

From Where I Sit . . .

"EXCITING EVENTS PLANNED"

Our members should know very well by now that our Vacation Bible School is set for June 21-25. We have great VBS at Broad Street. The reasons are many, but they all center around the workers and the message. A very talented crew puts together creative and exciting activities that involved over 200 people last year in the largest VBS anyone could remember here. We anticipate an even larger one this year and already have put out pre-registration forms for members and visitors alike. Be sure to get those turned in right away.

The Fall Festival and VBS Reunion on October 30 brings many of these same students and their parents back to the auditorium and multi-purpose room for just what the name suggests - a reunion of friends, songs and skits from VBS, and an evening of fun and games for the children to follow. Last year we capped it off on Sunday with our "Friends and Family Day" at worship services. This year something very special is in the making!

One Hundred and twenty years ago this year, back in 1884, James A. Harding (Co-Founder of Nashville Bible School which became David Lipscomb College) and J. W. Shepherd, Kentucky preacher and editor of several of the Gospel Advocate Commentary volumes, each came to Scottsboro to hold revivals in the establishing of a congregation of God's people in this city. We are the beneficiaries of the faith and vision of local residents who worked diligently to bring the Gospel to this city. Now, 120 years later, we want to pause and look back, but only that we might see more clearly from whence we have come and to affirm where we are going. **THE PAST IS BUT PROLOGUE!**

On Sunday morning following the VBS Reunion and Fall Festival, October 30 and 31 of this year, Lord willing we will celebrate the 120 years history of this great congregation. We are inviting all former members to join us that day for worship and a wonderful lunch to follow and a second service immediately to follow. To all our readers, if you were ever a part of this great work, or related to someone who was, or just a dear friend of the Broad Street family - even if you don't know us and just want to help celebrate a wonderful day - please mark your calendars and plan now to join us for The 120th Anniversary and Homecoming of Broad Street Church of Christ. We'd love to hear from you ahead of time. Your letters of memories and even photos from days gone by would be most helpful. Mark them carefully for identification purposes with name and address.

Another exciting event that requires some forethought and planning will be our "Marriage and Family" weekend with Donnie Hilliard of Faulkner University, and director of the Cloverdale Center For Family Strength. Please reserve the weekend of November 6 and 7 for Saturday morning and Sunday sessions that may change our lives for the better and for eternity. Lord willing, great things are in store as we move through 2004!

..... Terry Broome

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