hall for preaching for me on Sunday morning. It is so good to have Dr. Hall and Mrs. Hall as members of this congregation. Thanks also to Brandon Brister, youth intern, and Brother Fred Blake for speaking on the two Wednesday nights. I heard good things about all of these services.

I truly regret missing the King David concert. Mike Paslay does such a wonderful job leading the music ministry of our church. Thanks to all!

The decision the church made this past Sunday evening in our regular business meeting to purchase the houses at 354 and 360 North Highland Street gives evidence of a very positive attitude about our church. I believe First Baptist's best days are in front of us. We needed this property for future growth. I am pleased with this decision and the direction and spirit of our church. Keep praying, seeking the Lord and intimate fellowship with him. Keep working and giving your very best to our heavenly Father. Psalm 113:5 says no one can compare with the Lord. How true that is and how He deserves our very best.

Linda Townsend, our financial secretary, has told me she plans to retire October 1, 1996. If you are interested in applying for this position, please call the church office for an employment application.

I will look for you next Sunday in Sunday School and church.

Love,

Preacher

