

## Education Ministry

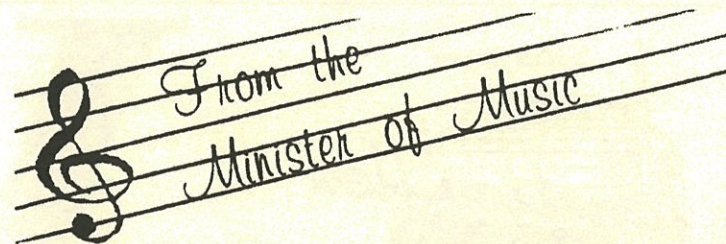
"Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord." [Acts 9:31]

I came across these quotes from "NetFax," an information and church research service of **Leadership Network**. "The search for spirituality is one of the deepest issues in present day U. S. culture. Many people are simply empty at the core. Soul care means paying attention to what is happening in people's lives 'below the water line' where they really live. One hears people, especially Boomers, talk a lot about 'running on empty' and trying to find balance in their lives... The U. S. is a nation of disconnected people and the result is that people of all ages are desperate to make connections and find a place of belonging..... People in the 90's are seeking a relationship to Christ". If this information is correct, it appears that people of this day and time are looking for a Bible study group, just like the groups that meet each Sunday morning at 9:30.

The Bible study ministry of our beloved church develops a growing relationship with Jesus through Bible study as well as maintains relationships with fellow believers in Christ. The church functioning through the Sunday School is the most loving, caring, ministering organization on earth. Rather than running on empty, the body of Christ is full of the Spirit. There is community, not separation. The church lives life to the fullest, not a meaningless, boring existence. As the pastor taught us in his Philippian study, we partner or fellowship in the Gospel...."and He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." [Philippians 1:5]

**High Attendance Sunday** is set for October 27 [the last Sunday of this month]. The purpose of high attendance is to invite people to rich and meaningful Bible study, and Spirit-filled worship. The object is to include as many people as possible in the fellowship of Christ. I believe that our Bible study ministry is what people are looking for, and we are commissioned by Christ to let them in on it. The **numerical goal is 600 people** involved in Bible study and worship. It's been a long time since our church has recorded that many people in Sunday School. Please invite your friends and family to attend with you, and plan to be part of a great day. We encourage you to carry on this good work until we see class rooms full of students and the sanctuary filled with worshippers. When this happens, our church will experience the same growth in strength and numbers as the church of Judea, Galilee and Samaria.

Expectantly,  
Bob



**FIFTY-TWO!** That's right, folks. Count 'em - fifty-two in the loft this past Sunday! Every chair was occupied, no vacancies, we're *all full up*, sold out, no seats available, standing room only, filled to capacity, *no room in the inn!!* Amazing! Not only is this a first during my tenure here with you, but it is also a first in my entire ministry of twenty-five years! On special occasions such as Baptist Men's day or services involving more than one choir or handbell ringers we have managed to fill the loft to capacity. But, having the Sanctuary Choir accomplish this task single-handedly is definitely a first. And believe you me, after twenty-five years, *firsts* are few and far between. Congratulations, Sanctuary Choir! First and foremost you have honored God with your commitment. However, along the way you made one forty-four year old minister of music very happy! (I know that was not your primary goal, but thanks anyway.)

**KIND WORDS:** One of our newer members was very affirming Sunday night. He had already on several occasions expressed his gratitude to me for our ministry of music. Yet, this time he came up, introduced himself to Rita Savage, and thanked her for her ministry here at our church and at the school where his child attends. This was very gratifying to me. Not just because he had nice things to say about me, the ministry I try to guide, and Rita. Certainly I am pleased that he noticed the talent we have in our ranks. I, myself, have on numerous occasions reminded our choir and congregation of the blessings we have in our two church accompanists and other music leadership. But, hearing this parent acknowledge Rita's ministry outside our church reminded me anew and afresh that First Baptist Church is *scattered* weekly as grains of salt and flames of light throughout northwest Arkansas.

As wonderful as our times of corporate worship and fellowship are when we gather here, we are never more God's people at work at His task than when we leave *church* and go out into the *world*. Teachers, plumbers, attorneys, students, receptionists, doctors, salespersons, nurses, checkers, accountants, service personnel - it is in these and all the other capacities in which we function that we are truly *the church*.

In his sermon Sunday morning, our pastor challenged us again to consider our task. We are to glorify God in all endeavors, wherever life takes us. By the power of Your Spirit, help us, O God to honor you with our lives. May the times that we spend together as a congregation always glorify You and aid us in the joyful responsibility of service to our fellowman at an ever-increasing level. Strengthened and equipped by Your Spirit, may we be Your people, doing Your work, winning Your world, until You return to claim us.

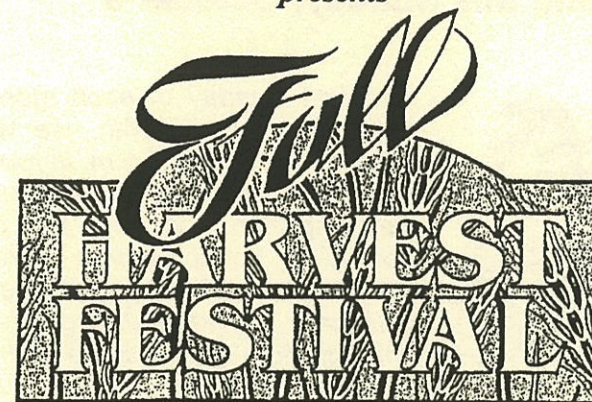
**OUT OF PLACE!** That's where many of us in the ministry of music will be Sunday. Both Rita and Jennie will be out-of-town, along with Wanda Freeman our substitute organist. Claudette Hunnicutt will be playing in Rita's place. Ronnie Cox will be leading in mine. Why? Because it's easier to replace me than it is Jennie Riggs. So, I'll be at the organ doing my best. Ronnie Cox, as you know from experience, is more than capable. O that this were true of me at the organ! However, it is not. So, I urge you to be in your place, diligent in your efforts to meet God. It is likely to be more difficult task than usual. But, I will work to be as small a distraction as possible.

Pray for the service. You always should. Yet in light of the circumstances, you should have an added measure of motivation this week!

Mike

FAYETTEVILLE'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

presents



**Sunday, October 27**

**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**\* FREE ADMISSION \***  
**FREE GAMES • PRIZES • CANDY**  
**DOOR PRIZES • FOOD**

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!

Please contact one of the following Committee Chairpersons if you can help with the Festival this year:

**Decorations** - Lisa Wheat, 521-9658

**Prizes** - Laura Jones, 442-2043

**Games** - Lisa Lovell, 442-6240

Amy Tounzen, 521-9658

**Registration** - Barbara Moore, 443-3758

**Food** - Marquita Denherder, 444-9389

Cyndy Meares, 443-7817

**Door Prizes** - Ron Eaton, 442-5902

**Security** - Rick Tanneberger, 521-7760

**Publicity** - Jan Hixson, 521-8212

Sheila Suvino, 718-3823

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

## Fall Harvest Concert

*Melody Boys*

This group grew out of the Stamp's-Baxter Quartet. They sing a broad spectrum of musical styles, ranging from the Stamp's-Baxter Gospel tradition to contemporary Southern Gospel. Invite your friends and family to *the Fall Harvest Festival* and encourage them to stay for the concert!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

*of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church*

Is it possible for someone to take a stand for holiness in a day and age when doing so is regarded as silly or even ridiculous? Is it possible for a man or woman to be godly in a time when self-serve is the popular thing? Is it possible for a person to live for God when the power and presence of God has been downplayed by the media and society as a whole into nothing more than a sidenote at an awards show?

Well, if you have spent any time in the Word of God in your lifetime, you can see that the answer is yes. Times really have not changed that much since the days of the Old Testament. Even then at certain times, it was not popular to follow God. So what type of man or woman does it take to truly follow God in a spiritually numb society? It takes the type of person that Jesus talked about in Matthew 22:37-39. It takes the type of man or woman who will "*love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.*" It is the type of man or woman who will "*love your neighbor as yourself.*" It is the type of person who will surrender all to Jesus and trust that He will protect them and provide for them everything. It is the type of person who will allow Jesus to not only be Savior but Lord of their lives. It is Abraham, Moses, David, Ruth, Jeremiah, Peter, Mary, Paul, and \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in your name if you are willing to follow).

Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue to follow God in their families, among their friends, and on their campuses. Pray that they will establish a norm of holiness and godliness in their schools. Pray as we try to establish student-led Bible studies on our two Jr. High campuses. Pray that our students will live for Christ wherever they go. Thank you so much for your prayers! God bless.

In Him,  
Jim

## 1997 YOUTH SPRING BREAK SKI TRIP

**MARCH 16-21**  
**Aspen, Colorado**



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



## Praise Record ~ Sept. 29

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Sunday School Enrollment                 | 1014           |
| Sunday School Attendance                 | 519            |
| New Sunday School Members                | 7              |
| Weekday Attendance                       | 15             |
| Morning Worship                          | 527            |
| Evening Worship                          | 147            |
| Decisions                                | 3              |
| Received September 29                    | \$ 10,384.29   |
| Required September 29                    | \$ 16,153.85   |
| Received in September                    | \$ 75,835.68   |
| Required in September                    | \$ 80,769.25   |
| Received in 1996                         | \$ 611,760.29  |
| Required in 1996                         | \$ 630,000.15  |
| Find Us Faithful - 9/29                  | \$ 6,605.00    |
| Find Us Faithful - 4/14/96               | \$ 113,336.10  |
| Balance owed Cornerstone<br>loan 8/31/96 | \$1,000,842.26 |

## EXTENDED SESSION ~ October 6

**Babies:** Linda Townsend,  
Lola Mae Shackelford  
**Older Babies:** Eva Cornwell, Barbara Bolding  
**Ones:** Nelda Gaines, Pam Earhart, Lori Dunn  
**Twos:** Bryan and Jimmie Walker  
**Threes:** Marcus and Holly Dorman,  
Megan Edmonston  
**Fours:** Johnie Williams, John Robinson

## PARKING/VAN MINISTRY - October 6

Parking ..... all members  
Van ..... Bobby Harwell

## HOSPITALIZED

Kenneth Blanks ..... WRMC #121

## NEW MEMBERS

Heather Durham  
P.O. Box 2678  
Fayetteville, AR  
443-4393

Bart Grisham  
900 N. Leverett, Apt. 341  
Fayetteville, AR  
444-0192

Ashley Nelson  
508 Lindell  
Fayetteville, AR  
443-7837

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

Marion Williams, October 6-12

## SYMPATHY

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to John Robinson and his family in the loss of his mother, Minta Robinson, on September 30.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Anyone interested in Men's Adult League Basketball, please call the church office, 442-2387, or Rick Tanneberger, 521-7760, by Wednesday, October 9. Cost is \$25.00.

## WOMEN ON MISSION

The Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday, October 8, 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. The study will be found in the September issue of Mission Mosaic on page 37. The topic is "Life in a Blender."

**THE TOMMY JONES HOME** is in need of children's clothing. Money donations are also accepted and may be placed on the offering plate on Sunday, designated, "Tommy Jones Home."

## GIFT GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

Dr. Jere D. Mitchell  
by Marilyn Cook

## PARENTING CLASS/POTLUCK

Starting this Sunday, October 6



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.

DEAR F.B.C.,

Once again you HAVE shown your loving and giving spirit to us through the pounding on Sunday evening. We greatly appreciate all of the goodies. It is so good to return to a caring church family. Thank you.

Curtis, Debie, Nathan, Megan  
Sergeant

## FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

This Sunday, October 6

Items Needed: Peanut Butter & Jelly, Powdered Milk, Canned Meat and Canned Fruit  
Bring your contributions to the Visitor's Center.

## 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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## BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 6 PARENTING CLASSES

(the first Sunday of each month)  
7:15-8:15 - Room 160  
For parents of preschoolers  
and young children.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 HIGH ATTENDANCE SUNDAY

and



**Festival**  
5:00-7:00 p.m.  
**Concert**  
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Fun for the whole family!

## From Your Pastor

Outreach is the life blood of any organization. Without it the organization becomes stagnant and eventually dies. This is true of the church. More importantly, the church that fails to reach out, fails God.

There are so many ways to do outreach. One of the very best is for outreach to become a part of the nature of every member. They should reach out where they live, work, and play. When you begin to pray for God to give you opportunities to touch people's lives and then be sensitive to those opportunities, you will be amazed at how God will use you. My prayer is that each of you will do just that on a daily basis.

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

Love,

Preacher