

# Education Ministry

*But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.* [2 Corinthians 2:14]

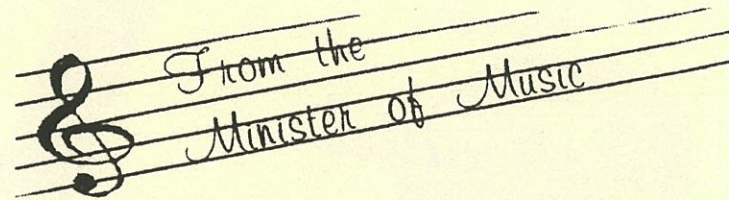
It's a great American tradition: a victory parade. Last month the New York Yankees baseball team was honored with a "ticker tape" parade to celebrate their world series victory. [Adoring fans dumped 200 tons of confetti during that parade.] In Atlanta, Eveander Hollyfield was given a huge parade for his miraculous heavy weight boxing championship victory over Mike Tyson. Usually the victorious athlete[s], astronaut, soldier, or politician [President Harry Truman was honored with a New York "ticker tape" parade in 1945] sits astride a convertible as it rolls through the downtown area of a large city. The hero[s] waves and smiles to adoring throngs as jubilant fans express their tribute and admiration. Yes, a victory parade is quite an exciting event.

The ancient Romans had a cultural equivalent to the parade. They called it a "triumph." When a military hero returned victorious from a great war, the senate would vote him such a celebration. Amidst the blaring of trumpets and beating of drums, the troops would strut down the street on the way to a huge ceremony that honored the victors. Behind the troops, in the place of honor, rode the conquering military hero in a horse-drawn chariot. Ahead would be cartloads of spoils of war, and chained to the chariot were the captive leaders of the defeated army.

Paul uses this image in 2 Corinthians 2:14. He places Christ in the victor's chariot and we [and all Christians] are His bond slaves walking beside the chariot. The great apostle argues that the Christian life is a parade to the glory of Jesus, in which we serve as living symbols of the power of His love. As we celebrate the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, we should smile and wave to the crowd. Remember, we are walking witnesses to the greatness of the One who has conquered this old world. He has won the victory over death and gives us the matchless gift of eternal life. In the meantime, we enjoy the abundant blessings of being in His parade.

I love a parade,

Bob



**LIGHT IN THE GYM, SALT ON THE FLOOR!** Last Friday evening I was at Ramey Junior High. Tim, my younger son, played in a fund-raiser basketball game against his teachers. To my amazement and entertainment, I saw a number of our church members involved. Cincy Tanneberger wowed the crowd with 30 hoops in one minute during the shoot-out competition (sadly, her stunning feat could not overcome the dismal performance of some of her cohorts and so the teachers lost). I noticed that Mary Briggs was involved, though I never actually saw her play. Each time I noticed her, she was in the penalty box for some infraction. Barbara Moore was there and played, but I did not get to behold her athletic prowess (I left after Tim's game to go to my Sunday School Department's progressive supper). However, I did get to see "Kareem" Savage at work. Our church pianist proved to be quite intimidating, growling at the students as she aggressively, and successfully stole the ball. My point? (I do have one.)

Our world mission emphasis is upon us. This offering will be distributed for mission work internationally (65%), nationally (20%), in our state (10%), and locally (5%). Some of you are already praying about your personal giving goal. That's good. We all should. But as we do, let us all remember that on a week-to-week basis all of us are missionaries to a local world, *foreign* in many ways to the Christian way of living.

It was a joy to see some of our missionaries to our public schools, *mixing it with and in the world*. This is as it should be. We Christians are to live outside the walls of our church; witnessing boldly and deliberately in planned efforts, and incidentally through lifestyles which shout Jesus' lordship through our priorities, attitudes, words, and deeds. We are called to be salt and light; purifying and preserving, illuminating and guiding. It is our task wherever life takes us, in a classroom or on a gym floor.

As the Christmas season approaches, let us be faithful to both give and live, that *all* may know.

**YOUTH CHOIR!** David Savage, husband of "Kareem," directs our Youth Choir on a weekly basis. His responsibilities as organist/choirmaster in Bentonville preclude his directing the group when they sing in our morning service. So, it will be my joy and privilege to lead the choir as they minister in our morning service this coming Sunday. Youth, don't forget our 9:00 a.m. rehearsal (if you want a donut be here at 8:45!).

Mike

## YOUTH MINISTRY

*of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church*

It seems, for those of us who have grown up in the church, that we have been inundated with the words of Christ. We hear them every week and read them every day. Yet, I wonder sometimes if we really take to heart the meaning of what Jesus is saying to us.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." How many of you are weary? How many of you are burdened? How many of you need a break, but just can't seem to find it? How many of you need hope?

Jesus said to come to Him. Not to a method of escapism. Not to a tropical island somewhere in the Caribbean. Not to your favorite cup of international coffee. Jesus said to come to Him. He follows this command with a promise. If we come to Him and take His yoke upon ourselves, we will find rest for our souls. (Matthew 11:28-29) Physical rest is good and necessary, but spiritual rest is the command of God. And when we rest in Him, He will renew us in every way: spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally. Are you weary? Come to Him!

Laura and I will have a chance to get away for a time of rest soon. We will be going to St. Louis for the National Youth Worker's Convention. Please pray that we will go to Jesus during this time and allow Him to renew us and to give us continued direction and vision for our lives and our ministry here at Fayetteville's First Baptist.

Please pray for our youth as the semester starts to wind down. Pray that they would glorify God in all they do and say. Pray that they will continue to grow. Thanks so much. God bless.

In Him,  
Jim

## UNIVERSITY Ministry

Have you heard about our **SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP** to the Mississippi Gulf Coast? Come with us March 15-21, 1997 to serve the Lord doing:

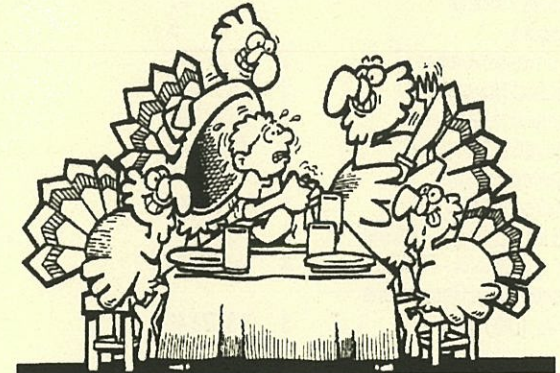
- Backyard Bible Clubs
- Church Construction/Maintenance
- Home Maintenance/Yard Work for the elderly.
- or some combination thereof!

We should even have time for some of these:

- boat excursion to Ship Island
- sight-seeing, fishing, swimming etc.
- trip to New Orleans -
  - French Quarter
  - Riverwalk
  - Aquarium of the Americas
  - etc.

# YOUTH

## ON LOCATION



## Thanksgiving

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24  
5:00-8:00 P.M.

Meet at church at 5:00 p.m.

## Hey University Students!

We'll stay right at the water's edge at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, pass Christian, Mississippi (15 miles west of Gulfport), where we will have nice rooms, a private beach, a private pier, tennis courts, kitchen & laundry facilities, etc.

Cost: \$30 per student (scholarships available)  
Due by January 17, 1997

Sign up in Sunday School or call Bruce at 444-6425 or 442-2387.

Start praying now, asking God whether He wants you to go - then follow His instructions!

Bruce



### Praise Record - Nov. 17

Sunday School Enrollment	1046
Sunday School Attendance	494
New Sunday School Members	2
Weekday Attendance	10
Morning Worship	499
Evening Worship	163
Decisions	5
Received November 17	\$ 17,673.87
Required November 17	\$ 16,153.85
Received in November	\$ 56,081.94
Required in November	\$ 48,461.55
Received in 1996	\$ 733,149.53
Required in 1996	\$ 743,076.40
Find Us Faithful - 11/03/96	\$ 3,638.35
Find Us Faithful - 4/14/96	\$ 142,602.27
Balance owed Cornerstone	
loan 10/31/96	\$ 973,073.46

### EXTENDED SESSION ~ Nov. 24

**Babies:** Evelyn Brooks, Alma Kitchens  
**Older Babies:** Judy Allen, Karen McCoy  
**Ones:** Jonathan & Leslie Martin,  
Michael Allen  
**Twos:** Mike & Mindy Hunt  
**Threes:** Pam Earhart, Allen Thrasher,  
Steven Thrasher  
**Fours:** Linda and Terry Dilley

### PARKING/VAN MINISTRY-Nov. 24

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

### HOSPITALIZED

Nathalie Tharel ..... WRMC #558

### NEW MEMBERS

Angie McClure  
14015 Ruby Springs  
Fayetteville, AR  
267-2464

Ken & Gayla Stahman  
12490 S. Harris Rd.  
Fayetteville, AR  
444-8481

Marla Worley &  
Britney Faye Worley  
1885 Riverview Dr.  
Elkins, AR  
643-3630

### SYMPATHY

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Phyllis Stifle.

### MEMORIAL

In memory of Druid & Marvelle Jones  
Gary & Edith Harvey

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Lucian Loman, Nov. 24-30

### THIS SATURDAY!!!

### FBC BLOOD DRIVE

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

The Goal is 60.

If you haven't signed up, just drop by and we will work you into the schedule as quickly as possible.

## WOMEN ON MISSION

*Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions*  
**December 1-8, 1996**

Meeting at 10:00 a.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

**LaVeta Sergeant group** will meet  
December 3, 7:00 p.m.  
at the home of Barbara Moore.

## YOUNG CAREERS WHITE CHRISTMAS PARTY

**December 14, 1996**  
**at 354 N. Highland**

### 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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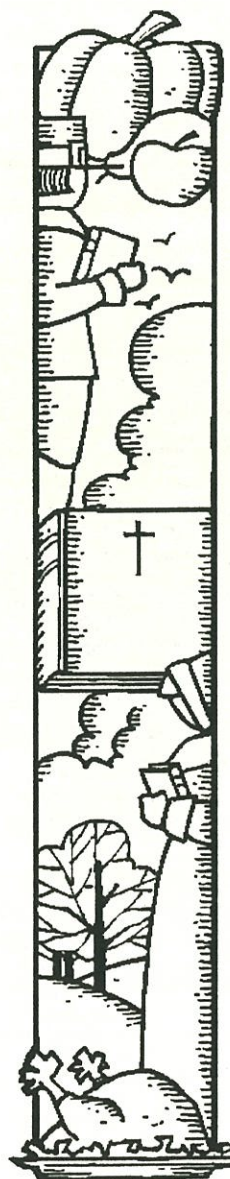
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## ALL CHURCH Thanksgiving Dinner

(No charge for international guests;  
usual Wednesday night charge  
for regular attenders)

**Tuesday,**  
**November 26**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Reservations  
needed  
by  
Sunday,  
November 24

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

Next Sunday in our morning worship the church will vote on the Proposed 1997 Budget for our church. I believe this budget is a good one. It is reasonable and can be met. Please make a commitment to the Lord to bring His tithes and your offerings to Him.

I'm looking forward to our All-church Thanksgiving Dinner Tuesday night, November 26. It will be a great time. I hope you are planning to attend.

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

Love

Preacher