

Let me start off by wishing each of you a Merry Christmas and may your New Year be full of the abundant life that Jesus promised in John 10:10b. I believe that abundant life to be love, joy, peace, and hope which only He can give. Your mission in Northwest Fayetteville is still growing, both numerically and spiritually. We continue to plant seeds in the ministry area and I anticipant a harvest early next year. Let me share with you our latest outreach experience.

Last Sunday evening we went to the area just north of Holcomb Elementary School to sing Christmas carols and pass out the Jesus video. Most of the people appreciated us being there and received the bag with the video and letter inside. A few closed the door and refused our present, but not enough to dampen our spirit. However, one place we sang at was a different story. She was an elderly woman and her name was Ida. Our designated door knockers went to the door with our gift and rang the door bell. When the door opened, we began to sing from our position in the street. As we were going to the next house, Candace (one of the door knockers) told us that Ida had just lost her sister and that our visit was a Godsent for her. Carol and I went back to the her house and had prayer with her. She deeply appreciated it and said that she would be in church on Sunday. After we passed out all of our videos, we went back to our meeting place for cookies and hot chocolate. We all felt like we had received far more than we had given.

Our biggest need right now is to pray for a harvest. God has sent us some very good people and more of us are reaching out in the ministry area. Several are planning on participating in FAITH this coming January. I know there will be a harvest if the seeds are planted.

Sincerely His, Joe



More 1999 POINSETTIAS

In Memory of Ray Adams by Cheryl Adams Yates

In Honor of Marilyn Katie & John David Johnson by Cleo Liles

(Please let us know in the church office if your name has been inadvertantly let off the list!)

PRAYER ALERT for the WEEK

1999 World Missions Offering

Goal: \$56,500.00 Year-To-Date: \$43,155.44



THE NEW SEMESTER OF FAITH begins JANUARY 24TH

If you can't particpate in the training process, but would like to contribute, here's what you can do:

- I. Babysit on Monday evenings (6:00-9:00 p.m.) for the families who need childcare.
- 2. Pledge your prayers to a FAITH team member.
- 3. Come to the church on Monday evenings and pray for 30 minutes or an hour (6:00-9:00 p.m.) You'll be a "FAITH Prayer Warrior."

Sunday School departments can alternate babysitting days/nights as a class project. Think about how you can help with FAITH. The rewards are eternal!

Call Jan Hixson at 521-8212 for details.

Have You Read The Bible Through in 1999?



Let us know in the church office, 442-2387.

| Business 4:00 PM Mtg Student FAITH | - | Ident 30 | Baby Shower for Kim Puckett - Parlor 6:00 PM Ordination of David Mason Reception following in Mitchell Hall | 16 17 | Snower for Lina Barfield - Parlor 5:00 PM Committee Orientation 6:00 PM S.S. Mtg. in Sanctuary | Adults2 Podluck - LA 2:004:00 PM Reception for Dr. Hammond - MH 2:004:00 PM A5 Baby | 9 Morning Worship FAITH Recognition | 5:00 PM Youth Choir resumes | 2 3 FOOD PANTRY DAY | | | SUNDAY | |
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| Marriage Conf. Room #220 | HOT HEARTS - Janua High School & FI | 28 | 6:30-8:30 PM Volley Ball Mitchell Hall | 21 | | | 4 | | 7 | De BO T SE | out. | FRIDAY | |
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| | | Smile Exercise | Youth Open Gym Sanctuary Choir The Edge University Bible Study Choir childcare | Music & Missions Ladies Bible Study Adult S.S. Overview Prayer Meeting | Ladies Handbells CAMPANELLA Supper Adult Dir. Mtg. | Smile Exercise | Men's Basketball | (FHS Bible Study) Men's Prayer Smile Exercise F.A.I.T.H. Bible Study Fellowship | Underground | Library Open Sunday School Morning Worship Student F.A.I.T.H. Discipleship Training Youth Choir Evening Worship | | | |

Praise Record - December 26

| Sunday School Enrollment | 1072 |
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| Sunday School Attendance | 236 |
| Morning Worship | 258 |
| Other Weekly Bible Studies | 11 |
| Shiloh Community Church | 36 |
| Received December 26 | \$ 18,337.05 |
| Required December 26 | \$ 19,081,41 |
| Received in December | \$ 96,197,89 |
| Required in December | \$ 76.325.64 |
| Received in 1999 | \$ 955,095,93 |
| Required in 1999 | \$ 944,619.00 |
| Great Is Thy Faithfulness for week 12/26/99 | \$4,762.50 |
| Great Is Thy Faithfulness since 5/01/99 | \$262,042.63 |
| Balance owed GITF as of 12/26/99 | \$213,700.00 |
| World Missions for the Week | \$12,259.50 |
| World Missions year-to-date | \$43,155.44 |
| 1999 World Missioins Goal | \$56,500.00 |

EXTENDED SESSION ~ January 2

Babies: Lola Mae Shackelford, Barbara Moore Older Babies: Hannah Lee, Delores Hoover Ones: Mike & Brooke Gray Twos: James Kelly & Mona Lois Schmidt Threes: Steven & Anita Hodges

VAN MINISTRY - January 2

Bobby Harwell & Harry Norman

SYMPATHY

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Susie Jones on the loss of her brother, Dennis Bates of Shreveport, Louisiana, on Novem-

....and to Weldon Coats on the recent loss of his sister, Fawn Marie Osburn, of Enid, Oklahoma.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congraulations to Chris and Kim Puckett on the arrival of Isaiah Parker "Isaac" Puckett on December 15, 1999. Isaac weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 22 inches long. Isaac is also being welcomed by big sister, Samantha, brother, Mason, and grandparents, Marleen Venema and Claire

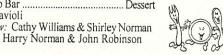
....and to Laura and Jim Thomas on the birth of Laura's niece, Makenzie Anne Smith on December 16. Parents are Donna and Phillip Smith of Chipley, Florida.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Joe Hancock, January 2-8, 2000

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

| January 5 - Served 5:00-5:45 p.m. | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Lasagna | Green Beans |
| French Bread | Salad Bar |
| Baked Potato Bar | |
| Children - Ravioli | |
| Kitchen Crew: Cathy Williams & | Shirley Norman |



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAYS beginning JANUARY 12, 2000 6:00-7:00 P.M. - Room #322 Led by Cindy Riemenschneider and Cyndy Meares

An in-depth look at the lives of Sarah, Miriam, Deborah, Ruth, Esther and other women of the

Call the church office to sign up and request the study materials - 442-2387

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You are invited to a Recognition & Farewell Reception In honor of Geoff Hammond Sunday, January 9 2:00-4:00 p.m. First Baptist Church, Jayetteville Mitchell Hall

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Memorials

In memory of Dennis Bates Murray & Carolyn Smart

In memory of G.H. Crook, Jack Woody and Hosea & Fina Elkins Bea Crook

In memory of W.H. Duncan William & Patricia Medley

In memory of Donna Hall Mr. & Mrs. William Tilton

In memory of George H. Liles, Ola Mae Liles, and Thomas M. Liles Margaret E. Liles

In memory of Fern Maddox Mr. & Mrs. William Tilton

In memory of Wilma Rollow Murray & Carolyn Smart

Gift Given in Honor of:

Luther Freeman by Adult 2 Mixed 3 SS Class Juanita Duncan

by William & Patricia Medley

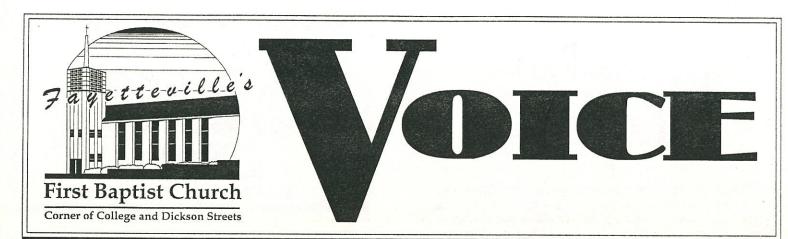
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MISSION STATEMENT: LOVE GOD, LOVE FELLOW BELIEVERS, LOVE ALL PEOPLE.

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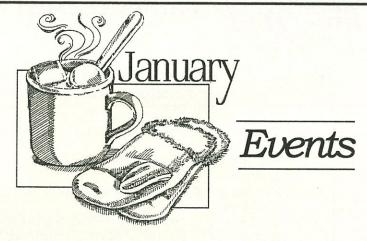


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JANUARY 9

- FAITH Recognition in Morning Worship
- Recognition & Farwell Reception for Dr. Geoff Hammond - 2:00-4:00 p.m. - Mitchell Hall
- Committee Orientation 5:00 p.m.
- General Sunday School Meeting 6:00 p.m.

JANUARY 13

FAITH Banquet - 6:00 p.m. in Mitchell Hall

JANUARY 16

Ordination Service for David Mason - 6:00 p.m. Reception following in Mitchell Hall

JANUARY 23

Student FAITH Orientation 4:00 p.m.

JANUARY 24 Adult FAITH Orientation 6:00 p.m.

JANUARY 28-29

Hot Hearts Youth Conference Springdale High School **Performing Arts Center**

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Happy New Year! It is exciting to think about the year 2000, first of all just from the standpoint of moving from the 1900's to the 2000's. It is even more exciting to think of the new challenges and opportunities of a new year. God has blessed us in so many ways. My desire is that we show our gratitude and love to God by our faithfulness in worship of Him and obedience to His call.

Sunday, January 9, 2000, will be an important day for us. In the morning worship service we will recognize those who completed the Fall semester of FAITH. We will have our annual committee orientation at 5:00 P.M. At 6:00 P.M. we will have a Sunday School Meeting for the entire church. The focus of this general meeting will be reaching people in our area for Christ. Geoff Hammond, Director of Missions for Washington-Madison Baptist Association, will preview the opportunities we have in our community and important implications of those opportunities. I hope that you will plan to be present.

Thursday, January 13, 2000, we will have a FAITH banquet. This banquet will be for all who have completed a semester of FAITH training, all Sunday School workers, and all who are interested in learning more about our Sunday School evangelism program, FAITH. That evening will be a time of moving testimonies and inspiration.

Please pray for all of these events and plan to be present. I will look for you Sunday in Bible Study and worship.

Love,

Preacher