

the Encourager

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and building believers

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An Encouraging Word

Pastor Rick Grant

It seems as you get older you tend to look back and long for the good old days. You remember the time when the world was simpler, slower, and it seemed that people had their priorities straight.

Some of the older generation long for the time back in the 1950's when Americans had a better perspective on things. Yet the truth is, when it comes to priorities, things have not really changed that much over the decades. Here is just one example.

On the night of January 19, 1953, the episode telling the story of Desi Arnaz, Jr's birth on the *I Love Lucy* show drew 44 million American viewers. This was one of the most watched events of the year.

On January 20, 1953, the very next day, the inauguration of President Dwight Eisenhower was also televised. Only about 22 million Americans felt it was important enough for them to watch.

Which event was more important? And yet to which did Americans give their greatest attention? Maybe looking back in history reveals that every generation has been guilty of confused priorities — even from the 1950's.

the Weekend

May 21-22

A Fundraiser for FBC Children's Camp

A wonderful, whimsical weekend
of fellowship,
scrapbooking, quilting,
food & friends!

\$20 Registration per person

Contact Debbie Bridges or Laurie Cox in
the church office for more info.

An Evening with the Stars

Thank you to everyone who came to last Sunday's Evening with the Stars! The show seems to keep getting better and better! We had a great cast of performers this year. Thanks to all 13 of our stars who made the night so much fun with their talent, clogging, and humor! Special thanks to Paul White for emceeing and to Brad Pierce for taking care of our audio!

This year's Evening with the Stars raised over \$4400.00!! All of the monies raised will go toward subsidizing the cost for our students to be on mission this summer in New York City and Cajamarca, Peru. I'm so thankful to be part of a church who understands the importance of sending out students to the mission field! May God continue to be glorified in our efforts to share the Gospel! Thanks again for being a part of Evening with the Stars!

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GEORGIE & RANDY MOONEY MEMORIAL

4-person
Golf Scramble

1:00pm

Shotgun start

Saturday
May 1, 2010

Longhills Golf
Course - Benton

\$60/per person
\$240 per team



Proceeds used for
scholarship support
of all summer student activities

First Baptist Church of Benton, Arkansas, is seeking a full-time Associate Pastor of Worship and Music Education. See www.fcbenton.org for information, job description and application instructions.

"What's in your purse?"

Ladies' Spring Brunch

Ladies ages 18 & beyond

Saturday, May 8th

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. * Selph Hall

Purse Exchange

If you would like to participate, please bring an unwrapped new or gently used purse to exchange

Come Enjoy Speaker, Angie Peters

Breakfast Brunch Buffet * Fun Icebreakers

Prizes * Special Music * Purse Exchange

Tickets \$5 per person on sale in the Worship Center this Sunday, April 11th.

For more information call Karen Wagon in the church office at

(501) 315-2270 or 778-2271



Hosted by the Women's Ministry of First Baptist Church

First Baptist Family

You are invited to an
Open House Bridal Shower
 honoring
Jennifer Powell and Brenton Horne
 Saturday, April 24, 2010
 10:00am - 11:30am
 At the home of Sharon Sanders - 1309 Rock Creek Circle

Registered at: Smith-Caldwell, Bed Bath & Beyond,
 Dillard's and Target

Hospitals:

Lorraine Rothwell Tom Thompson
 JD Caldwell Jim Stitz
 Jack Smithson

Deepest Sympathies and love to:

T.J. Bridges and family in the loss of his brother-in-law
 Stephanie Davis and family in the loss of her grandmother

Words of thanks and appreciation for the
 many acts of kindness were received from:
 Richard Womack and family

Preschool Sunday School Department needs you!



We need 4 Teachers for the Preschool
 Sunday School Department and 8
 to 10 people who would be willing
 to substitute teach as needed.

Please contact Kay McCall @ 778-6976.

Thank you for investing in the lives of our Preschoolers!



World Changers is looking for crew chiefs to oversee construction work carried out by youth and adults. There are spots available in Little Rock and Pine Bluff. The commitment is for 1 week, Monday, June 7th - Saturday, June 12th. The Work begins at 7am and ends in the afternoon at a good stopping point. The crew chiefs will have the option of going home at night or staying at a host church with other crews and crew chiefs. World Changers will provide 3 meals a day to everyone involved. There will be youth groups and adult leaders from all over the country including Alabama, Georgia and Texas. The areas of work will involve shingle roofs, painting exteriors and general clean up. This will be a great opportunity for someone who has always wanted to get involved but never has.

Contact: Aaron Riggle-870-245-9272
 or Hunter Douglas-501-416-4696

Sunday, April 11

Senior Adults	209
Median Adults	252
Young Adults	69
Spanish	15
Youth	155
Children	92
Preschool	95
Total Bible Study	887
Avg. Attendance	935



"If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have." 2 Cor. 8:12

Receipts 04.11.10	53,294
Weekly Goal	59,635
Receipts YTD	783,534
YTD Goal	894,525
Building Fund YTD	31,823
<i>North American Missions</i>	
Annie Armstrong	20,407
FBC Goal	21,500

Given through March 31, 2010:
 Cooperative Program \$65,909
 Associational Missions \$6,591

Church indebtedness on 3/31/20: \$5,825,843

