

# the Encourager

first baptist church  
Benton

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## FOCUS 2010-2011

The American Heritage Dictionary defines **FOCUS** as an adjustment for distinctness or clarity: a center of interest or activity.

During summer we often lose **FOCUS** as we shift gears and go into vacation mode. The drop in Sunday School and church attendance during the past two months can attest to a loss of **FOCUS**.



As we gear up for a new Sunday School Year which begins on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, we are using **FOCUS** as our theme. It is time to adjust our schedules, but even more so, our hearts as we **FOCUS** on our relationship with Christ and our commitment to the body of believers known as First Baptist Church.

Our **FOCUS** Scripture is Hebrews 10:24-25 *"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another."*

As we enter this new Sunday school year let's **FOCUS** on our distinctness as Christians seeking to live lives that clearly reflect who Christ is and our commitment to Him. May we center our interest and invest our activity growing spiritually and making a kingdom difference.

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sharing Christ **honoring God** building believers

# join us at FBC *Benton*

## Sunday Evening Classes beginning August 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Sunday Night 'Sunday School'

4:45 - 5:45pm  
Led by Andy Bloxom

### Jeremiah-Part 1 (Precept Class)

4:30 - 6:00pm  
Co-ed Class led by Linda Jackson

### Lattes with Laurie

4:30-5:45pm  
Led by Laurie Cox in the Crossover Café

### Divorce Care

4:00 -6:00pm  
Led by Ann & Larry Easterling

### Grief Share

4:00-6:00pm  
Led by Frances Raley

## Wednesday Morning Class

### Beth Moore's "Here & Now...There & Then"

Begins September 8<sup>th</sup>  
9:15-11:00am  
Ladies Bible Study Group led by Ella Petz

## Wednesday Evening Classes beginning August 25<sup>th</sup>

### Gospel-Powered Parenting

6:00-7:00p.m.  
Led by David Dawson & Eric Roberts

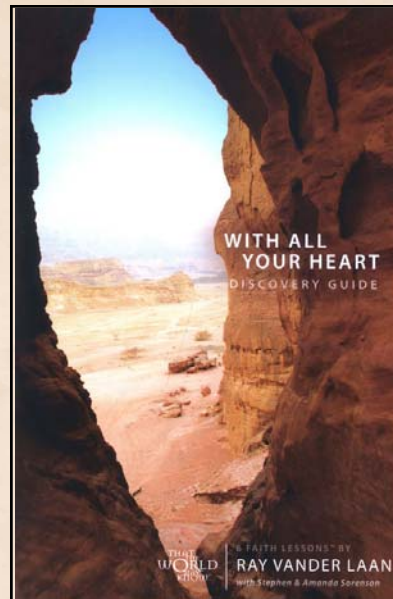
### Financial Peace University

5:30-7:30p.m.  
Led by Tony & Leigh Ann Guerra

## Mondays & Thursdays

### Noon Bible Study's "With All Your Heart" by Ray Vander Laan

12:00-1:00p.m.  
Led by Pastor Rick Grant



## With All Your Heart

By Ray Vander Laan

**Noon Bible Study**  
Mondays & Thursdays  
Starting  
**August 23rd**  
**12:00 ~ 1:00pm**  
*hot lunch available for \$4.00*  
**First Baptist Church ~ Upper Room**  
*Led by Pastor Rick Grant*

## Join us in Sunday School



Saturday ~ September 18th ~ FBC-Benton



# LIVING PROOF LIVE

Featuring...BETH MOORE

## simulcast

Tickets On Sale Now!

# First Baptist Family

## Births

*Jordyn Elizabeth Shepherd*

Born: August 4, 2010

Parents: Michael & Hollie Shepherd

Big brother Mason

Grandmother: Barbara Shepherd

## Sympathies and love to

Flo Huthmaker and family in the loss of her brother, Bill Walker

Robin White and family in the loss of her brother, Myrle Counts

Pastor Rick Grant and family in the loss of his father, Sonny Grant

Marcia Ferguson and family in the loss of her sister

## Welcome New Members



By Statement / Letter  
Gerald & Stacey  
Tanner and Cameron  
Westpheling

## Sunday, August 8, 2010

Senior Adults	203
Median Adults	216
Young Adults	73
Spanish	15
Youth	94
Children	83
Preschool	101
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>785</b>
<b>Avg. Attendance</b>	<b>881</b>

## Stewardship

*"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*  
2 Corinthians 9:7

<b>Receipts 08.08.10</b>	<b>47,991</b>
Weekly Goal	59,635
<b>Receipts YTD</b>	<b>1,651,017</b>
YTD Goal	1,908,320
Building Fund YTD	77,606

Given through July 31:  
Cooperative Program \$155,098  
Associational Missions \$15,510  
Church indebtedness on July 31: \$5,707,705

## alzheimer's association™

Benton Support Group

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month

7:00pm @ First Baptist Church

Conference Room - Enter door closest to corner of Market & River St.

Facilitated by Stephanie Hull of Arkansas Alzheimer's Association

For more information contact

Richard Mills, Group Coordinator, (501) 315-0087

## Wednesday Night Supper Menus

Aug. 11 Sweet and Sour Chicken  
Rice topped with sautéed onion & peppers  
Egg Roll

Aug. 18 Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich  
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, French Fries

Aug. 25 Taco Salad

*All meals served with one dessert item or fruit*

Adult plate \$5 (age 11 & up) Child plate \$3 (ages 4-10)

Chef salads \$5 Pizzas \$2 **Household maximum \$15**

Chef Salads & Pizzas available

**Come join us each Wednesday Night**

*No Reservations Needed*

