

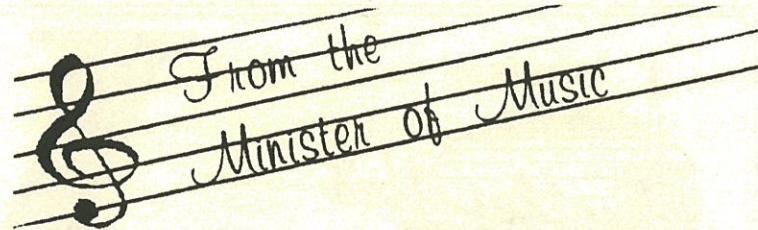
Education Ministry

The church leadership training marathon is this Friday, September 6. An adult training short version starts at 4:00 p.m. [Please, this training is only for adult leadership who can't stay up late.] The banquet begins at 6:00 P.M. Age level conferences begin at about 7:15 p.m. and continue until 11:00 p.m. We finish the evening with a mid-night snack after the conferences. Age level conferences include preschool, children, youth, university, and adult training. Also, music conferences are provided. It's going to be a tremendous event! Don't miss it.

Discipleship Training begins this Sunday at 5 p.m. Jamie Jones and I have planned opportunities for training in Christian living and leadership. The topics, leaders and room assignments are printed on the front page. Registration is offered immediately. Please sign up beginning this Sunday, or call the church office for your opportunity of training.

It was about one year ago that Jere traveled to Midland to visit with Wanda and me about seeking God's will to become your Minister of Education. Much has happened since that eventful day. In reflection, I believe God's will was done and Wanda and I are deeply grateful. We have come to love each and every one of you. Truly, the First family is a loving and gracious fellowship. Thank you for your spirit and support. We look for God's great blessings in growth and service in the future. We love you!!

See you Sunday,
Bob



CHRISTMAS MUSIC: I asked our choir to share their views regarding my proposal for this year's Christmas music. However, the form I asked them to complete giving me their thoughts about the project was poorly designed. So, I have mailed them a second one that I hope will help us gain a better perspective. Once that is in, I can have a clearer picture and prayerfully decide what our course will be. You be in prayer for me as I pray. Our Christmas music is one of our greatest opportunities through the year to glorify Jesus and spread the good news of His life-saving power.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS! I am so thankful for our capable staff. Bob Hopkins' idea for Midnight Madness is a great opportunity for focussed, concentrated training. He and his co-workers have planned well for this event. I too have been planning and am looking forward to the opportunity to help our Graded Choir leadership get off to a great start as we prepare for the year this Friday evening. I hope all of our leadership; Sunday School, Mission Organizations, and Graded Choirs will make this endeavor a priority.

SPEAKING OF MUSIC LEADERSHIP, Fayetteville's First Baptist Church has some of the most capable, dedicated musicians I have ever had the privilege of working with. I am listing them and their leadership responsibilities below so that our church family can know who they are this year, and pray for them as they begin this year:

Jennie Riggs, Church Organist
Rita Savage, Church Pianist
Becky Riggs, Children's Choir Coordinator
David Savage, Youth Choir Director
Bruce Salsman, University Ensemble Director
Mike Gray, New Song Director

And as you pray, remember a new ensemble that begins this fall, **CAMPANELLA**. This is a group of eight-fifth, sixth, and seventh graders who will form a ChoirChime group this year. (You may recall Camp Campanella from this summer and my explanation for the name, if you don't, ask me and I will tell you about it!) I will be directing this excellent group of musicians, a privilege I am anticipating greatly.

AND STILL SPEAKING MUSIC LEADERSHIP, I have asked one of our university students to serve as our first music intern this fall. Kenny Bell will be giving several hours a week this semester, assisting me with various projects and through the process learning more about ministry through music. I appreciate Kenny's heart and hope that I can help him develop his talents and skills as he continues to prepare for ministry in the future. Pray for him and encourage him as he serves here with us.

Mike

YOUTH MINISTRY

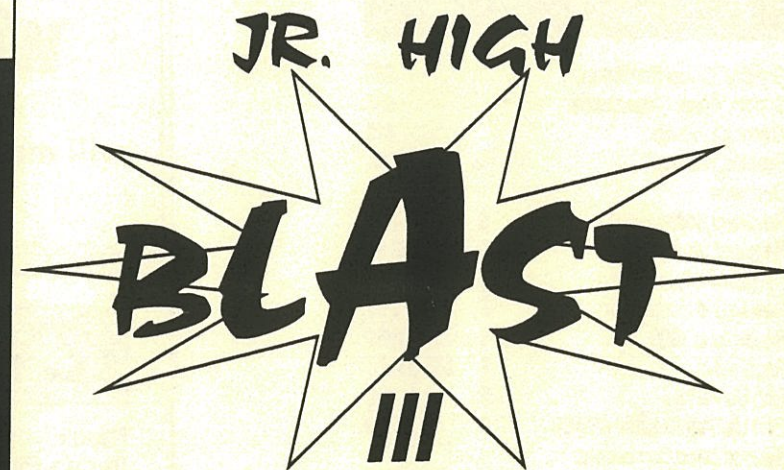
of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church

Last week I got a chance to go to a student led Bible study during lunch at Fayetteville High School. It was really amazing to see between 60 and 70 high school students come together in worship, fellowship, and the reading and teaching of God's Word. They gave time for different students to share out of the Word and tell what it meant to them. One of the female students shared about being obedient to Christ in everything we do. She quoted some verses out of Matthew chapter 7. Jesus says that *"every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them."* (verses 17 & 20)

What a challenge to us as believers! Are we producing good fruit in our families, at work, at school, and in our church? That good fruit is a direct result of our relationship with Christ. There is an old saying: Garbage in, Garbage out! I guess the opposite would be: Good things in, Good things out! What type of fruit are you investing in? Are you spending daily time with God so that when people look at you do they see Jesus? Or are you investing in the things of this world? The things that will fade away. The things that breed selfishness and greed. The things that produce bad fruit. I pray that we would produce good fruit in all that we say and do so that Jesus would be lifted up in our lives, our families, our work, our school, and our church! For that is where He rightly belongs!

Pray for our students as they continue to take a stand for Christ on their campuses. Pray as they grow closer to the Lord this school year and as they have opportunity to produce good fruit for Him. Thanks so much. God bless.

In Him,
Jim



Friday, Sept. 13 - 10 pm - 2 am
\$15 per student

Meet at FBC Gym - Going to Lokomotion
(Parents: Please pick your children up at Lokomotion)



PRE-POLE RALLY

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7 pm
Wash. County Courthouse

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

Wed., Sept. 18, 7 am
Your School Flagpole

POST-POLE RALLY

Wed., Sept. 18, 7 pm
Greek Theatre - U of A

In Concert

Myrrh Recording Artist
Jaci Velasquez

\$2 per student at the Theatre

Children's Ministry

of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

On Wednesday, September 11 will begin a new and exciting year in Music & Missions. We are looking for dedicated Christians who are willing to make a one-year commitment of service to the Lord's precious Children.

If you would like to be involved in the Christian development of children in our congregation, and if you enjoy spending time with God's inheritance, please contact Lisa Wheat.

Praise Record ~ Sept. 1

Sunday School Enrollment	967
Sunday School Attendance	404
Morning Worship	419
Evening Worship	N/A
Decisions	4
Received September 1	\$ 16,061.00
Required September 1	\$ 16,153.85
Received in September	\$ 16,061.00
Required in September	\$ 16,153.85
Received in 1996	\$ 551,985.61
Required in 1996	\$ 565,384.75
Find Us Faithful	\$ 4,511.00
Find Us Faithful since 4/14/96	\$ 94,212.39
Balance owed Cornerstone loan 7/31/96	\$ 1,029,649.26

Extended Session ~ September 8

Babies: Shirley Norman, Audrey Clinehens
Older Babies: Barbara Bolding, Cathy Williams
Ones: Garth & Debbie Wiebe
Twos: Peggy Goff, Clayton Brunson
Threes: Joe & Cheri DeSoto, Lesley Purtle
Fours: Edith Griffin, Sarah Savage

Parking/Van Ministry - September 8

Parking all members
 Van James Sugg

New Members

Bill & Lou McClellan
 181 Woodcliff Rd.
 Springdale, AR
 750-0324

David McClellan
 181 Woodcliff Rd.
 Springdale, AR
 750-0324

Sammy McClellan
 181 Woodcliff Rd.
 Springdale, AR
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Deacon of the Week

Ron Austin, September 8-14

Congratulations

Congratulations to Steve and Melinda Renfro on the arrival of Zachary Steven on August 28, 1996. Zachary weighed 4 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Sympathy

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Hallie and Dollie Miller and their family on the loss of their daughter, Jurene Miller Holcomb of Tulsa, Oklahoma, on August 27, 1996.

WOMEN ON MISSION

Multifocus 11 Bible Study Group
 will meet Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Dear Church Family. . . .

Thank you so much for the calls, visits, meals and prayers while Jordan Elizabeth was in the hospital. Knowing that she was in your prayers helped us make it through a difficult week. Fortunately, that week is now behind us and Jordan is living at home as a happy, healthy baby. Thanks again.

Love,
 Michael & Mindy Hunt

As we leave for Israel, we go with grateful hearts toward our friends at First Baptist for the financial support we received and the prayer support promised. We were touched by the beautiful reception Sunday night. Thank you so much.

Stacy & Karen Smith

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

One of our members, Brenda Stout, needs a ride to her class in Rogers this semester, Tuesdays and Thursday, 1:00-2:20 p.m. You will need a vehicle to accommodate a wheelchair. If you can help, call Brenda, 575-0256, or the church office, 442-2387.

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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SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TRAINING MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Friday, September 6

6:00-11:00 p.m.

~Childcare provided~

FROM YOUR PASTOR

The Sunday School of our church plays a very important role in our carrying out the mission of our church. Therefore it is so important that we have a strong Sunday School. We have a fine leader in Bob Hopkins. We have many fine directors, teachers, outreach and ministry leaders. I am thankful for each of you.

A strong organization of any type must have unity, cooperation, commitment of leaders, and training. Bob has organized a great night called "Midnight Madness" to train and inspire our Sunday School staff. We need complete cooperation and 100% attendance of workers on this night. I plan to be there. I hope you will be also.

Love,
 Preacher

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

"Training in Christian Living and Christian Leadership"

Begins this Sunday, September 8, 5:00 p.m.

Adult Options

Truth Matters

Leader: Jim Thomas - 209

Help for parenting children and youth using materials written by Josh McDowell. (see Jim's article)

Today's Christians facing Current Social Issues

Leader: Tim Tarvin - 220

A Biblical insight to current ethical issues.

A relevant study for the election season.

Basic Conversational Spanish

Leader: Juana Gilstrap - Conference Room

Learning Spanish with the purpose of developing mission opportunities to the many Spanish speaking people migrating to Northwest Arkansas.

The cost of the materials is \$15.

A Survey of the Nation of Israel

Leader: Dan Eckels - 220

What we need to know about Israel.

The study will use the video tape materials published by the "Focus on the Family" ministries.

Evangelism Training

Leader: Bob Hopkins - 225

Training in witnessing to people in need of a Savior.

The study will feature the "Continuing Witnessing Training" materials published by the Home Mission Board.

Fayetteville's First Baptist Church Blood Drive

Saturday, September 14, 9:00-2:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

This is the second date for First Baptist to give life through donating blood. We are committed to schedule a blood drive each quarter. The first drive led by Ron Austin was very successful. Please plan now to donate one week from this Saturday. Sign-up sheets are available in your Sunday School department, or the church office.