

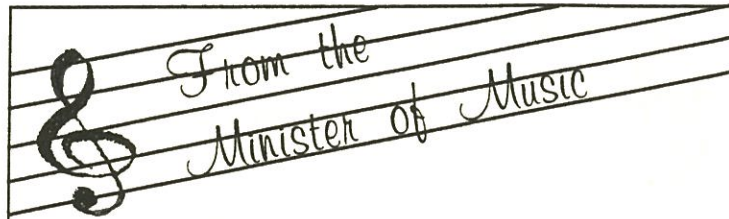
Education Ministry

"Granddaddy, I just loved my Sunday School class and liked my teacher." This comment was wonderful to hear because it came unsolicited from my beautiful seven year old granddaughter after she attended our Sunday School for the first time this past Sunday. I was so proud of our Sunday School and was pleased she had a good learning experience. I was reminded again of the importance of our preschool/children ministry. We know first hand and from the experts that to reach families with young children, we must provide the best in children's Bible study and ministry. Our church showed great wisdom and vision when we invested in a warm and beautiful education facility.

Sunday School Promotion is just three weeks away. We provided the learning environment, now we must enlist the best teachers who love children and love God. At the present, we need directors and teachers. Our goal is to establish two more children's departments. The plan is to add more teachers to the present departments as well as staff the new departments. Please pray about your involvement in our children's ministry. I assure you that this service to God will bring joy and blessings to your life. You will hear comments like - "I love you so much" or "Thank you for helping me." You probably will experience a smile of genuine gratitude and maybe a warm hug. Where else are you going to receive these kinds of rewards? While I'm at, a great big thank you to all of our faithful teachers who minister every week to these precious children. May your tribe increase!! If you will join this happy tribe, please contact Lisa Wheat or Clementine Hembree.

This Sunday after evening worship is our third all church outreach of the summer. The purpose of this advance is to contact all our prospects and invite them to Bible study and worship. We recorded eighty-six prospects the past 10 weeks who either attended Bible School, Sunday School or Worship. They need our visits and follow - up. The Bible records the time Jesus sent out seventy-two to go to the cities and homes of people to tell the Good News. "The seventy-two returned with great joy and said, 'Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.'" It is our hope that we know the joy of teaching and experience the success of adding new members in the coming days of a new advance.

Expectantly,
Bob



DISCOVERY WEEK! The report our youth and sponsors gave Sunday evening revealed that Discovery Week lived up to its name. Despite their weariness and the late arrival of part of the group, our youth worked not only diligently to give us a picture of their week, but also to lead us in worship. We all share the joy of the victories that were won and the life-changing decisions that were made. May we as parents and as a church be faithful to honor the request made to *stoke the fire* and prayerfully support our youth as they burn bright for Jesus; at home, at school, and in their leisure time.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS! Friday, September 6 is the date. Training is the purpose. Participation is the key. Midnight Madness is the brainchild of our minister of education. It is one night of concentrated training for our Sunday School staff.

"Well if it is Bob Hopkin's idea, and involves the Sunday School leadership, why are you talking about it in your article, Paslay?"

Simple. I liked his idea. I asked him if we could train our graded choir workers at the same time as a part of the event. Because he is a kind and gracious man, he was neither selfish nor protective. Joyfully he replied, "Sure, that's a great idea!" So, there you have it.

I hope all of you who have leadership responsibilities in any of our organizations - Sunday School, Mission Organizations, or Graded Choirs - will plan to come. Mark you calendar and be there. Remember, participation is the key!

AND SPEAKING OF MISSION ORGANIZATIONS AND GRADED CHOIRS, Clementine Hembree (our preschool coordinator), Lisa Wheat (our children's minister), Becky Riggs (our children's choir coordinator), and I (the resident *hymn and chorus heister*) are all on the lookout for prospective workers in all areas. Don't wait to be button-holed. Pray! Ask God where you should serve. We can't be a *needs* oriented church striving to provide ministry to a dying world without ministers to meet those needs. It requires everyone's help. God's wisdom will show us where. So, prepare prayerfully, and know your spot when called upon. Better yet, help us out and come volunteer for the place God has shown you already!

[Please notice, I kept my word. It wasn't a trend!]

Mike

YOUTH MINISTRY

of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven."
(Matthew 5:16)

God calls us to shine for Him. He calls us to literally be a light in a very dark world. My question for you today is, how brightly are you shining? Are you running on DC or "battery power," power that fades away after a short time, or are you plugged into AC power, a continuous source of power. This is the eternal power source of a relationship with Jesus Christ. If you are plugged into Christ, you are spending daily time with Him in His Word, prayer, and worship. If you are not, you are living a truly weak and powerless life. Jesus said that we are the light of the world. If we do not shine for Him, how will a dark, blind, and lost world be released from so great a darkness? My prayer is that we will be so bright that people will be drawn to the light of Christ in our lives and find Him.

God truly blessed us this past week at *Discovery Week '96*. We saw many come to know Christ for the first time and many get right with the Lord. Please help to "stoke the fire" that was started in our young people's lives last week. Help them as they grow in their faith and as they put that faith into action. Pray for them as they prepare to return to school and as they become that light that Christ has called them to be. Thanks for your prayers and your support of our youth. God bless.

In Him,
Jim

Children's Ministry

of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church



What a great summer this has been! I can't believe it is almost over. Thank you to all the parents who sponsored and drove vans to our trips this summer. I couldn't have done it without you. Now it's time for us to start getting ready for a new Sunday School year starting August 25. We are still looking for a few angels to help us teach our wonderful children. We are in need of second grade teachers and one for 5th and 6th grade. If you would be willing to give a couple hours of your time each week to help bring our children to Jesus, contact me or Bob.

Lisa

ALL YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL





at
SUMMERHILL RACKET CLUB
FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 10:00 P.M.

until
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 6:00 A.M.

\$15 PER STUDENT

Sign Up OUTSIDE THE
YOUTH ROOM

**COUNT DOWN FOR
FALL SCHEDULE ON
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:**

-  August 14 **End of Summer Program**
- 1** August 21 **READY!**
- 2** August 28 **SET!**
- 3** September 4 **GO!**
-  September 11 **M & M Night**
(first night of fall schedule)

Watch for more info for each event.
Also, missions teachers needed! Call Lisa.

Praise Record ~ August 4

Sunday School Enrollment	993
Sunday School Attendance	423
Morning Worship	451
Evening Worship	170
Decisions	10
Received August 4	\$ 18,906.80
Required August 4	\$ 16,153.85
Received in August	\$ 18,906.80
Required in August	\$ 16,153.85
Received in 1996	\$ 490,493.43
Required in 1996	\$ 500,769.35
Find Us Faithful	\$ 4,216.00
Find Us Faithful since 4/14/96	\$ 74,836.39
Balance owed Cornerstone loan 7/31/96	\$ 1,029,649.26

Extended Session ~ August 11

Babies: Shirley Norman,
Audrey Clinehens, Barbara Hinton
Young Ones: Barbara Bolding,
Karen McCoy

Ones: Donna Riggs, Jessica Riggs
Twos: Peggy Goff, Clayton Brunson
Threes: Joe & Cheri DeSoto
Fours: Dawn Lockard

Parking/Van Ministry - August 11

Parking all members
Van James Sugg

Hospitalized

Glen Wing City of Fay., #100

New Members

Adam Baker
P.O. Box 4273
Fayetteville, AR
442-8606

H. Sam & Janet Escue
10952 Bond Rd.
Prairie Grove, AR
846-3513

Cass Key
160 Killdeer
Farmington, AR
267-4460

John Stahman
2629 Deerpath Dr.
Fayetteville, AR
587-0988

Brooke Wiles
2827 Setter
Fayetteville, AR
444-8201

Deacon of the Week

Herbert Huneycutt, August 11-17

Congratulations

Congratulations to David & Aimee Mason of
Fort Worth, Texas, on the arrival of Ashlyn
Marie Mason on July 16, 1996.

Dear friends,

Our sincerest thanks to all of you in our
First Baptist Church family for the visits,
cards, calls, and especially the prayers dur-
ing our surgery, hospital stay, and recovery.
We feel that we are testimonies that God
hears and answers prayers. We are so
grateful.

Bill and Marilyn Martin

MEMORIALS

~In memory of Evelyn Stubblefield~

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M/M Jim Stubblefield
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Polly Stubblefield
M/M Walter Willard
Sharon Watson

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

I had a great week at *Discovery Week* last week with our Junior High and Senior High Students. God moved through the entire camp and changed lives. Thank you, Jim Thomas, for all your hard work. Thank you, Kathleen Doss, Elizabeth Hutchens, Pete Franz, Brandon and Paula Brister, for going as sponsors. Thank you, Rick and Carolyn Tanneberger, Ron and Helen Eaton for loaning us your vans. Thank all of you who gave us your prayer and financial support.

I can't believe Summer is almost over. Vacation Bible School, Summer Bible Conference, vacation, and Youth Camp have certainly kept me from getting bored this Summer. They have also caused me to wonder why I ever thought things slowed down in the Summer. Praise the Lord!!!

We really have had a great Summer. God has truly blessed us with people being saved, others joining the church, and financially. Thank you, Father.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday in Sunday School and worship.

Love,
Preacher

NEXT
SUNDAY
AUGUST 11

All
Church
Outreach



~following evening worship~

PROMOTION
SUNDAY
AUGUST 25

