

### Annual Valentine Banquet

The WMU is sponsoring the annual Bethany Baptist Church Valentine dinner on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited, but please sign up as soon as possible so that we will know how many to prepare for. We are asking each person to bring a side dish or dessert. The meat and beverages will be provided. The sign-up sheet is located on the organ bench at the front of the sanctuary. In conjunction with this event, the Baptist Men ask that you also bring a non-perishable food item for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank.

### 2010 Car Show Coming Soon

The fourth annual Bethany Baptist Church Car Show, sponsored by our Men's Ministry, is scheduled for Saturday, April 24. We are busy seeking sponsors for door prizes. If you know of a local business that might be interested in having its name promoted as a sponsor, let the church office know. We also have plenty of space for showing vehicles including commercial, agricultural and personal. If you have or know of someone who has a vehicle, encourage them to contact the church office or Mark Irving for more details on entering. It looks to be another great show!

### Giving Envelopes Available

If you are interested in personal giving envelopes for church giving they are available at the church. There are several individual boxes at the rear of the sanctuary.

### Baptist Women's Day In Worship

On Sunday, February 28, 2010, the women of Bethany Baptist Church, will lead in all aspects of the morning worship service. This special day, which we at Bethany celebrate every year, serves to highlight the importance of women in the practice of our faith. Be sure and come celebrate with us on this very special Sunday. You will be blessed!

# BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

Feb 2010

*Celebrating Our Past With Gratitude, Looking To The Future With Purpose*

### Ben's Pen

What have you learned new in hearing (or reading) the New Testament this year? It is fascinating that scriptures that I have read, heard, and /or preached many times speak to me anew when I listen to them again. I think that it speaks to several things in my life. First, the situation I am in directly impacts what I understand about God's Word at that moment. Next, it shows me that I frequently keep God in a package that I have predetermined for Him. It also illustrates to me that God's Word transcends time and is just as beneficial to me as it was to the original hearers some two millennia ago. How often do you and I dismiss Scripture or use it as a last resort? Yes, most of us gather every Sunday to study and read the Bible, but is that a habit or a desire. It is fascinating how many of the problems that the people around Jesus and in the New Testament world had are just as real today. Our technology may have progressed, but human relations and problems are still the same in 2010. I hope your interaction with the New Testament this year is beneficial and life changing. We will continue to listen and explore the Scripture together this year. It is not and should not be a "few days and done" project. It should be an ongoing part of our lives. We will look at and celebrate our "You've Got the Time" mission more this month. If you have not started listening, it is not too late. Our primary goal is for everyone to listen this year. A few days off the "schedule" is not a problem. If the MP3 disc is a roadblock for you, please let us know and we will remove that obstacle.



### Services, Meetings Rescheduled

Because of the major snow storm that impacted our area the last weekend of January, the Communion Service that was originally scheduled for Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> during the morning worship service. The Men's Ministry Meeting which was originally scheduled for Monday evening February 1<sup>st</sup>, has been rescheduled for Monday evening February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. If you have questions about church meetings in times of inclement weather, you can (1) check out *Fredericksburg.com*, (2) check out our church website, or (3) contact a deacon or the pastor. We will have cancellations posted online and the individuals mentioned will know as soon as a decision to cancel services has been made.

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