

# *the* Encourager

FBC *Benton*

Honoring God by sharing Christ  
and building believers

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## *An Encouraging Word*

Pastor Rick Grant

As a young boy, Gypsy Smith made money by whittling clothespins from sticks. Later, he became a Christian and then a world-famous evangelist. He traveled around the world several times, conducted evangelistic campaigns in large cities, was entertained by many of the notables of the day, and drew thousands to faith in Christ.

In his later years, visitors to his home in England were impressed by an old pruning knife kept in a place of honor in the living room. He explained that sometimes he was inclined to feel a little proud because of his success. Whenever pride would start to come up in him, he would pick up that old knife and say to himself, "Old man, this is what you were before God took hold of you, a nobody whittling clothespins out of wood to make a miserable living. It reminds me," he added, "that I am just a sinner saved by grace and empowered by God."

Gypsy Smith remembered what we don't need to forget. No matter how successful we may become, you and I need to remember we only accomplished those things through the grace of God, with the help of others, and sometimes because we were at the right place at the right time.

## JOIN US FOR "SPIRIT WEEKS"!



People like you make our community a better place. But what about the cows? Tell you what—stop by and **present this form** at Chick-fil-A at Reynolds Road **May 4-18**, during FBC Benton's "Spirit Weeks." Based on the sales from your organization, Chick-fil-A will make a donation to the Upper Room Student Ministry of FBC Benton.

**Not only do the cows win, but you will, too!**

**Organization: The Upper Room Student Ministry of FBC Benton**

Amount Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_

Cashier: Please attach copy of receipt with purchase



● **WOMEN ON MISSION**  
Luncheon Meeting  
Tuesday May 4th @ 11:15am in Fellowship Hall—Cost: \$4  
Guest Speaker: *Karma Herzfeld, Habitat For Humanity*

● **National Day of Prayer**  
Thursday, May 6th  
Prayer Service  
*Everyone is invited!*  
4pm to 8pm (Come and Go) in the FLC Fellowship Hall  
**A time of prayer for our church, our country and our world!**

*More...  
Than Motherhood*

*Moms & children of all ages are invited to come join each other for food & fellowship.*



*May 17 @ Tryndal Park*

*(Pack a sack lunch & we will meet @ 11:00 a.m. on the Creek side of the park)*

*No Reservation Required just come join the fun!*

Call Laurie @ the church w/ any questions (315-2270/778-2271) or email @ [laurie.cox@fbc Benton.org](mailto:laurie.cox@fbc Benton.org)

Due to the cancellation of the Sr. Adult Trip to St. Louis, FBC has **St Louis Cardinals Tickets for sale** ~ Thursday, May 13, 12:40pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Loge, \$30 each. Call Karen in the church office.



the  
**W**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.



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 one 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

# First Baptist Family

## Welcome New Members



### *By Baptism:*

Nikka Adams  
& Makayla and James



### *By Letter:*

Brad and Nancy Evans  
& Everett

### *Hospitals:*

Jim Stitz      Phillis Elliott

### *Deepest Sympathies and love to:*

Deborah Vance and family in the loss of her mother



Thank you Pat Gibson for  
all your hard work!

## **Job Opening at FBC-Benton ~ STUDENT MINISTRY ASSISTANT**

Resumes are being accepted through May 15 for the position of Student Ministry Assistant. The Student Ministry Assistant will be a passionate follower of Christ with the ability to provide administrative and ministerial support to the Student Ministry including developing and leading a ministry to teenage girls. The full job description is available in the church office. All applicants must submit a resume and complete an Employment Application (also available in the church office). The anticipated start date is July 1, 2010.

## Sunday, April 25

Senior Adults	212
Median Adults	249
Young Adults	69
Spanish	15
Youth	144
Children	102
Preschool	90
Total Bible Study	881
Avg. Attendance	931



*"Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am... I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."*

Philippians 4: 11, 13

<b>Receipts 04.25.10</b>	<b>53,856</b>
Weekly Goal	59,635
<b>Receipts YTD</b>	<b>877,015</b>
YTD Goal	1,013,795
Building Fund YTD	36,261
North American Missions	
Annie Armstrong	22,079
FBC Goal	21,500

Summer  
2010

### THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER...

1. Go to the Pool
2. Read a Book
3. Get a Great Tan
4. Shop
5. Lose a few pounds
6. ??

**What about doing something  
This summer that will make a  
REAL DIFFERENCE?**

Have **you** signed up to work with VBS?

*You realize that more children come to know Christ as their Savior through this single event than through any other...*

- MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD •
- DO SOMETHING THAT WILL LAST AN ETERNITY

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Office hours

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 8:00am- 5:00pm

Wednesdays 8:00am- 6:00pm

**FBC EMERGENCY NUMBER**

(Weekends Only) 501-326-3279

Sunday Worship Services can be heard live on

*KEWI Radio 690 @ 10:35am/www.kewi690.com*

Sundays-10:30am & 7:00pm Wednesdays 9:00pm

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

This newsletter was delivered to the  
Post Office on April 28, 2010  
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Event: **Friday April 30, 2010 at 6:00pm**  
**until Saturday at 6:00am**  
Saline County Courthouse  
For more information or to sign up  
go to [www.relayforlife.org/bentonar](http://www.relayforlife.org/bentonar)

## Next Week at First Baptist Church...

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>9:00-10:30am</b> Library Open <b>9:15am</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Worship Service</b>  <b>4:00pm</b> Life Care Classes Financial Peace Christian Growth Classes <b>4:30pm</b> Pure Energy ROOT 66 <i>Children &amp; Preschoolers</i> <i>Lattes with Laurie</i> Precepts <b>4:45pm</b> GROW U Middle School Night Sunday School <b>5:00pm</b> Spanish Mission Library Open <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Weekday Preschool Graduation</b> Worship Service	Weekday Preschool  <b>10:00am</b> Sunshine Circle  12:00pm Noon Bible Study  <b>6:00pm</b> Joyful Strummers	Weekday Preschool <b>9:30am</b> Mother's Day Out <b>10:00am</b> Morning Glories <b>11:15am</b> <b>Women on Missions</b>  <b>6:30pm</b> <b>Women on Missions Acts of Kindness</b>	Weekday Preschool <b>9:15am</b> <i>Ladies Bible Study</i>  <b>4:15pm</b> Handchimes <b>4:45pm</b> - Supper <b>5:00pm</b> Library Open <b>5:30pm</b> <i>M&amp;M Preschool and Children's Missions</i> Common Ground - <i>Middle School Students</i> <b>6:00pm</b> Bible Study <i>with Pastor Rick</i> <b>6:15pm</b> <i>M&amp;M Music</i> <b>7:00pm</b> IMPACT Jr/Sr High <b>7:15pm</b> Orchestra Worship Choir	Weekday Preschool <b>9:30am</b> Mother's Day Out  12:00pm Noon Bible Study  <b>6:00PM</b> <b>PURE ENERGY RETREAT</b>	 "What's in your purse?" <b>Ladies' Spring Brunch @ 9:30am</b>	
MAY 2	MAY 3	MAY 4	MAY 5	MAY 6	MAY 7	MAY 8