

Benton First Assembly Newsletter



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August Events

- 1st—6th—General Council
- 7th—Missions Sunday
- 7th—Connect Groups
- 10th—RR Council of Achievement
- 12th—13th—Youth G5 Effect
- 14th—CE Promotion @ 10:30am
- 14th—PowerTime Service @ 6pm
- 24th—Annual Business Meeting
- 27th—District GM Celebration
- 28th—GM Celebration @ 6pm



From Pastor's Desk

August is here and there seems to be no break in the heat, but we will survive as we always do. Here in the church, the Lord is still blessing in a powerful way, every service seems to get better and better. But I still question, what are we not doing that we should be doing to make things better? I am thankful for the crowds we are having but I still see many who are not here that should be and wonder what are they needing they are not getting in our services? But, I guess this is a question that will never be answered and people will continue doing what they have always done.

Our revival was amazing, to see people open up and worship with the liberty so many opened up with was a blessing to my soul. I know this is a direction God is wanting us to go in our worship but what will it take to get us to this place of worship every time we come into the presence of God? God truly desires the open worship from His children but I know we fall short so many times. This next month we will be looking at

Worship and I pray the entire church body will take to heart the word God has given to me for this next month. If we will, we as a church will enter into a realm of worship we have not yet entered. There will **be an outpouring of God's** anointing like we have never experienced. All I can say is **GET READY, GET READY, GET READY**, and then be here. Great abundance of the anointing and the spirit of God is getting ready to fall.

I don't know why Discipleship Ministries (formerly called Sunday School) and Sunday night services do not seem to be important to so many families today. Let me encourage you to make Sunday night and Discipleship Ministries a part of your weekly schedule and I promise God will bless and reward you for being in church.

Don't forget our Annual Business Meeting will be on August 24th. We will be voting on one deacon position and you will be voting on Sheila and me as your pastor. I believe God is blessing our church and

there are great things ahead as we work together to fulfill **God's plan for our church.**



Wednesday, August 24th

@ 7pm

Power Time Children's Ministry News—Tom Young

We had a great Timothy Club in June. The kids learned a lot and they had a great time. Our children's service where you will get to see some of the things the kids learned and see them perform will be Sunday evening, August 14th.

I want to thank everyone who came out and supported our fireworks stand. Our Power Time and ilumin8 teams did

an awesome job working the stand. Thanks to everyone who came out and purchased your fireworks from us.

We took 29 kids to church camp this year. We had a great time at camp and several kids were filled with the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

We have started Junior Bible Quiz practice back up at 5pm each Sunday

evening. JBO is a very good tool for your kids and it will make a major impact in their lives. So I hope you will check it out.

Be in prayer for our kids as they go back to school. Pray that God will help them stand strong and be a light to those around them.



Girls Ministry News—Carla Landon

The hot days of summer are upon us, which means Celebration is just around the corner. We are so proud of all our girls, they have worked so hard this year and have earned so many badges. A special recognition and congratulations to all the honor graduates: Aleigha Cleghorn, Hannah Ramsey, Laurie Nolen and Melissa Thomas (who is an Honor Sponsor for

Stars). Our annual celebration is August 28th at 6pm, with a reception following the service. Please make plans to join us for an evening of reflections and celebration.



Royal Ranger News—Jackie Earnest

What is Royal Rangers? Don't miss our Council of Achievement Wednesday, August 10th at 7pm.

We will be having Camporee workday on August 13th at Jackie & Tina Earnest's House. **Anyone wanting to come help will be greatly appreciated.**

The campout will be Sept. 23rd-25th.

World Class Outpost for Commanders is on Sept. 16th-17th.

We have exciting things designed just for boys. Lessons loaded with FUN for each age group to learn more about GOD every week. Royal Rangers on Wednesday nights is an

awesome adventure for boys!!! Come get involved or at least pray for this awesome ministry.

Discipleship Ministry News—Larry Davis

Well as we all know it will be a short summer and the kids will be back in school soon. When these kids go back to school we need to keep them in prayer as we should everyday. Our kids and grandkids come against many temptations and we need God to put a hedge of

angels around them. I would encourage you to get your children involved in Discipleship Ministries if they are not attending now. You, as a parent or grandparent, also need to get involved. Getting as much of the Word in us helps us in our defense against the enemy. Discipleship

Ministry starts at 9:30 each Sunday morning so come join us! If your not in Discipleship Ministry you are truly missing a blessing.





JEWELS Ladies Ministry—*Mua Brothers*

Thank you Jackie & Tina Earnest for sharing your beautiful home & salt water pool! And, thanks to all the ladies who was able to join us. We had a variety of delicious finger foods, tall cold drinks & played like we did when we were kids. There was lots of laughter and we all had so much fun!!!

Ladies, we (JEWELS Ministry) have been supplying meals for families. **We have been sponsors for women's**

retreat. We have given monetary donations for home necessities, love offerings and more. It has been an honor to provide for these needs and JEWELS would like to continue to support our sisters in Christ. In order for us to do so, we will be raising money through a variety of fundraisers. In September & October JEWELS will be selling peanut brittle. Please help us throughout August with your support by donating Ziploc bags (quart size),

cooking spray and/or any of the ingredients needed to make peanut brittle. Ingredients: peanuts, sugar, butter, baking soda and white Karo/light corn syrup. Drop off at Info Booth or JEWELS room. Thank You!

Our next Connect Group will be August 7th @ 5pm. Join us as we welcome guest speaker, Rebecca Danner.



Men! You are appreciated! I am proud of all the efforts you guys put forth in ministry! There are a lot of opportunities provided for guys to fellowship whether it be on the basketball courts, the golf course, or Thursday morning breakfast. There are a number of informal gatherings happening for riding ATVs, to go to see local sporting events or even the latest action movie!

This is exciting for me because staying involved means staying connected. Likewise, staying connected builds lasting relationships. Men building one another up, being accountable to one another, **and bearing one another's burdens** are all things that demonstrate the Law of Christ – **which is.....to love one another. Now, let's continue to invite some** of our new brethren to join in with us

and continue to grow our family!

Would you join us on August 7th, at 5pm for Connect Groups in the Honor Bound Room (the big classroom in the back of church). This month Larry Davis will be sharing a word with us. If you would be willing, please bring a snack item, fruit, or a 2-liter drink. Come enjoy fun, food, and fellowship.

Activ8 News—*Raymond Cleghorn*

We have completed our series on "What Do We Believe" and have now started the series "What Do They Believe." We are currently studying the

different belief systems that we encounter everyday. Catholic, Jew, Muslim, **Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, and various** other religions and Christian denomina-

tions will be covered in this series.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday nights.

Praise Team News—*Raymond Cleghorn*

Here we go again!!! We now have our new recording system installed and I am currently learning how to use it. So far, so good! We will soon begin

working on putting together a song compilation for our second CD. Please pray that we will find wisdom and guidance in this process. Our purpose in all of this is

simply to spread the Gospel beyond the walls of the church and the time limitations that we are given each week.



Food Pantry Ministry News—*Dan & Loretta Stroud*

Your donations keep the Food Pantry able to provide food to the rising need.

Share your food with the hungry and give shelter to the home-

less. Give clothes to those who need them and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

Then your salvation will come like the dawn and your wounds will quickly heal. Your godliness will lead

you forward and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind.

The when you call, the Lord will answer. Yes, I am here, "he will quickly reply". Isaiah 58:7-9

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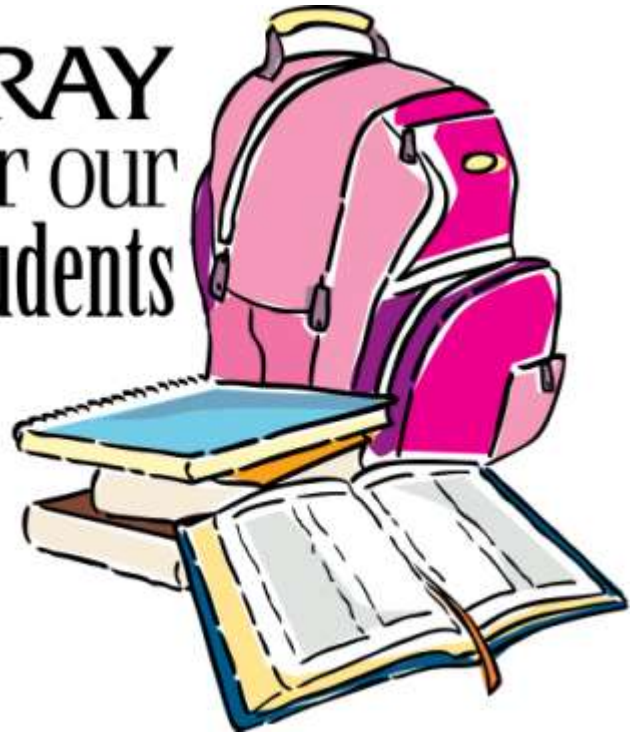


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PRAY for our Students



Illumin8 Student Ministries—Ryan McDaniel

July was hot, hot, hot!
Many, many thanks go out to all the students and leaders who helped us with our fireworks fundraiser at the beginning of the month. It was a success for us along with Power Time Ministries. Many thanks also to the members of our church that purchased their fireworks from our stand.

In August, a group of our students who have signed up to be campus missionaries will be attending the

G5 conference in Conway. On the 12th and the 13th, we will take these students to the Church Alive where Jason Dorsey is hosting a conference on growing in the five areas of campus missions: praying, living, telling, serving, and giving.

We are excited about big changes that are coming to our youth room! We are planning a massive overhaul that will include a new paint job and a lot of redecorating. We are

also looking forward to school starting back for the students so that they will have the chance to reach out to more and more of their friends. God is doing great things at Illumin8!