



Benton First Assembly Newsletter

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April Events

- 2nd & 16th—Community Faœlift
- 3rd—Connect Groups
- 4th, 18th, 25th—Zumba Class
- 9th—JBQ State Tournament
- 9th—Kars 4 Kids
- 10th—Baby Dedication
- 15th—16th—Mens Retreat
- 18th—22nd Holy week services
- 23rd—PT Easter Egg Hunt
- 24th—Easter Service
- 24th—evening service dismissed
- 29th—30th—GIM Retreat
- 29th—1st—Women of Joy Conference
- 29th—1st—Hettie Lou Brooks Seminar



From Pastor's Desk—Making Yourself Friendly

We are presently growing with a lot of new families in our church. I am sure there are many new people you have not met. I ask that we all make ourselves friendly. Please **don't wait on them to introduce themselves to you**, you reach out to them and make yourself friendly. I can remember attending **churches that didn't reach out to us and make us feel like we were welcome.** We definitely want to be a church that is friendly and reaches out to all who are new in our church. I believe we do a good job of being friendly but with all the new faces we are seeing, I want to make sure that we all are making ourselves friendly.

This next month our series will be – Getting Uncomfortable. I believe the church has come to a place where we have become comfortable in a lot of areas and the result has been detrimental to the future of the church. Here at Benton First Assembly

we definitely are getting out of our comfort zone and the results have been amazing. But still we need to get more uncomfortable. There are too many people living in sin, living with no hope, they have no direction and we need to be the ones God uses to led them in the direction of the cross. I will be challenging you, as the church, to be more like Christ and get uncomfortable with the sin that is around you and start doing your part to give Jesus to those who are around you. Christ was the perfect example of getting uncomfortable:

- He left the comfort of heaven
- He carried His own cross
- He took sin upon Himself
- He did without the comforts of this world to spread the gospel.

He is not asking us to do **anything that He wasn't willing to do Himself.** So I believe it is time for us to become uncomfortable.

Easter is upon us and we will be focusing on

Christ and His Resurrection. We will be having Holy Week services again this year. It will be held at the Methodist Church April 18th—22nd. The services will begin at noon and everyone is invited to attend. Lunch will be served and a short service will follow.

I am excited where we are in our church and I am so thankful for all the Lord has done. But I believe the best is yet to come and as we stay faithful and committed to all that God has for us, God will continue to pour out His **spirit in a mighty way.** Let's make this next month the most prosperous month we have had! Continue to pray for the anointing and the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit and I believe both will continue to flow.





Girls Ministry News—Carla Landon

Spring is in the air, the days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer. And things are really picking up in Girls Ministry. A special congratulations to Melissa Thomas. Melissa has completed the second Momentum Leadership Development course and has earned her Silver bar. Congratulations Melissa, we are so proud of you.

I would like to welcome Melissa Carter and Tina Johnson to our team. Melissa is helping in the Rainbow Girls Club and Tina will be leading our Prims Club. Thank you ladies for stepping

up and committing to our girls. God will truly bless you! We are still in need of helpers in our Daisies Club (Kindergarten), Prims Club (1st & 2nd grades), Stars Club, (3rd - 5th grades) and Friends Club (6th grade). Please come talk to me if you would like to touch our girls lives, we would love to have you join our team too.

We also have the opportunity to raise funds for our girls, but we need your help. The Arkansas District office is in need of Honor Star capes and is willing to pay our Girls Ministry for each cape we produce. They would like to have 25 by July 15th. If you are a seamstress and

would like to help out our girls, please give me a call at 501-425-5592 or send me an email at clandon@poetravel.com. We would welcome your support.

It's that time of year again, time for the 3rd Annual Royal Ranger and Girls Ministry, Kars for Kids car show! Make plans to join us on April 9th, here at the church. Registration for cars is \$15 prior to the show or \$20 the day of the show. General admission is free, so come out and support our kids. We will have a concession stand and silent auction.

Power Time Children's Ministry News—Brother Tom Young



We are excited to welcome Kevin and Ailini Cunningham to our Sonshine Church Team. They are a wonderful blessing to our team! We are still looking for additional help for the evening Sonshine church team and Power Time team. We are also in need of bus captains on Wednesday nights on the pick up and take home times. Please let me or Becky Young know if you feel God leading you to any of these areas.

We are excited about what April brings this year. We have our JBQ State Tournament on April 9th. We are proud of our K-2 & 3rd-4th grade teams. They both qualified for the state tournament. We are very proud of all of our JBQ kids. They have worked hard to hide

God's Word in their heart. If your child has not participated this year, we would love to have them join us. We will have details on joining for next year coming soon.

April also brings our Power Time Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23rd at 10am. We will begin promptly at 10am, so be sure and be here early. We will have lots of eggs and prizes. In addition to the egg hunt we will have something new this year. For those parents and kids interested in participating, we will have an egg toss behind the church starting at 9:30am. The egg toss will be for kids K thru 2nd grade and 3rd thru 6th. We will also have doughnuts at 9:30 for those who come early.

On May 7th, we will have our Power Time Roll-a-Thon. This is a fun way for the kids to help raise their funds to go to Kids Camp. Camp is a wonderful experience for our kids. So help support our kids and sponsor them as they roll around the church.

I am working hard to be ready for the BGMC Walk which I will begin on May 12th @ 7am at the church. If you have not already sponsored me, I would love to have your support as I walk. There are Commitment forms around the sanctuary and at the Information Booth.

God bless each and every one of you.



Illumin8 Student Ministries—Ryan McDaniel

It has been a lot of fun getting started here at Illumin8! We are so thankful for a wonderful staff that is **growing all the time!** If you don't have a place to serve in the ministry, we encourage you to give these kids a chance. They will bless you!

Winter Jam was an awesome time of worship and fellowship for our kids. This is such an amazing experience (and one of the most affordable) for students and leaders alike. We were able to see many popular artists such as The David Crowder Band, Newsong, Newsboys, and Red,

among many others. Spring break gave leaders and students a chance to hang out in a fun environment. Both Elev8 and Illumin8 spent an afternoon at Playtime Pizza for some good food and exciting games.

As we look to summer, we are excited to give some students the opportunity to attend church camp, many for the first time. Camp is always such a wonderful experience, and for many students, it can be a life changing one. In tough economic times, some of our students and their families are having a hard time com-

ing up with the funds for camp. We ask that you be prayerfully considering the opportunity to support and minister to these students through a camp sponsorship. If this is something you think God has laid upon your heart, please let one of us know.

Our excitement for this ministry is ever increasing. God has given us a big vision for this ministry, and we are excited to be the ones He uses to make it come to pass. We appreciate your support provided by your daily prayers. Loving God and serving students.



JEWELS Ladies Ministry—*Mua Brothers*

In just a few weeks, some of us will be going to Hot Springs to attend Hettie Lue Brooks Women's Seminar or Women of Joy Conference in Branson, MO.

Ladies, if you are not attending either conference but you would like to attend a future conference, please join us monthly for "Connect Group". This is the time to socialize with other women, find out what's going on in our church and

how you can get involved.

Zumba Exercise Class has been hard but lots of fun!!! Please continue to read the church bulletin for current dates & times as it will change due to other activities within the church.

Our next Connect Group will be April 3rd at 5pm, with special speaker Glynda Brinsfield. Come hear what God has placed on her heart. And remember, as

our previous guest speaker Linda Robinson shared with us, "give your testimony." It is your witness to others that God is alive today and prayers are still being answered. "He answered their prayers, because they trusted in him." 1 Chron 5:20 (NIV)

Activ8 Young Adult Ministry News—*Raymond Cleghorn*

Activate- [verb] 1.) To make active; cause to function or act. 2.) To place on an active status in an assigned capacity.

Whether they are serving in a leadership capacity or simply performing their duties as active members of the body, every one has a job to do. It is the purpose of Activ8 to prepare young adults

for their service in the church. Missy and I have been greatly encouraged lately to see members of our group step out into other areas of ministry. While we could be discouraged at the loss of bodies in our class, we choose instead to be encouraged that the young adults are stepping up to the plate and fulfilling their

callings to minister. While we will miss you guys (you know who you all are) we are proud of you all for listening to the call and serving the church well! We are looking forward to great things to come from each of you.



Intercessory Prayer Ministry—*Linda Robinson*

How great is our God? Our God is amazing...to God be the glory. We stand in awe of you Lord. This month has just flown by for us, we have been on "God time".

Our Intercessory Team takes your requests seriously. When a request is given to us we immediately go into

prayer for your need. Prayer takes us deeper into the realm of God. God has been answering so many prayers, so please let us know if and when you have a need.

As I mentioned being on "God time"... this is the time when you are praying and interceding on others' behalf

for hours that seemed like minutes when you are in the spirit. You do not look at your watch you keep your eyes on God and let the Holy Spirit have His way. Now is the time to get real with God and remember...PRAYER CHANGES things! God's blessings to you are very important to us.



Music Ministry News—*Raymond Cleghorn*

As you have probably already noticed, some changes have been taking place on the stage. We are really excited about the addition of our drum room! Also, we have recently added a guitar to the mix. We would like to welcome Zeke

Brinsfield to the team. Zeke is an amazing musician and will be a great benefit to the worship ministry in our church! I love his heart for worship and I am sure you will too. Be sure to let him (and the rest of the praise team) know how much

you enjoy and appreciate their ministry. **Without them, I couldn't do what I do.**

I, for one, appreciate every one of my team members. Let them know that you do, too.



Food Pantry Ministry News—*Dan & Loretta Stroud*

Thanks to Jackie, Tina and their team for supporting the

Food Pantry again this year with a slush for a can of food again

this year. Theirs and your continuing support is a blessing .

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MoMentum Men's Ministry News—Jimmy Batterton

Our Annual **Men's Retreat on Lake Ouachita will be April 15-16** at the Lodge at Crystal Springs. Even if your not a fisherman, you don't want to miss the Friday Night Rally. **Denton's Trotline, our official "Fish Feast" provider, will be offering a variety of catfish, shrimp and chicken with all the fixin's! We are providing transportation Friday night leaving the church at 5:30pm, so don't worry about the gas**

prices! Sign up at the Info Booth if you plan to ride the van. So for only \$20 you can enjoy great food, fellowship, our guest speaker, Matt Mosler, and transportation to and from Crystal Springs.

Men, there has never been a better **time to be involved with men's ministry!** With so many opportunities to serve, fellowship, and have fun, now is the time for what MoMentum has to offer! Interested in starting a Bible study? We can

get you materials! Interested in the outdoors and mentoring young men? Consider being a Royal Ranger Commander! Want to start an outreach project? Let's get the ball rolling! Take this perfect opportunity to see what exciting things God has in store for you!

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." - James 1:22 NKJV

Discipleship Ministry News—Larry Davis

Well it is getting spring time. If you haven't been to or haven't attended Discipleship Ministries in awhile, it might be time for you to spring into one of our classes and see how God can bless you. We have the greatest teachers and they would like to welcome you into their class. We have classes from toddler's and two's to 92 years old plus. If you have children, now is the time for you to get them into Discipleship Ministries, so

they can get learn the Word of God. It is our responsibility, as parents, to set the example. We, as adults, need to increase our knowledge of the gospel as well. Discipleship Ministries gets your children pumped up, before they go into Sunshine Church or Children's Church. You might even get pumped up, before you go into the morning service and hear the anointed music and anointed Word brought by Pastor Huskey. So let's set an

example as adults for our children.

Discipleship Ministries is losing one of it's teachers. Angela Berryhill is moving out of state with her family. She will be greatly missed. Best wishes Angela and I know God will bless you. Myself and my staff really appreciated your dedication and service to DM.

