

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

"Training in Christian Living and Christian Leadership"

Adult Options

Truth Matters

Leader: Jim Thomas - 209

Help for parenting children and youth using materials written by Josh McDowell.

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 - 226

Learning Spanish with the purpose of developing mission opportunities to the many Spanish speaking people migrating to Northwest Arkansas.
\$15 for materials.

"That the World May Know"

Video Series

Leader: Dan Eckels - 320

An archaeological and historical study of Israel.

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

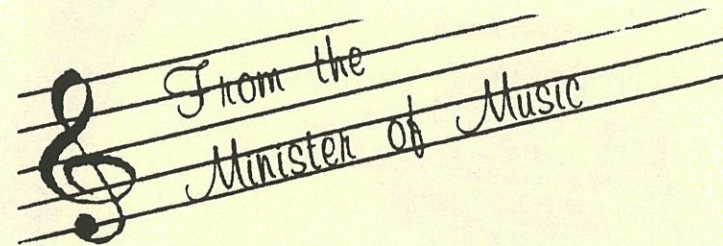
Evangelism Training

Leader: Bob Hopkins - 322

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.



A NEW ENSEMBLE sang for the first time last Sunday evening. This ladies group will be singing music primarily from the contemporary Christian music realm. They do not yet have a name. Some have suggested *Two Lauras*, *Two Stacies*, and *One Mary* (Lauras Jones and Thomas, Stacies Carr and Suvino, and Mary Covey - they felt this was a bit cumbersome to be practical). Another suggestion was Small, Medium, and Large (having nothing to do with their sizes, merely implied by the initial of their first names - they were not very receptive to this either). But, whatever name they eventually select, they will be a blessing to our congregation as an ensemble. These dedicated women already are blessings as individuals. We look forward to hearing them sing in the future, and seeing how God uses them both in and outside our church.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC: The month of December is a busy time in all of our lives. For those of us involved in the ministry of music this is especially true. In the three years I have served here with you, we have had Christmas music of some sort each Sunday evening in December. We will continue this tradition this year.

Since the first Sunday of December falls just three days after Thanksgiving, our first concert will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir Sunday evening, December 8. It will be a presentation similar to last year's concert featuring various soloists, readings, dramatic tableaux interwoven with a number of Christmas anthems by the Sanctuary Choir.

Sunday evening, December 15 all of our Graded Choirs will be featured, along with the Youth Choir, New Song, our new Ladies Ensemble, *Campanella*, and the Ladies Handbell Choir. Though it has not officially been decided, our church-wide Christmas fellowship typically follows this event.

In keeping with a new tradition started last year, Sunday evening, December 22 will be a *do-it-yourself* concert by the congregation. It is a night which provides opportunity for the congregation to sing carols they request, and for members to share readings or stories of a spiritual nature that have touched their lives as a part of their Christmas experience. It's a great family night! I hope you'll plan to be present for each evening of Christmas music.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS was a great success from all accounts I heard. Though the number in attendance for our graded choir workshop was not large, we had a great time preparing for the coming year. Of course, my favorite part was the meal prepared by Evelyn McDonald and her capable helpers. I appreciate Bob Hopkin's leadership in planning this endeavor. You done good, Bob! (That's Texas talk - I still remember a few phrases.)

Mike

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY

The new school year is off to a great start in the University Student Ministry! On August 25, we had an attendance of 56 in the University Sunday School Department. We have not had more than that in Sunday School since September of 1991! That's five years, folks! We had thirty at our first Dinner and Devotion last Sunday! The Lord is moving among our students and leaders - all glory to Him!

Thank you to Bill and Jean Jowers who graciously hosted our group last Sunday afternoon for our Last Splash activ-

God is so faithful! He gave us an incredible time of training last Friday night and a wonderful Bible study and worship experience last Sunday. We had almost all of our youth workers present this past Friday night for our "Midnight Madness" training time. We tried to do some creative things to accomplish our theme of "Connected, Committed, and a little bit Crazy." Our time spent brainstorming and learning together led to an awesome time of discussion about reaching and teaching teenagers. Thanks so much to all of our teachers who were a part of this training time. I learned so much from our time together and had a blast in the process.

God is so faithful! We had a record number of students and leaders in youth Sunday School this past Sunday. I really feel that this is a result of our teachers being committed to loving and reaching out to students every week. I pray that God would continue to give us more opportunity to reach and disciple students every week for Him.

Well, I wanted to give you an opportunity to know who is working with our students so that you can specifically keep them in your prayers. Serving this year in youth Sunday School are Jim Lacy (Jr. High department director), Janey Lacy (department associate), Jeremy Moore (Jr. High outreach director), Bruce & Laura Jones (7th grade), Liz Hutchins (8th grade), Dale Davison (9th grade boys), Cynthia Davison (9th grade girls), Teresa Trier (High School department director), Mary Briggs (High School outreach director), Gordon Briggs (teaching associate), Cliff and Laura Grisham (10th grade), Laura Thomas (11th grade), and Tedd Trier (12 grade). I am thankful beyond words for all of these and their hard work in reaching and ministering to students for Christ. May God receive all the glory for the work and may He continually keep our eyes and heart focused on Him. Thanks so much for your prayers. God bless.

In Him,
Jim



ity. We had a beautiful day and beautiful place to have some fun and fellowship. Thanks also to Cyndy Meares for coordinating the food for the event - it was great!

This Sunday is *U of A Day* at First Baptist. This is a special day to recognize the students, faculty, staff and Baptist Student Union of the University of Arkansas. Students will take some leadership roles in the worship service, and we will have a banquet at noon for all of those mentioned above. If you are one of these folks and you plan to attend the banquet, please call the church office to let us know how many from your family will be coming.

Bruce



Thank you to all who made the "Midnight Madness" training marathon a success.

Now that Promotion Sunday and Leadership Training are behind us, the next emphasis is outreach. Please allow me to mention two methods of outreach.

First, we hope to organize two more Andrew Clubs. Andrew clubs are a most effective means of personal visitation. The basic idea of an Andrew club is members visit prospects for about an hour and a half. After visitation, they gather in a home of a member for food, fellowship and reports. Members take turns hosting the group. The club meets one time per month. Presently, we have two clubs functioning. With four clubs visiting on separate weeks, this makes sure that there is personal visitation each week. Of course, the Sunday School departments should visit prospects the following week who have attended worship or Bible study for the first time. If you are interested in joining an Andrew club, please contact the church office.

Second, all-church outreach is scheduled for Sunday evening, September 29. We will endeavor to accomplish more than prospect visitation [which is very important.] We will encourage Sunday School departments to distribute literature to their members who haven't attended Bible study since Promotion Sunday. Absentees need to know they are important and that we miss them. We need your help!

See you Sunday with the hope of being one of 530 in Bible study,

Bob



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)



In Concert

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

Myrrh Recording Artist

Jaci Velasquez

\$2 per student at the Theatre

Praise Record ~ Sept. 8

Sunday School Enrollment	1002
Sunday School Attendance	525
New Sunday School Members	4
Weekday Attendance	18
Morning Worship	574
Evening Worship	202
Received September 8	\$ 24,454.94
Required September 8	\$ 16,153.85
Received in September	\$ 40,515.94
Required in September	\$ 32,307.70
Received in 1996	\$ 576,440.55
Required in 1996	\$ 581,538.60
Find Us Faithful	\$ 2,948.91
Find Us Faithful since 4/14/96	\$ 97,386.30
Balance owed Cornerstone	
loan 8/31/96	\$ 1,000,842.26

Extended Session ~ September 15

Babies: Debbie Rose, Maxine Mayes

Older Babies: Margaret Little,
Virginia Rose

Ones: Jim & Vicki Rader, Lori Dunn

Twos: Ron & Deedra Branscum,
Lindsey Loyd

Threes: Kendal Hudgins, Jacque Loyd

Fours: Randy & Christel Kirk,
Lucy Pendleton

Parking/Van Ministry - September 15

Parking all members
Van Harry Norman

Hospitalized

Minta Robinson WRMC #437

Deacon of the Week

Fred Bourland, September 15-21

Leisure Club

The Leisure Club will be going to *Arkanshire* for a complementary lunch and tour of the building, Tuesday, September 17th. Please meet at the church at 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Civic Action Committee

invites you to attend a TOWN HALL MEETING, to discuss and hear debate on the future of gambling in Arkansas, Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m., at the Studio Theatre of the Springdale Senior High School, 1103 West Emma, Springdale, Arkansas. Sponsors of all gambling related amendments have been invited to participate. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

WOMEN ON MISSION

Season of Prayer for State Missions

- **Prayer Group**, Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 9:30 a.m.
- **LaVeta Sergeant Group**, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m., Parlor.
- **Season of Prayer for State Missions Program/Luncheon**, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 10:30 a.m. - *Jimmy Barrentine from the State Missions office will speak.*

AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WE HAVE DIRECT DIALING . . .

Simply dial 442-2388, or 442-2190, wait for the recording, and then dial your party's extension number:

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Clementine Hembree, Preschool Coordinator	Ex. 23
Jeremy Moore, Security	Ex. 26
Bruce Salsman, University Minister	Ex. 28

REMINDER!

Transportation is available by request for anyone needing a ride to either the morning or evening services. If you need a ride, call the church office 442-2387. If you know of someone who wants to come and seems to be unaware of this ministry, contact them and spread the word!

Fayetteville's First Baptist Church Staff

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Minister of Children - Lisa Wheat
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Pianist - Rita Savage

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Fayetteville's First Baptist Church Blood Drive

Saturday, September 14, 9:00 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

FREE Blood Cholesterol Screening and all new donors will also receive a FREE Charter Donor T-shirt. Support our local hospitals! Everyone is welcome.

U of A Day

Sunday, September 15

Recognizing the students, faculty, staff, and the Baptist Student Union of the University of Arkansas.
(see Bruce's article)

Food Pounding for

Curtis & Debie Sergeant

Sunday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.

Bring canned goods, and other non-perishable items for our Missionaries-in-Residence

From Your Pastor

I am so grateful for each one of you who participated in "Midnight Madness" last week. I believe the training you did will pay dividends in our Sunday School, Graded Choir, and Royal Ambassadors this year.

Sunday is U of A Day in our church. We want to make an impact on the University of Arkansas. Invite a student to Bible study and worship. There will be a luncheon for all University of Arkansas students, faculty, and staff. We do need a count. Please call the church office this week.

Sunday evening in the evening worship service we will hear from Wei-Chung Wu about his mission trip to China last Summer and from Lynn Loyd about the mission team that witnessed during the Olympics in Atlanta.

Reach out, build up, that all may know our God.

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

Love,
 Preacher