

## Education Ministry

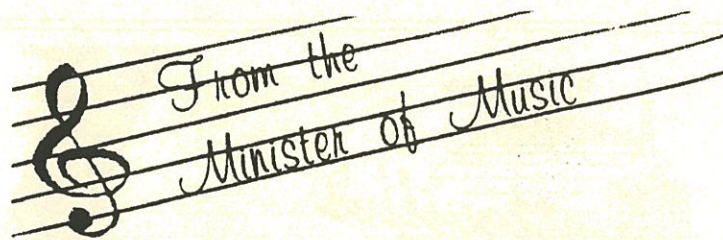
**Church for the Unchurched** is a book written by George Hunter III directed toward the church of the 21st century. [Published by Abingdon Press, copyright 1996] In the book, Hunter describes 10 features of the New Testament church which should be practiced by the 21st century church. One of these features is to engage in many ministries to unchurched non-Christian people. In that respect, he regards outreach as a lay ministry. It seems many churches practice outreach with only the Pastor and staff, or apply outreach with just a few committed people. Honestly, outreach and evangelism is carried out with **less** people than any other ministry. However, when **many** lay members or lay ministers engage in outreach, we experience great success and wonderful blessings. It is a proven principle, the more people who visit and witness for Christ, the more people we reach for Christ.

**This Sunday**, we have scheduled an opportunity for outreach. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for evening worship, followed by outreach. It is hoped many members will visit in the homes of prospects and members who seldom attend Bible study and worship. The last time we scheduled outreach on Sunday after church, it was a great success.

**The goal is two-fold:** [1] to carry next quarter's literature to Sunday School members who **have not** attended since Promotion Sunday, and [2] to visit prospects who **have** attended since Promotion Sunday. Will you engage in the New Testament practice - to worship and witness? We need at least 75 leaders and members to accomplish our goal. Please Help!!

Expectantly,  
Bob

**THE HARVEST  
IS PLENTIFUL  
BUT THE  
WORKERS  
ARE FEW**  
MATTHEW 9:37



**YOUTH CHOIR!** Wow!!! You sounded great last Sunday evening! We are indebted to you, your parents who in most cases see that you are here for rehearsal each week at 5:00, and to your director, David Savage. We look forward to hearing you again, Sunday evening, October 20. Remember, parents, there is no youth choir this week - the youth will be a part of our church-wide outreach emphasis, and then *On Location* at the home of Bill and Jean Jowers.

**STIRRED AND CHALLENGED:** Ronnie Cox's testimony and solo had both of these effects on me Sunday evening.

As I listened to this distinguished, silver-haired, mid-forty-aged man talk about the first time he heard "His Way, Mine" I couldn't help but reflect back to that time in my life as well. (It was a struggle to dredge up those memories in the dark recesses of my tired, struggling brain, but I managed to do it some how!) Though I am slightly younger than Mr. Cox, I am old enough to have shared his experience. I sang the same song as a solo during my college years (back then, *contemporary songs* had a longer life span than they do today). Like Ronnie, I too was stirred by the words at that stage of my life. Yet I was touched by more than nostalgia.

Many times in worship we are heartened by songs, sermons, scriptures, or testimonies which bring to mind *Ebenezers* - past spiritual experiences - which fill us with gratitude for God's working in our lives in the past. But this should never be the sum total or primary goal in worship. The scripture urges us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. It also commands us to sing a new song.

From time to time, some of you remind me, I am no theologian. It's true. I'm not. But as a born-again believer who is his own priest, the Holy Spirit has taught me again and again that the new song I'm supposed to sing comes in two forms. Often it is a new melody with new words spawned by new experience. But at other times, it is an old song made new again by a fresh encounter with God. That's what happened to me Sunday night.

It was a joy to realize that those words gave me hope and comfort as a budding adult, still have the capacity to do the same thing for me in my mid-forties. As a young man pondering what my future - what I would do for a living, where I would earn it, if and who I would marry - the words "I place my life in the hands of God" gave me peace and hope. As a middle-aged husband of twenty-years, father of children approaching junior high and high school, and minister of music struggling harder than ever to understand my job, I realized anew my need to sing it again, "I place my life in the hands of God." Lord, today, more than ever before *may Thy will sublime, O Thou God divine, be mine.*

Mike

## YOUTH MINISTRY

*of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church*

*"If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so that I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people." Exodus 33:13*

This verse holds two meanings for me. First, it is my memory verse for the week. But, second, it shows a heart that has a desperate desire to be in the center of God's will.

Moses made this plea to God right after he returned with the Ten Commandments and found the Israelites around a golden calf. He set up a *Tent of Meeting* where anyone who would inquire of the Lord could come and make their request known. This is where Moses is when his request is made.

His request has some unique characteristics to it. The entire Israelite nation had rebelled against God, and I expect, because he was their leader, Moses felt partially responsible. He begins his request by evaluating his relationship with God. He then makes the request. He asks for God to teach him His ways. Moses wanted to walk in the way of the Lord. He wanted God's commands to dictate the way He lived his life. He knew if God would teach him His ways that two things would result. First, Moses knew that by having God's commands that he would know His Lord more intimately. Second, he knew if he had God's commands and obeyed them that he would find favor in the eyes of the Lord. He closed his request by reminding the Lord that the Israelites were His chosen people and implied that God should have mercy on them.

O, to have the heart of Moses for our God! How is your relationship with the Lord? Do you have the desire to let your life be dictated by the will of God? Do you desire for God to teach you his ways? Do you have a desire to know Him and to find favor in His sight? If you do, then go the Lord in prayer this week and ask Him to show you His ways. Ask him to forgive your sins and to make you an instrument that He can use. Do not let your past or your failures keep you from God. Moses didn't! And you know what? God listened and answered (verse 14). He will with you too!!!

Please pray for our students as the school year moves on. Pray that God would continue to *Feed the Fire* that He started this past summer. Pray that they would have a passion to live for Jesus. Thank you so much for your prayers. God bless.

In Him,  
Jim

SEPTEMBER 27

# FRIDAY

## NIGHT

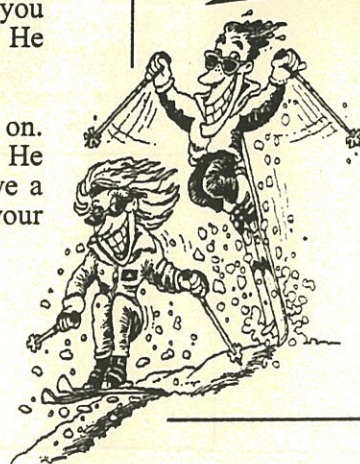
### High School TAILGATE PARTY

6:00 p.m.  
at Harmon Field  
parking lot before  
FHS/Northside Game  
**FREE** Hamburgers!!  
*Be There!!!*

## 1997 YOUTH SPRING BREAK SKI TRIP

MARCH 16-21  
Aspen, Colorado

Registration  
Form  
&  
\$52 deposit  
due by  
October 13th





## Praise Record ~ Sept. 22

Sunday School Enrollment	1006
Sunday School Attendance	506
New Sunday School Members	8
Weekday Attendance	9
Morning Worship	491
Evening Worship	219
Decisions	1
Received September 22	\$ 11,382.67
Required September 15	\$ 16,153.85
Received in September	\$ 65,451.39
Required in September	\$ 64,615.40
Received in 1996	\$ 601,376.00
Required in 1996	\$ 613,846.30
Find Us Faithful	\$ 6,537.00
Find Us Faithful - 4/14/96	\$ 106,731.10
Balance owed Cornerstone loan 8/31/96	\$1,000,842.26

## Extended Session ~ September 29

**Babies:** Royce Ann Mitchell,  
Barbara Moore  
**Older Babies:** Carolyn Tanneberger,  
Hannah Lee  
**Ones:** Rodney and Mary Ryan  
**Twos:** Bryan and Jimmie Walker  
**Threes:** Chris and Kim Walker  
**Fours:** Rodney and Karen Ramsey

## Parking/Van Ministry - September 29

Parking ..... all members  
Van ..... Bob Mayes

## Hospitalized

Kenneth Blanks ..... WRMC #507  
Howard Hudgens ... WRMC #437

## New Member

Russell H. Hall  
329 N. Harvey Dowell Rd.  
Fayetteville, AR  
443-2520

## Deacon of the Week

Frank Coker, September 29-October 5

## PARENTING CLASS/POTLUCK

Starting Sunday, October 6  
(not September 29th as previously announced)



The first Sunday of each month beginning October 6th, we will meet from 7:15-8:15 p.m. in room 160 and spend time studying, watching films and fellowship on how to be better parents for our preschoolers and small children. Childcare provided during class time. Bring a dish to share for the potluck. Children will eat with us.

## 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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## Fayetteville's First Baptist Church Staff

Pastor - Jere Mitchell  
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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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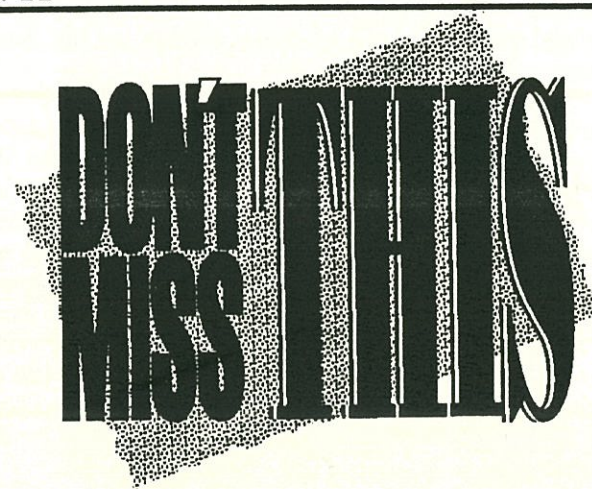
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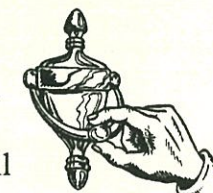
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## All Church Outreach SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 29

6:00 Evening Worship in Fellowship Hall  
followed by Outreach



## Parenting Classes BEGINNING

SUNDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 6

(the first Sunday of each month)

7:15-8:15 - Room 160

For parents of preschoolers and young children.



SUNDAY EVENING  
OCTOBER 27

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Fun for the whole family!



God's kindness is on my mind today. The Psalmist quotes the Lord as saying, "I am powerful, I am very kind." Psalm 62:11 (CEV) How true and how wonderful. God's grace and his blessings have been poured out upon our church. My prayer is that with one voice we will sing praises and thanksgiving to Him, and that each of you will continue to be open to His work in your life.

Bless the Lord!

I'll look for you this Sunday in Bible Study and Worship.

Love,

Preacher