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HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

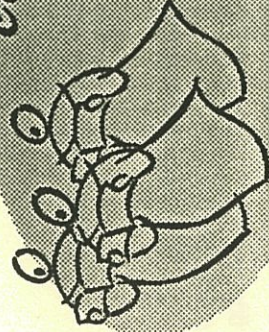
Sunday, December 10, 1995



Christmas Concert 11

6:00 p.m.

featuring

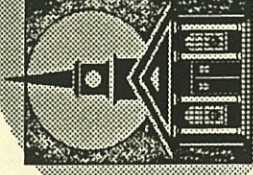


the Sanctuary Choir

&

University Ensemble

All - Church Fellowship



following the
Evening Service

in

Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite
Christmas Goodies!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Sunday, December 10, 5:00 p.m., Rm E322

with Jere Mitchell

Continuing the study of

In God's Presence

WOMEN ON MISSION

"Am I my Sister's Keeper?"

Multifocus Bible Study Group
will meet

Tuesday, December 12, at 9:30 a.m.
in the Conference Room.



Very Important Person . . .

. . . needed to lead a Bible Study Discussion Group beginning in January at *Hillcrest Towers*, Fridays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Call Shirley in the church office, 442-2387.

Thank You!

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you for all the expression of sympathy since the death of my sister. Linda was an enormous part of our lives; we have needed each word of comfort during this bewildering time. Your love and prayers have helped sustain us and remind us that God is sufficient.

In Christ,

Judy & Robert Allen
Michael, Jared, & Katie

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

It is with great expectation and anticipation I have accepted your call as Minister of Education. I look forward to serving you with a wonderful staff and pastor in the days ahead. I so much appreciate your acceptance of Wanda and me and your warm hospitality. In my brief experiences of the fellowship at First Baptist Church, I grew to love you as brothers and sisters in Christ. I want to especially thank Dr. Terry Martin and the Personnel Committee for their leadership and the integrity they showed in the process of my calling.

I will begin the work of ministry the first Sunday in January. I appreciate your patience in this rather delayed start, however, there are so many areas of ministry that I must conclude here in Midland after these many years. As I mentioned in my testimony, I leave here filled with loving and lasting relationships. Please pray for First Baptist Midland as God leads her in the days ahead as I would ask for your prayers for Wanda and me as we begin our ministry in Fayetteville. Please know that I will be praying for you as well.

Again, I look forward to serving you. May God grant us all the desires of our hearts and the unmatched blessings of service through His church. We wish each and every one a most happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Your Servant in Christ,
Bob Hopkins

World Mission Offering Goal: \$50,000

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

Oh, the joy and the beauty of the Christmas season. Thank you for the poinsettias! Thank you ladies and men who decorated the foyer and the auditorium.

My prayer for you in this season is that the Christ of Christmas will reign supreme in your life and home.

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

Love,
Preacher

YOUTH MINISTRY

In the last two articles, we have seen that God calls us to live daily by grace as well as depend on His grace for salvation. We also know that we all need His grace. (Romans 3:23) There are no exceptions. So then, where is the evidence of His grace? How amazing is His grace, really?

The bible is full of examples and promises related to the grace of God. One that we talked about last week is found in Romans 3:24. It says that "We are justified (or saved) freely by His grace." Jerry Bridges breaks down Paul's statement in his book, *Transforming Grace*. He states, "To be justified means more than to be declared 'not guilty.'" It actually means to be declared *righteous* before God. It means God has imputed or credited Christ's righteousness to us." To realize the full price Christ paid on the cross is to begin to understand the grace of God.

Other examples or promises of God's grace are found throughout the scriptures. In Psalm 103:12, God says that "as far as the east is from the west," He has removed our sins from us. In Isaiah 38:17, God says that He has "hurled our iniquities into the depths of the sea." In Isaiah 43:25, God says that He is the God that "blots out our transgressions; and remembers our sins no more." In the New Testament, Paul says that because of Christ's death and the reconciliation brought through His sacrifice, we are now seen "without blemish and free from accusation." (Colossians 1:22) When we start to see how truly lost we are without the grace of God, we truly begin to see how *amazing* God's grace really is.

Please pray for our youth this week. Pray that God would give them a desire to continue to grow and a burden to reach their lost friends for Christ. Thanks so much. God bless.

In Him,
Jim
Romans 1:16

MUSIC MINISTRY

MUSIC OF THE SEASON! Congratulations to all of our Graded Choirs, the Youth Choir, New Song, the Ladies Handbell Choir and their directors. You really did a great job this past Sunday evening!

MUSIC OF THE SEASON! The first rehearsal of *MESSIAH* was held this past Sunday. Preparation will continue with a second rehearsal this coming Sunday. The actual presentation will be at 2:00, Sunday afternoon, December 17 at Central United Methodist Church. I will direct the opening chorus and our own Barbara Hinton and Becky Riggs will be among the featured soloist. Attending will help you get a *Handel* on the season, so plan to come!

MUSIC OF THE SEASON! This Sunday evening at 6:00, our Sanctuary Choir and University Ensemble will present *Christmas Concert II*. Please come and bring friends. Our *Friends for Life* calendar included this event as an evangelistic opportunity, and it will be. But, lost people need to be present for any effort to be truly evangelistic. Telling a congregation of Christians that Jesus came to save them is like fishing for freshwater bass in the Dead Sea! It may be a nice outing, but the results will be less than spectacular. Bring them in!

Mike

Experiencing God Weekend - January 19-21, 1996

ROBERT C. & MAXINE MAYES
3069 LONLEY
FAYETTEVILLE AR 72703

Praise Record ~ Dec. 3

Sunday School Enrollment	1025
Sunday School Attendance	470
Morning Worship	449
Evening Worship	294
Other Bible Studies	1
Received December 3	\$ 24,149.12
Required December 3	\$ 15,392.77
Received in December	\$ 24,149.12
Required in December	\$ 15,392.77
Received in 1995	\$ 683,975.44
Required in 1995	\$ 742,335.93
Debt Retirement	\$ 375.00
Balance Owed	
Property Acquisition Loans	\$ 9,115.07
Cornerstone of Faith (C. of F.)	\$ 8,981.33
C. of F. Since 4/1/93	\$ 738,403.10

Extended Session ~ December 10

Babies: Shirley Norman, Melanie Million
Older Babies: Audrey Clinehens,
Judy Allen
Ones: Donna Riggs, Jessica Riggs
Twos: Peggy Goff, Clayton Brunson,
Brenda Stout
Threes: Jeff & Lora Hayes,
Shannon Suviro
Fours: Edith Griffin, Stacy Suviro
Evening: Virginia Rose

Parking/Van Ministry - December 10

Parking all members
Van James Sugg

Hospitalized

Kenneth Blanks WRMC #439
Dub Coffield WRMC #429

Sympathy

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Clayton Brunson and his family on the loss of his mother, Marie Brunson of Dryprong, Louisiana;

.....to Billy Bryan on the recent death of his brother, Roderick Bryan, Jr.

.....and to Kathryn Dickey, who lost her husband, Vonelle, on December 2.

Memorials

In memory of Ray Adams
Jackie & Keith Robbins
Williadeen C. Walker
In memory of Velma Best
Jackie & Keith Robbins
Williadeen C. Walker
In memory of Roderick Bryan, Jr.
M/M Don Krouse
In memory of James Walker
Williadeen C. Walker

Mid-Week Meal, Wed. Dec. 13, 5:00 p.m.
Beef Stew/ Broccoli Cornbread Muffin/
Blackberry Clobber-Ice Cream/Salad Bar/
Sandwich Bar/ Potato Bar

STAFF:

Pastor - Jere Mitchell
Minister of Music - Mike Parlay
Minister of Youth - Jim Thomas
Preschool Coord. - Clementine Hembree
Min. of Children - Lisa Wheat
Min. of Unch. Students - Bruce Salaman
Organist - Jennie Riggs
Planter - Rita Savage

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