Greetings!

I hope this note finds you resting up from a busy Christmas season and anticipating a brand new year in just a few short days. 2011 is going to be an incredible one for me both professionally and personally! I’m just a little excited about Saturday, January 22nd as I will have the blessing of entering into a covenant relationship with my fiancé and love Stacy. I want to say THANK YOU for all of the encouragement we have received through e-mails, gifts, and text messages! I know that you will embrace and love Stacy the same way you have me over the past 7 plus years!

Brad Evans and I are also really excited about REALITY WEEKEND this year. The dates are January 14-16, 2011. We have added two new churches in Bryant and are expecting over 700 students! It is going to be an exciting event on our campus that will celebrate Jesus and unite over 15 different churches! Be praying for an overwhelming movement by the Spirit of God. If you would like to give a scholarship to a student stop by the office and see me or just drop a check in the offering plate and mark Reality Weekend on it. Scholarships are $45 per student.

I also have the privilege of leading a group to the Holy Land next year on December 27, 2011 through January 5, 2012. We had a great turnout at the interest meeting and are looking for more folks to join our team. It is going to be a life changing trip. If you would like more information please e-mail me (clay.cunningham@fbcbenton.org) or call me at the church office.

Please be praying for your Student Ministry Team. We are seeing lives changed every week and we want to continue to proclaim the truth of the Gospel and see Him change lives. Pray for Brad and Nancy Evans and their son Everett as they continue to pour out love and leadership to our Middle School Students. Pray for Stacy and I as we learn what it means and looks like to partner together in marriage to serve the church. Pray for our Girls Minister/Administrative Assistant Bethany Elliff as she disciples and builds relationships with the girls in our church and in the community. Pray for Jarrett Davis, our Student Ministry Worship Pastor, as he leads our times of worship each week on Wednesday nights and as he helps Tom out as well in the music ministry. Finally, pray for our student ministry interns, Kendall Calvert, Beau Landers, and Bryce Nalley. Pray that they would not only learn more about life and ministry here on our campus and OBU, but that they would fall deeper and deeper in love with Jesus.

Thanks for all you do to make sure students are having opportunities to grow in their faith!

Clay Cunningham, Minister to Students
2011 Classes beginning in January!

Financial Peace University / MOMENTUM 300

**Sundays** 8:15 - 10:15am / 4:00 - 6:00pm / 7:00 - 9:00pm
January 16 through April 10

**Mondays** 10:00 - 12:00noon / 6:30 - 8:30pm
January 17 through April 11

**Tuesdays** 6:30 - 8:30pm
January 18 through April 12

**Wednesdays** 5:30—7:30pm / 6:00 - 8:00pm
January 19 through April 13

**Thursdays** 10:00 - 12:00noon / 6:30 - 8:30pm
January 20 through April 14

Childcare provided by reservations for all FPU Classes

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**Reality Weekend**

January 14-16

Reality Weekend is a weekend designed to meet the discipleship needs of students. Students will spend a weekend in the home of a church member with a small group of friends their age for studies in spiritual growth. They will combine with students from other churches in our city for some dynamic worship and awesome fellowship. Students will be led in worship all weekend by Phil Wickham, and will have the opportunity to hear the Word from speaker Jared Herd.

**REGISTRATION:**
Deadline to register is Jan. 5

**Cost for the weekend is $45**
this includes: meals, recreation, lodging, curriculum, and a t-shirt

*Scholarships are available*

Questions? Contact 501.315.2270 or email Bethany.elliff@fbcbenton.org

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It is our pleasure to announce that John Gathright will be joining the FBC staff as Church Administrator.

Please join the Personnel Committee, Budget Finance Committee and the First Baptist Staff in welcoming John!

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**Noon Bible Study**

*Mondays & Thursdays Starting January 10, 2011*
12:00 p.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church ~ Upper Room
Led by Pastor Rick Grant

*In this study you will learn to hear from heaven as you navigate life on earth. Discover the power of a whisper from God in your life.

*A hot lunch is available for $4.00  *Guide book cost $8.00

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**Women On Mission**

Luncheon Meeting January 4, 2011
Cost: $4
Special Speaker: Robin Noland

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Year-End Contributions

Contributions of Money
In order to be in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service, contributions to be credited to the 2010 tax year must be received either: **In the church Business Office no later than 5:00pm on December 31, 2010, or** Mailed to the church office with a postmark date on or before December 31, 2010. Contributions received after that time and date, regardless of the date on the check, will be reported as a 2011 contribution.

Contribution Statements
FBC is required by law to mail contributions statements by January 31, 2011. If you itemize your deductions on your income tax return, do not file your income tax return prior to receiving your contribution statement.

Please call the Business Office at 778-2271 if you have questions.

Hospitals
Lillian Hogue  Pete Johnson

Our Sympathies and love to
The family and friends of Maxine Jeffery
Kathy Griffin and family in the loss of her mother, Kathryn Strong
Katheryn Walden and family in the loss of her daughter, Jeannie Echols
Jeff Presnall and family in the loss of his mother, Elda Presnall

Sunday, December 19, 2010

Senior Adults 195
Median Adults 232
Young Adults 81
Spanish 15
Youth 130
Children 98
Preschool 106
Total Bible Study 857
Avg. Attendance 934

No Sunday School on December 26, 2010

Receipts 12.19.10 82,620
Receipts 12.26.10 60,417
Weekly Goal 59,635
Receipts YTD 2,861,656
YTD Goal 3,101,000
Goal Deficit 239,344
Building Fund YTD 127,827
Lottie Moon International Missions 33,606
2010 FBC Goal 38,000

Stacy & Clay

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Breeding request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cunningham
Saturday, the Twenty-Second of January
Two Thousand and Eleven
4 O’clock in the Afternoon
First Baptist Church
Benton, Arkansas

Reception immediately following the ceremony at
The Clear Channel Metroplex in Little Rock, Arkansas.
Please R.S.V.P. for the reception to stacyandclay@gmail.com
or call the church office at 501-315-2270
E-Giving is here!

E-Giving provides the opportunity to give electronically on a regular basis, a one time tithe or offering or to conveniently acknowledge and contribute for “Memorials” or “Special Offerings”. To view your options visit www.fcbbenton.org on the E-Giving tab on the menu bar.

Next Week at First Baptist Church

- **Sunday, January 2, 2010**
  - Haiti Mission Trip
  - 9:00am Library Open
  - 9:15am Sunday School
  - 10:30am Worship Service
  - 5:00pm Spanish Mission Church Service
  - 6:00pm No PM Service or Activities

- **Monday, January 3, 2010**
  - Haiti Mission Trip
  - Church Offices Closed for New Year’s

- **Tuesday, January 4, 2010**
  - Haiti Mission Trip
  - 9:30am Mother’s Day Out
  - 10:00am Morning Glories Senior Adult Choir
  - 11:15am Women On Mission

- **Wednesday, January 5, 2010**
  - Haiti Mission Trip
  - 4:15pm Children’s Handchimes
  - 4:45pm Fellowship Supper
  - 5:00pm Library Open
  - 5:30pm m&m Missions 3 yr-5th gr
  - 6:00pm Bible Study - with Pastor Rick
  - 6:15pm m&m Children’s Choirs
  - 7:00pm Junior / Senior High IMPACT
  - 7:10pm Orchestra & Worship Choir

- **Thursday, January 6, 2010**
  - Haiti Mission Trip
  - 9:30am Mother’s Day Out