

# the Encourager

first baptist church  
Benton

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## Neighborhood Bible Studies

For quite some time I felt the Lord leading me to do a Bible study for ladies in my neighborhood. I kept putting it off, thinking that no one would be interested, and I was just too busy. In January I just couldn't shake the thought that it was time to follow the Lord's leading.

I began by e-mailing the ladies in my neighborhood that attended First Baptist Church and asked if they were interested. I got a great response and so my next step was to gather the names and address of ladies I had never met and send them a flyer inviting them to a Bible study on Tuesday nights in my home. I emphasized that it would be a great way to get to know our neighbors.

I mapped out my schedule, enlisted another FBC neighbor who would co-host it with me and prayerfully anticipated the first night. The night arrived, and I have to say I was overwhelmed with the response! We had 16 ladies attend – some I knew, but others I had never even met. The next twelve weeks were such a joy! I grew to know and love these sisters in Christ. We prayed together, shared our hearts as we studied God's Word together. We finished our study anticipating that we will come back together in the fall for another study.

I felt like that God led me to do this Bible study in my neighborhood so that I in turn could challenge others to do the same. All of us have neighbors that we don't know, some of who are un-churched and may not even know the Lord as their personal savior. We need to view our neighborhoods as our Jerusalem and seek to share the gospel message beginning there.

I would like to see neighborhood Bible studies begin this fall in several neighborhoods. It can be a ladies Bible study, or you may want to start a couple's study. I will assist you in choosing the appropriate curriculum, purchase the books that will be sold at the study, help with the promotional flyers and mailings, print your registration cards and in any other way I can.

Frances Raley, Minister of Adult Education

*If you are interested in this exciting new ministry please contact Frances Raley by calling the church office at (501)315-2270.*

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sharing Christ **honoring God** building believers

# join us at FBC *Benton*

## Summer Sunday Nights @ 6pm

- July 25 **Hamburger Supper**
- August 1 Student Share Service
- August 8 Movie Night ~ *The End of the Spear*
- August 15 Ice Cream Fellowship after service
- August 22 Fall Schedule begins!

FBC *Benton*  300

DAVE RAMSEY'S  
**MOMENTUM**  
BUILDING THE KINGDOM DEBT FREE

For more information on Momentum go to the church's website at [www.fbcbenton.org](http://www.fbcbenton.org)

**FAREWELL RECEPTION**  
honoring  
**ASHLEY THOMPSON**  
Children's Ministry Associate  
**SUNDAY, JULY 25 from 9am until 10:30am**  
**2nd floor CHILDREN'S SITTING AREA**

Pastor Rick's sermon outlines and listening downloads can be accessed on the church's website at [www.fbcbenton.org](http://www.fbcbenton.org) under the "weekly" tab on the homepage.

## Living Proof Live Simulcast



Featuring  
*~Beth Moore~*

**Saturday, September 18th**

**Simulcast Hosted by: First Baptist Church ~ Benton**

**Tickets \$20.00 per person**

*(A box lunch is included with each ticket)*

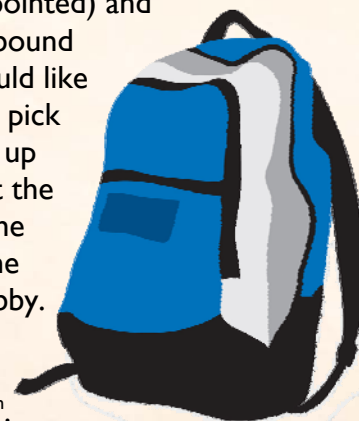
**Tickets go on sale in the church office**

**July 12, 2010.**

For more information call Karen in the church office at 315-2270.

## **Ralph Bunche Back to School Picnic**

Each year we have the opportunity to encourage the children in our community by providing school supplies to the Ralph Bunche Back to School Picnic. This year FBC Benton has been given the task to collect scissors (both rounded and pointed) and single subject spiral bound notebooks. We would like to encourage you to pick some of these items up and drop them off at the church office or at the Welcome Desk in the Worship Center Lobby. The deadline to turn these supplies in is Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.



Thank you in advance for your help! Clay

# First Baptist Family

## Hospitals:

Sunny Red      Jan Hodges      Billie Carson  
Judy Pierce      Faye Dean Roberts  
Jim Gwatney      Becky Gaither

## Our sympathies and love to:

Frances Raley and family in the of her uncle

Louise Conway and family in the loss of her brother,  
Johnny Smith

## Births:

Caroline Reese Gaither

Born: July 1, 2010

Parents: Michael and Jill Gaither

Big sister: Jillian

Grandparents: James & Becky Gaither

Coming in early fall at FBC *Benton...*

Beth Moore Simulcast

Senior Adult Trip to Murry's Playhouse

Divorce Care

Grief Share

New Discipleship Classes

Peru Mission Trip

Deacon-Widow Banquet

more information coming!

The **FBC Prayer Group Ministry** has placed prayer brochures in the pew racks. Any time you have a prayer request for the group, please fill out one of the brochures and put it in the offering plate or in the special lock box located by the bulletin board in the hallway by Selph Hall kitchen. These requests will strictly be for the prayer group ministry.

Anyone interested in joining the prayer ministry, please call Eric Roberts.

## Job Opening at FBC-Benton

### PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSOCIATE

Resumes are being accepted through July 30, 2010, for the position of **PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSOCIATE**. The Associate will be a maturing believer in Christ who has a desire to serve Christ through the ministry of Preschool and Childhood Education. The 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). Only qualified applicants need apply.

*Sunday, July 18, 2010*

Senior Adults	202
Median Adults	198
Young Adults	55
Spanish	15
Youth	96
Children	75
Preschool	65
Total Bible Study	706
Avg. Attendance	887

*Stewardship*  
...serving to Christ's Glory

"David was prospering in all his ways for the Lord was with him."

1 Samuel 18: 14-15

<b>Receipts 07.18.10</b>	<b>42,885</b>
Weekly Goal	59,635
<b>Receipts YTD</b>	<b>1,491,924</b>
YTD Goal	1,729,415
Building Fund YTD	70,476

## Given through June 30:

Cooperative Program = \$134,338

Associational Missions = \$13,434

Church indebtedness on June 30 = \$5,734,340

