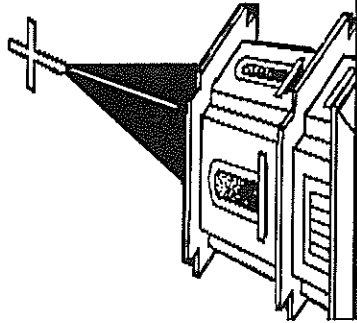


THE VOICE



"PEOPLE CARING FOR PEOPLE"

College & Dickson St., Fayetteville, AR



Merry Christmas

Linda

Melaine

Henry

Lynne

Jo Rita

Lisa

Jeff

Wanda

Tim

Jennie

Christine

Bill

Shirley

Week's REPORT

FYI FROM THE IRS

Internal Revenue regulations concerning gifts for religious causes have certain guidelines. Why? Contribution checks written in favor of a church are becoming less acceptable as documentary evidence to support contribution deductions on income tax returns.

Since cancelled checks supporting donations cannot be distinguished from cancelled checks supporting a non-deductible service, the church contribution record is becoming recognized as the only accurate documentary evidence in support of the contribution deduction. For your income tax records and our information, we suggest that you designate on your check and offering envelope the purpose of the check.

Timing: Only contributions actually received in the church office between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31 will be recorded in a given calendar year contribution record. The only exception is contributions mailed to the church. If the postmark reflects Dec. 31 or prior date, the contribution will be recorded in the prior year even though it may be delivered to the church after Jan. 1.

Cash or its equivalent: What can be contributed? Cash, insurance policies; stocks and bonds; personal property; real estate; any asset (clothes, books, art, etc.). All non-cash donations will be acknowledged by a letter stating only the receipt of the property or items as of a specific date and giving a brief description of the property or items donated. However, the acknowledgement letter will not provide an estimated fair market value. Non-cash donations are not included on the member's contributions record, since to do so would require the church to make an appraisal of the property or items.

Designated Contributions: The Internal Revenue Code provides a deduction for contributions to organizations but not to individuals. Contributions earmarked to a specific individual (even if unsolicited and no matter how worthy the cause or great the need) are not deductible as a contribution on an income tax return. The KEY is: The church must maintain control and responsibility for the funds.

These are not First Baptist Church laws, but the IRS laws. Our responsibility is to abide by these laws. If you have a problem interpreting these rulings or any questions, listed below is the number you may call for further information: 1-800-424-1040.

**WORLD MISSION
OFFERING TO DATE:
\$26,854.58**

From Your Pastor

Welcome to Ronnie Cox!

Ronnie Cox will serve as our music director during the interim period. The Personnel Committee is receiving resumes and recommendations. If you have someone you wish to recommend, please give their name and address, in writing, to me or one of the members of the Personnel Committee. Also pray for me and the committee as we seek God's leadership in finding God's man.

Love,
Preacher

Youth Ministry

1992 is almost over. What was it worth? It's gone so quickly. I've hardly had time to evaluate what the worth of the year was. How do you assign value to a year anyway? It's just time passing away...hours...minutes...seconds...and yet it's what happens in those moments that is so important. I remember one young man beginning to ask questions of his friends and youth workers. He wanted to know more about this personal God. He asked and they answered and eventually he came to know the answer: Jesus.

I remember moments where the lights went on in a young person's head and he realized that this God-stuff really did apply to his every day lives and situations.

I remember sitting in the living room of a youth worker and seeing and hearing the sounds of a group of youth really enjoying being together. There were some new folks and some old folks, and they all just seemed to melt together into a family. It was terrific.

I remember a group of youth and workers gathering together on the stage in Fellowship Hall to pray for the life of one of our young people who had been in a horrible accident and was near death. I remember the joy when God answered our prayers with life and recovery for the young person.

Most of all, I remember a year spent trying to allow God to work through my life and battling daily to let Him be Lord. It is and will continue to be a struggle, but it's a good struggle, and it's been a year of infinite value.

Merry Christmas,
Kris

*Soul-Winning
Commitment Day*

**Share the Gospel:
Equip Believers**
Ephesians 4:11-12
**Soul-Winning
Commitment Day**
January 10, 1993

Praise RECORD

S.S. Enrollment	1014
S.S. Attendance	437
Sierra Chapel Attendance	5
Total S.S. Attendance	442
S.S. New Members	2
Morning Worship	477
Evening Worship	271
Decisions	2
Received Dec. 20	\$14,913.37
Required Dec. 20	\$14,475.27
Received in Dec.	\$53,769.81
Required in Dec.	\$43,425.81
Received in 1992	\$667,602.35
Required in 1992	\$738,238.77
Debt Retirement	\$461.50
Balance Owed Property	
Acquisition Loans	\$52,379.08

EXTENDED SESSION

Babies:
Willadean Walker, Alma Kitchens
Older Babies:
Judy Allen, Cathy Houser
Ones:
Jackie Robbins, Marian Wagner, Evelyn Hartman
Twos:
Dan and Nancy Eckels, Stephen Landers
Threes:
Daniel and Kendal Hudgins, Julie Prater
Fours:
Jim and Linda Dilley

PARKING & VAN MINISTRY
South Lot: Van:
Bill Martin Bob Mayes

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED
Margaret Elaine Harper
SMH #219

MEMORIALS IN MEMORY OF...

Glady's Someman by:
Carl and Janet Collier
Extension Department
Bob and Jennie Riggs

WITH SYMPATHY

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Mrs. Edith Griffin and family in the loss of her husband, John, who died December 20, 1992.

**Read
Through
the Bible
in 1993!**

The Voice (USPS 195-220) is published weekly except the last week in December and first week in January by the First Baptist Church, College and Dickson, Fayetteville, AR 72702. Second Class Postage paid at Fayetteville, AR.
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to "The Voice," c/o First Baptist Church, PO Box 906, Fayetteville, AR 72702.