

*Captivating New Study*  
from **BETH MOORE**

**NEW Women's Bible Study**

**Thursdays Mornings**  
9:30-11:30am in the Loft

Begins February 4

Fee \$20  
Childcare provided

**Boldly live**  
in a modern-day  
Babylon without falling  
prey to its allure.

**DANIEL**  
LIVES OF INTEGRITY  
WORDS OF PROPHECY

## New Heart Life Bible Study

*Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy* Bible study for women will begin **Thursday, February 4**. In this study Beth Moore will lead in a faith-building study of prophecy, and teach women how to shine for Christ in today's modern culture. Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures, we face many of the same trials to compromise our faith as we live in a hostile culture and confront temptations and threats. Join us **9:30am** on Thursday mornings in the Loft as we learn how we can live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society. Fee is \$20 for study materials and childcare is provided. Sign up at the Heart Life ministry table or email HeartLife@fbciloam.com.

## WMU/Women on Mission Project

FBC Women on Mission is collecting supplies for the Arkansas Baptist Children's home in Monticello. They are in need of the following paper or cleaning products for the six cottages: **toilet paper, paper towels, soap, cleansers, Windex, Pledge, toilet bowl cleaners, SOS pads, brushes, clorox wipes, dishwashing liquids, hand soap dispensers, hand sanitizers, etc.** (They ask for no aerosols other than Pledge.) Please bring items to the Missions ministry table through **March 1**. For more information contact Loretta Dismang at 549.9027.



## Heart Life Neighborhood Brunches

**Delighting in Sharing the Good News**  
During the month of February FBC women will have an opportunity to host neighborhood brunches in their homes. Dana Watson and her team will help with everything from the food to the program –including helping you get started now by prayer walking your street. Please contact Dana at 479.238.3989 or email her at reecedana@cox.net on how you can help or host!



## Baby Bottle Campaign

Fill a bottle with change for New Beginnings Pregnancy Center and change a life. Pick up your bottle at the Welcome Center and **return by February 7**. By supporting New Beginnings you provide clients with the opportunity to choose life for their baby, to grow spiritually and become better equipped as parents. Thank you for your faithful support! [www.ssnewbeginnings.org](http://www.ssnewbeginnings.org)



## Mentoring Changes Lives!

New Life Ranch Right Lead horse ministry and the Right Quest outdoor ministry, mentors encourage, listen and guide, providing the unconditional love that so many of the students have never experienced. You don't need to know anything about horses. All you need is a willing spirit and a passion for kids. We will provide training to help you become a successful mentor. For more information contact Chase Payne at Chase@newliferanch.com or call 479.238.4629.



## For the Love of Your Life

**Marriage Workshop 9am-4pm Saturday, March 6** at the Fayetteville Town Center. Cost is \$29 per couple. Dr. Gary J. Oliver and Dr. Greg Smalley present a refreshing and new perspective, and encouragement into your marriage. Register by **Tuesday, March 2** at [www.nwamarriages.com](http://www.nwamarriages.com).



## Thank You!

*The Flower and Decorating Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in decorating and taking down decorations, including the youth for bringing down boxes, during the Christmas holiday. Without you the job would not have been possible. Blessings to all of you.*

~Cheryl Harrison, Mel Phillips,  
Norma Robason & Bevra Mickel

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## First Things

Steve **ABBOTT**

### FATHER KNOWS BEST

You will instantly give away your age if you remember watching a TV show called "Father Knows Best" with Robert Young and Jane Wyatt. It ran from 1954 to 1963 and then continued on in reruns. Robert Young played Jim Anderson who was, in most respects, the ideal father – and even when he wasn't, he was quick to admit his mistakes!

That show came to mind as I was thinking about something that God has been teaching me and putting on my heart for the last several months. It is one of those ideas that I have a basic grasp of what God is trying to teach me, but I also realize I still have a lot to learn about it. So if this article seems a little rambling and confusing, just realize I am thinking out loud as God is teaching me about this!

Here's the basic thought: as Christians, I am convinced we spend too much time focused on things that are negative and what the Bible tells us not to do and we don't focus near enough on the "best" that God has for us. Some Christians see their relationship with God as a "necessary evil." In other words, they think that they don't want to go to hell and

they do want to go to heaven, so if being saved is what I have to do to avoid hell, then let's get it over with. That attitude is based on believing a lie that somehow life without God would really be great, but since God determines who gets into heaven, we have to play it His way. That approach is based on believing a lie that says that God is holding out on us; that He really doesn't want us to enjoy the fun things in life. Believing such a lie leads us to look at our Christian lives and think, "what is the least I can do and still be OK with God?" or "how far can I go and still be OK with God?"

This attitude is expressed in questions like: "Can you still be a Christian and \_\_\_\_\_? We see something out there that God says "No" to, but we think it looks like fun and our assumption is that God is holding out on us instead of having our very best interest at heart.

What I want to challenge you to do is to think about the "best" that God has in mind for us. Being saved and receiving God's forgiveness is not just to clean the slate so that we can "get on with our lives." Forgiveness is a means to an end – restoring our relationship to a Father who knows best! God wants to do more than just clean up your past mistakes, He wants to transform you

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**Love never gives up.**

**Love cares more for others than for self.**

**Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.**

**Love doesn't strut.**

**Love doesn't have a swelled head.**

**Love doesn't force itself on others.**

**Love isn't always "me first."**

**Love doesn't fly off the handle.**

**Love doesn't keep score of the sins of others.**

**Love doesn't revel when others grovel.**

**Love takes pleasure in the flowering of truth.**

**Love puts up with anything.**

**Love trusts God always.**

**Love always looks for the best.**

**Love never looks back.**

**Love keeps going to the end.**

*1 Corinthians 13:3-7 (the Message)*

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"Let all that you do be done with **love**."  
*1 Corinthians 16:14*

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into the likeness of His Son Jesus. Paul says this in 2 Cor. 3:18: "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

The challenge is to believe in the depths of our hearts that whatever God has to do in order to transform us to be like Jesus is worth it. If it means giving up things that seem fun and attractive, if it means going through painful experiences, we must come to that point where we truly believe that "Father knows best." I want to challenge you to look at your relationship with God from this perspective: God is transforming me into something greater than I can imagine now and whatever it takes will be worth it. Resist the thinking that says God is holding out on you – nothing could be further from the truth!



Remember that our giving commitments to Father's Divine Love Ministries (FDLM) begin this month. You can indicate on your envelope each month the portion going to FDLM or you can make a separate check for your FDLM commitment. Please pray about our church's partnership involvement this year beyond just the monthly giving. Ask God to reveal to us clearly how we can best be involved in expanding God's kingdom in Uganda.

"This is how we've come to understand and experience *love*: Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves."  
1 John 3:16 (the Message)



Join TEAM Tuesdays 6pm in Room 120. TEAM members choose one Tuesday a month to visit prospects and personally minister to others. Contact Steve Abbott for more information at [steve@fbciloam.com](mailto:steve@fbciloam.com).



These three elements included in a new weekly Bible study/mentoring group for women to be taught by Laura Macfarlan on Wednesday nights, 6:30 to 7:45 pm, in The Loft. Sign up at the Heart Life ministry table. For more info: [HeartLife@fbciloam.com](mailto:HeartLife@fbciloam.com). See our FBC website for updates on the Heart Life ministry at [www.fbciloam.com](http://www.fbciloam.com). Please join us!

## NEW First Family Directory

Free 5x7 Directory \$12

PowerZone Children's Ministry has begun the project of a First Family church-wide pictorial directory. February 14 - March 14 on Sundays, everyone will be able to have their photo taken upstairs in the Loft foyer. For a minimum contribution of \$12, all participants will receive a pictorial directory along with a 5x7. Each person or family will receive a free 5x7 just for participating. All proceeds go to send kids to Centri-Kid summer camp. For more information, contact Deborah Sisco at 524.3106 or email her at [Deborah@fbciloam.com](mailto:Deborah@fbciloam.com).



### JBU Family Weekend February 19 & 20

Students, we would love to meet your family and get to know them better! Bring your family to FBC and The Loft Sunday, February 21 for Bible Study at 9:30 and a special lunch in the Loft after worship.

There is a place for YOU at [theLOFT@fbciloam.com](mailto:theLOFT@fbciloam.com)  
[www.fbciloam.com](http://www.fbciloam.com)



## Family Devotional

### Only God Is Worthy Of My Worship

**Bible Verse:** 1 Timothy 1:17 (NLT) – "All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen."

This verse tells us that God deserves all of our worship and nothing is more important than God.

**Bible Story:** Jesus met a man whose possessions were too important to him to allow him to follow Jesus. Read Mark 10:17-22

Remind your family that the man in our Bible Story didn't follow Jesus because his stuff was more important to him than Jesus was. Tell your family that Jesus saw that the man's stuff was too important to him, and that is why He asked him to give it away. Tell your family that we sometimes can't see when we are making something too important in our lives.

Have each family member select three things that take up a lot of their time. It could be talking on the phone, playing video games, or reading magazines. Then have the other family members pick which of the three things is the most important in that person's life. Then the person will give up that thing for one week and spend time praying and reading the Bible instead. For example if Mom's three things are shopping, playing tennis, and watching movies, the rest of the family would vote on which of those three Mom thinks is most important. If the family votes that watching movies is most important to Mom, then Mom will give up watching movies for a week.

by Deborah Sisco, Children's Minister

Tell your family that we always need to be willing to drop everything and follow Jesus. Taking a break from the things that fill our lives reminds us that those things are not as important as God.

The above was the first family devotion for Center Stage – PowerZone Ministry's equivalent to the adult's study of The Seven Words of Worship. What wonderful testimonies from the kids! Dads gave up TV! Moms gave up Facebook! Teenage brothers and sisters gave up cell phones! (Gasp!) Kids gave up Wii's, Playstations, playing with certain toys! In every testimony given, the child reported that the family played together more, read the Bible together, prayed together, and grew closer as a family and to God. How wonderful! How great is our God!

A challenge: If you were asked, what would it be that you would have to give up for a week? To the world that is watching to see if we really are any different, what appears to be the most important thing in our lives?

**Only God is worthy of our worship. What's the world seeing in us?**

*"Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away." 1 Corinthians 7:31 (NLT)*



### PowerZone Coming Up...

- Sun. Feb. 7 Favorite Team Day!
- Wed. Feb. 10 TeamKID Love Night! 6:30pm
- Thurs. Feb. 18 Double A's Lunch & Work Day Sign-up deadline
- Sun. Feb. 21 Double A's Lunch & Work Day- Immediately following Worship
- Wed. Mar. 3 TeamKID Doubles Night! 6:30pm
- Fri. Mar. 12 PowerPAK PJ Jam!



### FBC Picture Directory

February 14-March 14  
in the Loft foyer  
Free 5x7! Directory \$12,  
All proceeds go to send kids to  
Centri-Kid summer camp



Check out the latest Parent Link newsletter for more about what's happening for kids at FBC! Pick one up at the PowerZone ministry table!

# February Birthdays

<b>February 1</b> Lou Stewart Esta Faye Combs Savanah Carter Cassie Springer	Mackenzie Wilhite <b>February 10</b> Norma Robason Colby Elger Dakota Webb Jared Frye Kellyn Clark Hope Geyer <b>February 11</b> Linda Dorsey Roger McDougal John McGlothlin Tyler Hoppins <b>February 12</b> Gen Hardin Sandy Martin Ashley McFadin Dawson Rayburn <b>February 13</b> Muriel Sutterfield Ruth Waller Mark Shepherd Patrick Quick Natalie Helms Chase Mills <b>February 14</b> Jennifer Admire Jonathan Whitcomb Beau Denny <b>February 15</b> Connie Blair Taylor Wilt Thomas Green <b>February 16</b> Evelyn Mason Aundra Spears Jonathan Abbott Carter Gray Ella Zaidner <b>February 17</b> Ted Kincaid Mallorey Kenney Claire Edelen <b>February 18</b> Katheryn Syler Carol Pitts	Andrew Bradford Isabel Thoma Jacob Engel Chase Curry Brian Griffin <b>February 19</b> Carla Penner <b>February 20</b> Dane Sisco John Collins <b>February 21</b> Kevin Moore Shalynn Frizell Sydney Bomstad Casey Colvey Ransom Van Asche <b>February 22</b> Andrea Ketcher Julie Kelly Alison Creasey Joshua Hunt <b>February 23</b> Sharon Gatewook Helen Bynum <b>February 24</b> Cindy Taylor Dude Harmon Bo Turner Ericka Payne <b>February 25</b> Burk Keys Michelle Low Payton Norberg Solomon Hufford <b>February 26</b> Katherine Tolbert Nina Blaine <b>February 27</b> Margaret Peters Gary Murphy Joel Young Emily Wilt McKenzie Blanchard <b>February 28</b> Shelbi Honeycutt
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# February Weekly Schedule

## Sunday Night Schedule:

4:00 – 5:00 – Bell Choir  
5:00 – 6:30 – Seven Words of Worship (Worship Center)  
5:00 – 6:30 – Center Stage (Power Plant)  
5:30 – 7:00 – Worship and Bible Study (Room 240)  
5:00 – 7:00 – Revolution Home Groups

## Monday:

7:00 – 8:00 – LifeQuest Men's Basketball

## Tuesday:

6:30 – 7:30am – Promise Keepers  
9:30 – 11:30am – Heart Life Daniel Study  
6:30 – 8:00 – T.E.A.M. (Room 120)  
6:00 – 8:00 – English as a Second Language  
7:00 – 8:00 – LifeQuest Men's Basketball League (TBA)

## Wednesday Night Schedule:

3:30 – 5:30 – Middle School Revolution  
4:00 – 8:30 – The Loft College Ministry (the Loft)  
5:00 – 6:00 – Family Dinner  
6:00 – 7:00 – Revolution Worship  
6:00 – 6:30 – Intercessory Prayer Time (Room 122)  
6:30 – 7:30 – Heart Life 3D Women's Mentoring (the Loft)  
6:30 – 8:00 – PowerPAK (Preschool) and PowerKID (Childrens') TeamKID  
6:30 – 8:00 – Small Group Bible Study  
6:30 – 8:00 – Worship Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 – 8:15 – High School Revolution

## Thursday:

7:00 – 8:00 – Baptist Men's Prayer Breakfast  
10:00 – 11:00 – JOY Choir (Choir Room)



## 1st Sunday Lunch – February 7 After Morning Worship

Poppy seed Chicken, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls and Dessert

All proceeds go to Revolution 2010 Missions

# February FBC Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 9:30am Heart Life Daniel Study 10am JOY Choir	5 	6
7  12pm First Sunday Lunch Sunday Programs (see Weekly Schedule) 4:45 Revolution Super Bowl Party 3:30pm Seven Words of Worship 7pm Deacon Meeting	8	9 10am Women on Mission	10  6:30pm TeamKID Love Night!	11 9:30am Heart Life Daniel Study 10am JOY Choir	12	13
14  7am Baptist Men's Breakfast Sunday Programs (see Weekly Schedule) 5pm Seven Words of Worship 7pm Deacon Meeting	15	16  6pm Young at Heart Potluck 6:30pm TEAM 8:30pm LQ Men's BB League	17 Wednesday Night Programs (see Weekly Schedule)	18 9:30am Heart Life Daniel Study 10am JOY Choir	19	20 
21 Sunday Programs (see Weekly Schedule) 5pm Seven Words of Worship 7pm Business Meeting	22	23 6:30pm TEAM 9:30pm LQ Men's BB League	24 Wednesday Night Programs (see Weekly Schedule)	25 9:30am Heart Life Daniel Study 10am JOY Choir	26	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>“...Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, <i>love extravagantly.</i> And the best of the three is love.” <i>1 Corinthians 13:13</i></p> </div>
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## Welcome to the Family!

By Statement: Krystina Evans, Vanessa Duenas, Ben and Kayla Klar, and Zachary Buller

By Baptism: Adam Kennedy

By Letter: Dorothy Stubblefield, Lillian Allison Dwain Ezell

# Reece's Pieces

Reece WATSON

## Seven Words of Worship

One of my earliest memories from childhood is memorizing a Bible verse in Sunday School. The teacher helped me learn it a phrase at a time and then reinforced the learning throughout the lesson. The Bible verse was John 1:3 and the lesson was on creation. To this day I quote the verse in the King James Version because that's the way I learned it. *"All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made."*

This week's "word of worship" is creation. When I think about the words of John 1:1-3, I am reminded that Jesus was "The Word" that was with the Father in the beginning when creation was spoken into existence. As Mike Harlan and Stan Moser say in the book Seven Words of Worship:

***"God desires a relationship with us. He continually searches for people who will respond to who He is and all He has done. God created us in His image, for His purpose, and for His presence. Our only adequate response is worship!"***

What an incredible thought—God wants a personal relationship

*What an incredible thought~  
God wants a personal  
relationship with me!  
The God who made the  
stars and planets cares deeply  
about a single human soul.*



with me! The God who made the stars and planets cares deeply about a single human soul. However, it's not so surprising when you think of your own kids or grandkids. Don't you delight in your relationship with them? Aren't you excited and enthused when they desire to be close to you and they share their thoughts and feelings with you? God is the same way with his children. . . his family. So let's share with Him, pray to Him, live for Him, praise Him, and worship!

## Seven Words Small Groups

Over one hundred people are involved in our small groups on Sunday evenings. These groups allow us to share life experiences and truths from God's Word with our brothers and sisters in Christ in an intimate setting. As we build each other up, we build unity in the body of Christ. If you want to join a group or just go through the study on your own, let me know. We still have a few books left.

"Seven Words of Worship" is an 8-week Bible Study built around these seven words as they relate to worship:

- Creation
- Grace
- Love
- Response
- Expression
- Presence
- Experience

**Sundays at 5pm**  
**February 7 at 3:30pm**

**Worship is our response to God's revelation of who He is and what He has done.**



# REVOLUTION

Student Ministry Jason KELLY

With prayerful consideration, **Sunday, February 7**, the Associate Student Pastor Search Committee will be presenting Nick Hammons in view of a call as Associate Pastor of Student Ministry. Brochures introducing Nick are available now at the Welcome Center.

The Associate Pastor Search Committee: Bob Perryman (Committee Chair), Shellie Kindy, Jane Molina, Jenna Hall, and Steve Avery

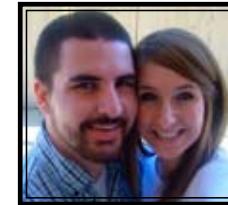
## A Message from Nick Hammons

*Thank you for considering me. I am seeking God's direction for my life and feel His leadership in local church ministry. I would love the opportunity to talk to you about your ministry needs. It is truly my heart's desire to see students and adults come to a greater relationship with the Lord.*

*God has given me the awesome task of using my God given talents to reach students for Christ. One of my favorite things about ministry is the challenge of being creative and inventing new ways to excite people about Christ. I love to come up with new innovative techniques to get the message of Christ to people in a way that relates and challenges them. It is my desire to combine proven methods, new ideas and technology in a way that most optimizes ministry success. I also feel as if God has given me the spiritual gift of speaking and preaching. Never do I feel more alive and in the will of Christ than when I am in front of a group of students sharing the love of Christ. Spending time in study and writing is also something in which I take great joy. I am very proficient when it comes to organizing and administrative work. I feel that building lasting relationships with students is one of the most important aspects of ministry and God has given me the ability to relate to students easily. I love to have fun and be funny. I feel that God has equipped me with all the skills necessary to carry out the work that he has set before me.*

*It is by using the gifts from God, and the passion I have for others, that I feel that I can be of help to your ministry. Thank you again.*

In Christ,  
Nicholas Hammons



Nick & Stephanie Hammons

**1st Sunday Lunch**  
**February 7**  
**After Morning Worship**



## Super Bowl Party

Revolution's Annual Super Bowl Party is **Sunday, February 7**. The festivities will start with kick-off at **4:45pm**. We will have loads of food. Even if you don't want to watch the game, we will have other things going on. This will take the place of all scheduled Revolution Home Groups. Invite your friends!



## Meet Nick & Stephanie Hammons

### Schedule of Events

**Friday, February 5**

**7pm**

Dessert & Coffee meeting with the Staff (The Loft)

**Saturday, February 6**

**12pm (noon)**

Lunch with Volunteer Youth Staff and Search Committee (Fellowship Hall)

**4-5:30pm**

All Church invited to meet Nick and Stephanie (Fellowship Hall)

**7-9pm**

Revolution Students meet and hang out with Nick (Revolution House and Gym)

**Sunday, February 7**

**8:30am**

Deacons and Personnel Committee Meet and Pray with Nick and Stephanie (Fellowship Hall)

**9:30am**

Nick teaches Student Bible Study

**10:45am**

Nick shares Testimony and Call to ministry in morning worship

**Meet Nick and Stephanie**  
**Revolution Students come meet and hang out with Nick and Stephanie!**  
**7-9pm Sat. February 6,**  
**in the Revolution House and Gym**