



# Benton First Assembly Newsletter

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## July Events

- 3rd—evening service dismissed
- 4th—4th of July
- 8th—Men's Travelers Game
- 10th—12th - revival with Robby Mitchell
- 16th—JEWELS Pool Party
- 17th—20th—Kids Church Camp
- 24th—QW Pancake Supper
- 28th—30th—RR ORMA



## From Pastor's Desk

Hot, Hot, Hot, when will we get any relief? As hot as it is right now, what do we have to look forward to in July and August? I am guessing just more hot weather. Well, I guess there is nothing we can do about it so complaining is not the answer, so **let's move on. Closing out** this month as we look back, God has truly blessed us here at the church, attendance is holding up well, the Holy Spirit is moving and ministering, and we are having people saved in our Sunday morning services. Praise the Lord for all He is doing.

July is going to be a good month as well. Our theme is Trials and our series is *When Life is Hard*. So many are dealing with so much I know that at times we feel lost, confused, and abandoned. That is just the weakness of the flesh talking and trying to keep you in a state of weariness. I am thankful in these times (and we all have them) that God is our source of strength and our help that brings us through the weariness of our situation. Paul said, *"We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed,*

*but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed."* Thank you Lord for the power of victory you have given to us to overcome the attack the enemy has waged against us. Let us all stay strong in the Lord and in the power of His might and finish the course we have started. Then one day we will hear God say, **"Well done."**

I am sure not everyone has heard, but this past month I was elected sectional presbyter here in Section Fifteen. It is a great honor to be chosen by my peers to fill and work in this position. It will not affect anything we are doing here at the church so pray that God will give us wisdom to do the work He has called us to do.

I do want to brag on the men of our church. As we honored the fathers of our church this past month I was amazed to see how many Godly fathers we have who are willing to stand for what is right spiritually and lead their families in the direction of the cross. I am a firm

believer, as the men in your church goes so goes the church. So men, continue on doing the work you are doing and God will continue to bless our church as He has in the past.

There are still a lot of positions we need help in. If you are willing to serve and be a part of the work God is doing here at the church, please contact me and I will send you in the right direction to get you involved.

July is the month we celebrate our independence as a nation. I encourage you to take time this month and remember all that has been sacrificed for our freedom. I know our nation is under attack and even has her faults, but I still believe we live in the greatest nation of all and we should all be proud to be Americans.

**Let's continue to pray for the leadership** we have been given and that our government will allow God to lead them as they lead our country.

Summer travel is a **given but let's stay committed** to church as much as possible and God will continue pouring out His Spirit.

## Power Time Children's Ministry News—Tom Young

We are excited to have 25 kids go thru Timothy Club Camp. We had a great week of leadership training and are looking forward to presenting to you some of the things we have learned and all of our promoters. We will have a great year in Timothy Club.

We are in the middle of our fireworks sales. Power Time is working the first week, June 20th—26th, then ilumin8 is working the 2nd week, June 27th—July

4th. Come by and see us and purchase your fireworks to support our youth and kids ministries here at the church. From June 22nd—29th, we are offering 10% off all sales over \$100. So come shop early for a discount and the best selection!

Kids Church Camp is July 17th—20th. We are looking forward to this week. Please be in prayer for our kids that the Lord will do great and lasting things in their lives during this time at camp.



For those who may have not been able to pay your pledge to BGMC for the Blessing Backpacks, you can still give your pledge, just mark it BGMC Walk. We are very close to meeting our goal!

Thank you for your support of our **Children's Ministry here at Benton First Assembly.**



## Girls Ministry News—Carla Landon

We are so excited and proud of our honor graduates. They have just about completed testing, which is a huge accomplishment. A special thank you to all who served on our review board. Ladies, we appreciate you so much. We would also like to invite everyone to our Annual Celebration, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Our girls have worked so hard!

We have two fundraisers coming up,

so please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Sunday evening, June 26th, following the evening service, we will be serving homemade ice cream, for a donation. What a great way to beat this summer heat! We are also hosting an all you can eat pancake supper on Sunday evening, July 24<sup>th</sup> in the Honor Bound Room. Tickets are \$10 each, which include pancakes, sausage, juice or coffee. Milk will be available for \$1. All proceeds will go to support our girls.

Thanks so much for all your support. We appreciate the staff and our church family so much.



## Royal Ranger News—Jackie Earnest

Rangers, it is time for OMRA- Ouachita Mountain Ranger Academy, July 28th-30th. If you are interested you need to get with Commander Jackie ASAP! Pow-Wow was a hot but awesome time. We are expecting great things to happen

this summer in the spiritual realm. Campouts are not just camping out, it is a time of worship & a time to draw nearer to Jesus Christ. Young men are being called and taught to be great leaders of God in the Royal Ranger program. We also have a great calling in each & every-

one of our commanders who love what they do with these boys every Wednesday night and outside the church. The love & compassion of the call is nothing but confirmation.

## Discipleship Ministry News—Larry Davis

The purpose of true Discipleship Ministry is to transform believers from being conformed to "the pattern of this world" (Romans 12:2) to being conformed to the likeness of His (God's) Son" (Romans 8:29). That is, to help them become like Jesus. Discipleship Ministry promotes healthy development of Christ-like spirituality, character, attitudes, worldview, and behavior. This

process begins with spiritual renewal through the new birth and is made possible by the presence of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life. It is intended to continue "until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13). The church must take full advantage of every oppor-

tunity to improve the teaching/learning process, exploiting every technique and technology to its full potential to improve communication of the Bible's message. We should be the best. After all, we teach eternal truths that impact eternal destinies. Discipleship Ministry become a part of it either as a student, helper, or teacher. We have a mission to fulfill.





## JEWELS Ladies Ministry—*Mua Brothers*

Ladies, our next "Gathering" will be at the home of Tina Earnest. It's a Pool Party! Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm. Tina's address is: 3100 Ed Allen Road in Benton. Bring your favorite

snack & soft drink. You will have fun in the pool or you could just relax in the sun, or do both. And, there is always lots to eat. So make time to join us.

Our next Connect Group will be August 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar as, Casey Weems will be our guest speaker.

Be blessed & Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!!



We had a great time at the Quarterly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 18. Brother Carroll Brown spoke to us on the importance of living and operating in the Holy Spirit. Thanks to all of you who joined us. Don't miss our Morning Devotion Breakfast every Thursday morning from 6:30 – 7:30 in the Honor Bound Room. You can have your daily bread with your morning biscuit!

We have two Arkansas Traveler's Ballgames that we are planning to attend, Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Admission is \$8, food is very reasonably priced, and we always have a great time at the ballpark. Won't you join us! Contact Robert Whittamore for more info.

MoMentum is looking for someone to start a weekly Bible study. We will

provide the materials if you are willing to provide the time and effort.

Don't forget to join us for our next Connect Groups meeting on August 7th, at 5pm in the Honor Bound Room.

## Activ8 News—*Raymond Cleghorn*

We are just completing our series on the 16 Fundamental Beliefs of the Assemblies of God. This study began as a result of several in our group wanting to know what other religions believe. Before we study that, I believe it is important to know what the A/G believes and

why. As we are wrapping this series up, we are preparing to begin a new series on beliefs of other denominations and religions.

If you are age 18-35 and are interested in being a part of this series, please join us on Wednesday nights in the

Honor Bound Room @ 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Praise Team News—*Raymond Cleghorn*

Well, the sound system has been fixed and maybe we can move on without any further problems. We have spent a lot of time trying to track down any problems that may have caused some discomfort to your ears and we think we have found it all. (Sorry folks, I can't do anything about my voice.) I hope that you all enjoy the changes that

we have been making.

By the time you read this, we should be testing out our new recording equipment. I don't expect to have a second recording released anytime soon, but we will be learning how to properly use the software and equipment that we will be using to record. I say that to tell you that GREAT THINGS ARE AHEAD!!!

Please be praying for us and with us as we prepare for the awesome things that God has in store.



## Food Pantry Ministry News—*Dan & Loretta Stroud*

Thank you for the abundant response for industrial

size food items for the Joshua House. We appreciate your

support for the Food Pantry.

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### **Illumin8 Student Ministries—Ryan McDaniel**

We had such a blast at camp! Ten students joined us, two of which rededicated their lives to the Lord and one who was baptized in the Holy Spirit for the first time! Many thanks to the sponsors who helped make this amazing experience possible for some students who wouldn't have been able to go otherwise. God is doing great things and these students are going to be the fire starters at Illumin8!

We joined forces with Power Time to sell fireworks at the end of June and will continue to sell them through July 4th. If you have plans to buy fireworks, find us at Riverside Grocery and support these

two great ministries. From June 22nd—29th, we are offering 10% off all sales over \$100. So come shop early for a discount and the best selection!

We still have our discount cards for sale as well! These are a great way to save money at many local businesses year round. We want to say thanks to everyone who has already purchased one!



Fireworks sales @ Riverside Grocery