

Education Ministry

1 Cor 15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Cor 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

1 Cor 16:2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him...

This Sunday members of the Stewardship Committee will share their stewardship testimony in each adult Sunday School Department. Also, they will take a few minutes to review the operating budget for 1997. [The budget was printed in last week's VOICE.]

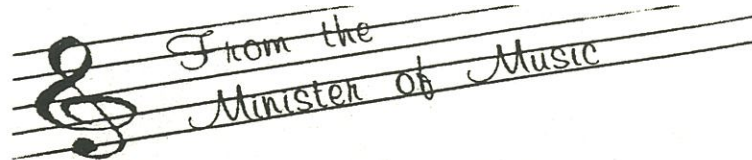
The funding of ministries of the church manifests priority, philosophy, and commitment of the church. Next year's budget is fair, yet challenging, but certainly attainable. There are few things more taxing and stressful to a church than a major shortfall of money toward the budget. We must meet the challenge together, and as the fellowship of FBC we must adhere to the above passage that Paul was inspired to write to the Corinthian church. The Pastor reminded us yesterday that God owns everything and provides for us. God trusted in our integrity to the place where He appointed us as stewards over all His resources. Therefore, we must obey and trust Him as His stewards. When we live in trust and obedience, our lives are blessed, and the church advances in worship, discipleship, ministry and outreach. Please receive the budget in the spirit of commitment and grace.

Appreciation goes to the Stewardship Committee for their excellent service and hard work. It is my belief that we will rise to the challenge and next year will be a great year in the life and ministry of our beloved church.

Another word of appreciation goes to our Pastor. Dr. Mitchell observed his seventeenth anniversary as our pastor last Sunday. According to Dr. Andrew Hall, Brother Jere has served as pastor longer than any other pastor of FBC. Over these last [and fast] few months I have grown to love and respect our pastor as friend, leader and man of God. He is a wonderful blessing to the staff and fellowship of the church. Congratulations Preacher, we love you!! We look forward to the future as Pastor and people.

Expectantly,

Bob



GOBBLE DAY IS UPON US and I can hardly wait! I have always enjoyed fall - school starting, football games, the season itself (and since coming to northwest Arkansas what a glorious experience the season is!) and preparation of our Christmas music. The Sanctuary Choir had its first extra rehearsal of our Christmas music this past Sunday afternoon. It was great! We have another this Sunday, November 17 from 2:00 to 3:30. It's not too late to join us! Come be a part.

The Sanctuary Choir's concert is one of three that will be presented the three middle Sunday evenings of December:

Christmas Concert I - "Welcome, Little Poor Way-Faring Stranger" Presented by the Sanctuary Choir - Sunday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Concert II - "Christmas Potpourri" Presented by the Children's and Youth Choirs, New Song, Harmony of Faith, Campanella, and the Ladies Handbell Choir

Christmas Concert III - "A Christmas Sampler" Presented by the Congregational Choir, a service of favorite carols and sacred Christmas readings

AND SPEAKING OF FALL, Saturday before last was so like the same Saturday twelve years ago. The air was crisp and sun shining bright that day my pastor came with the news that my father had died. It was such a shock and hurt badly, for such a long time. Praise God for His Holy Spirit. He strengthened me during those first, difficult days, and has continued to do so these twelve years since. Kind, Christian people told me that the memories that were so painful would eventually come to give me joy. They were right. In fact, time is a great transformer.

At first, everything reminded me of Dad and the gaping hole his absence created in my life. I realized early on that the intensity of my grief revealed the depth of my loss. In fact, I remember having a sense of gratitude for what God had given me in my father from the first moment I realized he was gone. I am so thankful that He died knowing that I was aware of his deep love for me and that he returned that love. In time, I realized that though his presence in my life and the lives of those I love had been cut short, his godly influence would live on in us, enriching our lives for years to come. It has. And with the passing years, the pain has diminished as those memories, once so painful, have slowly become a comfort and are now only rarely bitter-sweet.

My Dad was a great teacher. Of the many lessons he taught me, I think the final one is one of the most important: life is fleeting and we act wisely, gaining immortality here on earth only as we invest our brief time here in the lives of others. The sound of our voice, our physical appearance, our personalities are bound for extinction. Godly living alone lasts beyond our allotted span on earth, as it touches other lives generations to come.

Thanks, Dad. No only did you make the right choice in how you lived, but through your model you also taught me how to live more wisely. I miss you still, I always will; yet you are still very much alive in my life.

Mike

YOUTH MINISTRY

of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church

Well, the fall is about over and winter is upon us. You can even start to feel it in the coolness of the air. Can you believe that Thanksgiving is just two weeks away? It's amazing how fast this semester has gone.

We still have several events left in the youth ministry in 1996. We will have a **Thanksgiving Progressive Dinner** on Sunday, November 24. We will have a **coffee house** called **The Edge Cafe** on Wednesday night, December 6th at **The Edge** featuring the Christian band, **Arsis**. We will have **The Edge Christmas Party** on Wednesday, December 18th. And we are in the process of working on a **New Year's Eve Blast** in association with some other churches in our area. It will be a busy winter, but what an exciting time to minister to teenagers!!!

Because we are going to be so busy, we need your help as parents of youth. There are three main areas where you can pray about getting involved in ministering to teenagers. First, our youth ministry is planning a **Thanksgiving Progressive Dinner** on Sunday night, November 24th. We still need adults to sign up to provide one more home for our Jr. High and more food dishes for both our High School and Jr. High. Please call the church office to sign-up. Second, we need more help on Wednesday nights. One of the strategies in a successful youth ministry is to surround students with loving, caring adults who will minister to them. We need more adults to be involved in the lives of our students on Wednesday nights. We have been averaging 35-40 students at the **The Edge** (our Wednesday night Bible study for youth) with an average of only two adults. If you feel God leading you to get involved with our youth on Wednesday nights, please don't hesitate to give me a call so that we can discuss the possibility of you working with students. Finally, we will need help with the **New Year's Eve Blast**. We have


tentatively reserved the Jones Center in Springdale and could expect up to 100-200 students to be involved in this event. We will need sponsors to drive our students to the event and to stay at the lock-in all night with them. This event is still in the works, so I'll get more information to you as soon as I receive it. If you would be willing to sponsor this event, please give me a call.

Please make these requests a matter of prayer. I will be praying for you as well. I know that God desires to raise up more adults who will invest their lives into the lives of teens to help them come to know Christ and grow in their relationship with Him. Thanks for your unending support and prayers for our youth ministry. May God receive all the glory!!!!!! God bless.

In Him,
Jim

YOUTH

ON LOCATION



Thanksgiving

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24
5:00-8:00 P.M.
Meet at church at 5:00 p.m.

~More food needed for dinner~
Call the church office if you can help!

UNIVERSITY Ministry

By now, those who had a picture taken at the Fall Harvest Festival should have received them. I hope that you enjoyed them! If anyone would like to have the negative from their picture (for making more copies), just leave a message for me at the church office. Please include your name, address, and the roll number and frame number from your photo form.

Bruce

Praise Record - Nov. 10

Sunday School Enrollment	1039
Sunday School Attendance	494
New Sunday School Members	4
Weekday Attendance	9
Morning Worship	509
Evening Worship	155
Decisions	2
Received November 10	\$ 16,602.12
Required November 10	\$ 16,153.85
Received in November	\$ 38,408.07
Required in November	\$ 32,307.70
Received in 1996	\$ 715,475.66
Required in 1996	\$ 726,922.55
Find Us Faithful - 11/03/96	\$ 4,310.55
Find Us Faithful - 4/14/96	\$ 138,963.92
Balance owed Cornerstone	
loan 10/31/96	\$ 973,073.46

EXTENDED SESSION ~ Nov. 17

Babies: Debbie Rose, Maxine Mayes
Older Babies: Margaret Little, Jane Eaves
Ones: Jim & Vicki Rader, Lesley Purtle
Twos: Ron & Deedra Branscum
Threes: Kendal Hudgins, Carol Earhart,
 Lyndsey Loyd
Fours: Randy & Christel Kirk,
 Jacque Loyd

PARKING/VAN MINISTRY-Nov. 17

Parking all members
 Van Harry Norman

HOSPITALIZED

Eugenia Seay WRMC #426

NEW MEMBERS

Todd and Sheri Townsend
 4250 Interlaken
 Springdale, AR 72762
 872-2301

SYMPATHY

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Vaughn Skinner and family in the loss of his grandmother, Kathleen Farris of Biscoe, Arkansas on November 4; ... to Kathleen Doss and her family on the death of her step-father, James Terry, last week; ... and to Dorothy Zach Wilson and Kathy Bourland on the death of N. Caswell Wilson, husband and step-father respectively, on November 11.

MEMORIAL

In memory of *Druid & Marvelle Jones*
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DEACON OF THE WEEK

Correction from the last Voice,
Jim Haynes, Nov. 10-16
 Jake Kitchens, Nov. 17-23

WOMEN ON MISSION

Prayer Group
 Tuesday, November 19
10:30 a.m.
 Conference Room

LEISURE CLUB

Tuesday, November 19, 12 Noon
 Speaker: Curtis Sergeant,
 Missionary-in-Residence
 "Old Fashioned Thanksgiving Dinner"
 ~No dish to bring~
 Price of admission is \$2.00 or 3 items from this list: canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, soda crackers.

Preschool and Children's Ministry

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, November 22, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 per child
 ~Supper & snacks provided~
 Reservations no later than November 20th.

Call

Clementine: 442-2387, 521-2092

or

Lisa: 442-2387, 521-9658

Child's Name _____ Age _____
 Parent's Name _____
 Phone _____

FBC Pre-Holiday BLOOD DRIVE

November 23, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Goal is 60.

Refreshments are needed.

Please label and drop by kitchen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help serve our FBC Thanksgiving Dinner, Tuesday, November 26th, 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheet at the Visitor's Center.

Dear Church Family,
 We want to thank you all for your many prayers, phone calls, and support you gave to us while Noah was in Children's Hospital. God was truly watching over Noah while he was in surgery, and we praise God for bringing Noah safely through it. As we continue to wait for the final test results, we ask you to lift Noah up in prayer, that he may stay healthy.

In God's Love - John, Tina & Noah Barfield

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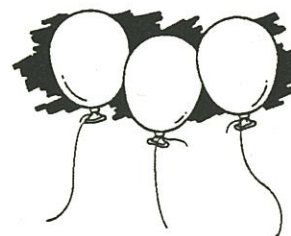
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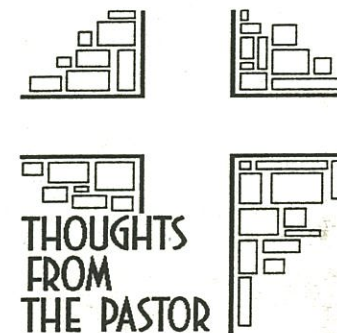
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The staff and congregation
 of
 Fayetteville's First Baptist
 Church
 congratulate our
 pastor and his wife.

**Jere and Royce Ann
 Mitchell**

as they celebrate seventeen years
 of ministry here with us.
 How grateful we are for their
 years of service with and to us.
 May God bless us all
 with many more years together.



November 26, 1996, 6:00 p.m. is the date and time for our All-church Thanksgiving Dinner. This will be a great time of fellowship for our church. It will also be a time of praise and Thanksgiving. We also want to make it a time of outreach to the Internationals in our community.

I am asking you to do three things: 1) Plan to attend. 2) Invite an International family to come with you. 3) Turn in a reservation by November 20, 1996. This can be done by calling the church office, 442-2387, by mail, or by filling out a form at church. This will be a great time together.

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

Love

Preacher