

From Where I Sit . . .

"SO MANY THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR"

Our FRIENDS AND FAMILY WEEKEND was a wonderful time in the making of the history of Broad Street Church of Christ. We'll be able to look back on this time with great joy for the many happy experiences we shared. I can't say enough about the hard work that went into getting the weekend ready. First of all, the church took very seriously the challenge to send cards and make calls inviting people to our services. The Sunday morning attendance reflects that they were used, along with personal contact with your friends and family members. Our board shows 475 as the count that will go down on the record; however, we've strong reason to believe that the number went well over 500 as so many were coming in after the count. One counter commented it was impossible to get everyone. Since we're accustomed to seeing 310 to 340 in our Sunday morning services, it was a thrill to see the vast majority of seats taken Sunday.

The amazing thing is that we could within a reasonable period of time be having that many in our services all the time if we would get busy and work with weak and wayward members alone to get them active in the Lord. In addition to that, the more we study with friends and lead them to the Lord, the more this church will grow. We're not on some ego trip looking for numbers. We are in the "soul" business, not the "numbers" business. I'm merely pointing out that there are so many opportunities around us just waiting to be explored. This church can grow!

While discussing the weekend, I must say "Thank You" to several crews that worked so hard to make it all possible. A group of men met at the building over several days to finish the painting projects in our hallways so that our guests would be greeted with the brighter colors. Additional tables and chairs were set up for both the Saturday and Sunday activities which took a lot of manpower. Set up and clean up crews worked very hard. Our ladies (I should say cooks since we have several men who help do the cooking) prepared so much that not only did we feed all the crowd, but could have served that many over again with the amount of leftovers. Several cooked for events Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to the Thorntons for hosting the young adult gathering on Friday night while the Classics were meeting in the multi-purpose room. Both were well attended. Hosts for the teen 5th Quarter party made a big sacrifice to be at the youth center for several hours. We hope that more of our youth will begin taking advantage of this opportunity to be together.

Our VBS Reunion and Fall Festival crew put together a wonderful evening for the children. I enjoyed being there very much. I think the children will long remember the attention you showed them and hopefully it will keep many of them working for the Lord themselves as they grow older.

The men who conducted our special devotional service Sunday did an outstanding job of expressing our needs in prayer and song. The reading of Scriptures was most encouraging. Ron Harville did a fabulous job of leading our songs. Thanks to all our participants in leadership roles and in the audience. God was praised in this service that day.

Well begin right away planning for the big Homecoming Anniversary celebration scheduled for early next year. The church was established in Scottsboro in 1884 and we honor the 120th year of continuous Gospel preaching and teaching to this community. To God be the glory!!

..... Terry Broome

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