

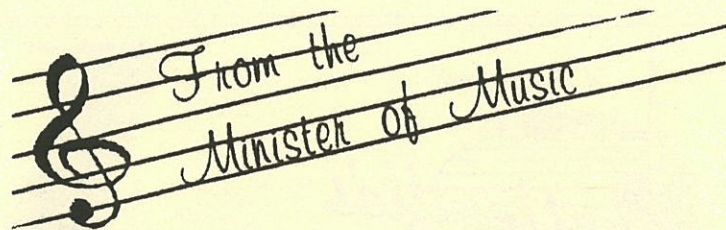
Education Ministry

The Adult theme of Bible study for the next ten weeks is Loving God, Loving Others. The curriculum is the **Ten Commandments**. The commandments given by God to Moses are the most famous laws in all the world. The first four commandments emphasize man's relationship to God, the next six focus on man's relationship with man. They are flawless and form the basis of law practiced by many nations of the world. However, it seems that in our culture, most of the commandments are broken without a tinge of conscience. We hear God's name taken in vain in every day language. The media and those who provide entertainment and control the arts seem to enjoy breaking every commandment. Even some Christians have become desensitized to ungodly behavior and speech.

The fourth commandment "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it Holy" commands us to set apart a day for the LORD. As Christians we should gather for worship, Bible study and fellowship on the Lord's day. Sunday should be a day like no other day in the week. It's a day not to spend in work, commerce and pleasure, but a day of cleansing, rest, and renewal. Let us encourage one another to set apart Sunday as a special time for our families. There is nothing compared to spirit-filled worship and dynamic Bible study to feed our souls and bless our lives. One of the reasons we schedule High Attendance Sunday is to encourage members to step out of the "world" and avoid all the garbage we encounter each day of the week. Your presence will insure a great gathering where there is love, fellowship and the joy of experiencing Jesus!

Expectantly,
Bob

Come and
WORSHIP
with us!



THANKS! I appreciate the excellent work of Claudette Hunnicutt and Ronnie Cox this past Sunday as they filled in for Rita Savage and me. I have always appreciated Jennie Riggs and Wanda Freeman, but now that I've had opportunity to *play a mile in their shoes* I have an ever greater admiration for their skills. Though I have played organ for countless weddings and memorial services, Sunday was my very first time to ever play for a morning worship service. I felt quite out of place. I look forward to being *back in the saddle* this coming Sunday.

SPEAKING OF THIS COMING SUNDAY, *Harmony and Grace*, our new ladies ensemble will be singing in the morning service. I've heard their selection. It will be a blessing! Our University Ensemble, under the direction of Bruce Salsman, will be singing in the evening worship service.

THE MELODY BOYS ARE COMING! That sounds kind of *Paul Reverish* doesn't it? Well, it's not a warning, it's advertisement. Some of you may have already seen the announcement in last week's newsletter (I hope so, it proves that our efforts are worthwhile). Regardless, let me say again that this group of men grew out of the old Stamps-Baxter Quartet. They sing a wide range of music, from the *shaped-note style* of the gospel male quartet to the *bent-note* harmonies of more contemporary groups similar to the Imperials. These men will sing a concert from 7:00 to 8:00 that Sunday night, October 27 at the conclusion of our Fall Harvest Festival. Admission is free. We're not even taking an offering! So, invite all of your family and friends to come. It will be a great evening of fun and fellowship.

PHILLIPIANS is the book our pastor is preaching from in a series on Sunday evenings. He had given us homework every week, and each week when the next week rolls around, I've had to take a zero. But, even though I haven't been successful in doing my assignment, I've done some reading. The pastor mentioned at the outset that the theme of the book is joy and/or unity. I remembered that from teaching this book in Sunday School about a year and a half ago. Reading through the book anew, I found that the words *joy* or *rejoice* are found at least fifteen times (in my translation) in this little, short book. Joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit. And, I remember saying to my class when I was teaching this book that living a joyless life is a sin. I'd forgotten that principle. I'm sure glad I come to church on Sunday night so I could be reminded again.

Mike

YOUTH MINISTRY

of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church

"I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity."
(1 Chronicles 29:17)

There are many characteristics that separate us as Christians from the rest of the world, but one of the essential elements is the issue of integrity. Webster's Dictionary defines integrity as "the quality or state of being complete or undivided; incorruptibility." Is it possible in a world of quick deals and an upwardly mobile corporate mindset to be a person of integrity in what we do and say?

According to God's Word we can be people of integrity that stand out in a world of dishonesty and lies. So, what does it take to be a man or woman of integrity? There are several elements we can mention. First, we must be a people committed to God. We must spend daily time in His Word and in prayer. We must place Him as our standard of right and wrong if we are to make a stand for honesty in our world. Second, we must be a people of action. We must carry our relationship with God outside of our homes and churches and take His truth to the workplace, schools, malls, and streets. We must live out our faith in the "real world." Finally, we must be a people of compassion. We must place the other person before ourselves. We must base our decisions on who Jesus is in our lives and not on what will get us ahead. We must see others through the eyes of Christ.

To be a people of integrity we must be undivided in our faith in our Lord Jesus. We must stand up for honesty in our homes, our marriages, our work, our schools, our church, and our community. For we know that when we do, God will test our hearts and be pleased with His people.

Please pray for our students as the semester wears on. Pray that they will have integrity in all they do. Thanks so much. God bless.

In Him,
Jim



PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

PARENT-TEACHER FELLOWSHIP

Friday, October 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Refreshments, Fellowship & Film

"Shaping the will without breaking the Spirit"
by James Dobson.

Childcare by reservation by October 16.

1997 YOUTH SPRING BREAK SKI TRIP

MARCH 16-21
Aspen, Colorado



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

AUDIO ADRENALINE



IN CONCERT



WITH JOHNNY Q. PUBLIC
AND
INTRODUCING BLEACH



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 7:30 P.M.
(No school for Fayetteville students on Friday)
State House Convention Center, L.R.
\$12 per student

Praise Record ~ Oct. 6

Sunday School Enrollment	1017
Sunday School Attendance	511
New Sunday School Members	8
Weekday Attendance	8
Morning Worship	515
Evening Worship	186
Decisions	2
Received October 6	\$ 22,373.65
Required October 6	\$ 16,153.85
Received in October	\$ 22,373.65
Required in October	\$ 16,153.85
Received in 1996	\$ 634,135.94
Required in 1996	\$ 646,154.00
Find Us Faithful - 10/6/96	\$ 6,428.25
Find Us Faithful - 4/14/96	\$ 119,764.35
Balance owed Cornerstone	
loan 9/30/96	\$ 982,609.46

EXTENDED SESSION ~ October 13

Babies: Shirley Norman, Dolores Hoover
Older Babies: Audrey Clinehens, Cyndy Meares
Ones: Donna Riggs, Jessica Riggs
Twos: Peggy Goff, Clayton Brunson
Threes: Joe and Cheri DeSoto, Brenda Stout
Fours: Edith Griffin, Sarah Savage

PARKING/VAN MINISTRY - October 13

Parking all members
 van James Sugg

HOSPITALIZED

Marilyn Martin WRMC #513
 Bettye Blackard WRMC #560

NEW MEMBERS

Lindsey Skipper
 Pomfret Hall, #362
 Fayetteville, AR
 718-3356

Joshua R. Wilkinson
 31 Stadium Dr., Box 87
 Fayetteville, AR
 718-3921

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Darwin Delap, October 13-19

SYMPATHY

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Fred Robertson and his family on the loss of his sister, Eathel Barton, of Hot Springs, Arkansas on October 1, 1996; ... and to Carolyn Smart and her family on the loss of her father, Druid G. Jones of Morrilton, Arkansas, October 2.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Zed and Dorothy Johnson on the birth of their first grandson, Miles Whitman Johnson, on September 26, 1996. Parents are Zed Odell and Mary Beth Johnson of Fayetteville.

WOMEN ON MISSION

Women on Mission Prayer Group will meet Tuesday, October 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Druid Jones
 Don & Claudette Hunnicutt
In memory of Minta Robinson
 Imogene & Darwin Delap
 Mary E. and Rodney Ryan
 M/M Jim Smithwick

GIFT GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

Linda Townsend
 by Marilyn Cook



IT'S THAT TIME!

Fall Harvest is Sunday, October 27th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Fall Harvest has been successful because FBC members have always contributed to the Festival.

Below is a list of items that are needed at this time:

1. paper grocery sacks - (Prize Committee)
2. candy - (Prize Committee)
3. baked goods

If you can donate candy, please leave it in the visitor center no later than October 20th. If you can donate baked goods, please bring them to church on Sunday morning, October 27th or on Sunday evening.

Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please designate "Fall Harvest."

We still need volunteers! Below is a list of committees and chairpersons. Please call if you can help in any way.

Co-chairman - Lisa Lovell, 442-6240

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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, 521-6053

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
October 27th

From Your Pastor

Linda Townsend has faithfully served thirteen years plus as our financial secretary. This is her last week at this position at First Baptist Church. Her husband, Tom, who is a deacon has recently retired from Ozark's Electric, so Linda is also retiring. Tom & Linda are faithful members of First Baptist Church, and we are fortunate they will remain here.

Please take a moment to write or call Linda and thank her for so many years of great service.

Linda, thank you and congratulations on your retirement. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Love,
Preacher

P. S. In our last business meeting the church voted to replace one of our church vans. The Stewardship Committee has suggested that we establish a van fund to give those of you who would like to contribute to the purchase of the new van an opportunity to do so before other financing has to be arranged when the van arrives in mid December. We currently have \$1,717.22 in this fund.