



JULY 2008

BARNES & NOBLE NIGHT

You are all welcome to join us (and invite others!) on Thursday, July 17, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Barnes & Noble coffee shop (41st & Yale). We will be discussing Susan Hammond's pick of the month for July, *The Rabbi's Heartbeat*, by Brennan Manning. This is a new ministry outreach that meets on a Thursday once a month. All are invited--Spread the Word!

The Rabbi's Heartbeat

By Brennan Manning

"God is Love." -1 John 4:16

God loves us. We are his beloved. But how often do we run, hide and try to shape ourselves into someone we think we need to be in order to deserve that love. The truth is that God loves who we really are, whether we like who we are or not.

Brennan Manning in his book, *The Rabbi's Heartbeat*, says that "being beloved is our identity, the core of our existence." His book, which can be read in an afternoon sitting, is broken into brief chapters with titles such as "Forgiveness," "Seeking Approval," "Solitude," "Perfect Love," among many others. At the heart of this short book is the message that God loves us, is present, and lives and dwells in us. He created us for union with himself.

In one chapter about "Being Childlike," Brennan notes how children, secure in their parents love know that no amount of accomplishments or accolades will make their parents love them more or less. Likewise, God, our Father, loves us just the way we are.

Review by Laurie Winslow

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES! FAITH ON FILM: PART THREE

July is here and the summer is heating up! Come inside and join us as we look for our faith on film. Each Sunday in July, we will explore images, themes, and messages about our faith in Hollywood blockbusters and independent films.

July 6: *The Island*

July 13: *Stranger than Fiction*

July 20: *Facing the Giants*

July 27: *The Princess Bride*

Faith on Film will be held in the Lewis Conference Room (2nd Floor, Bernsen Center) at 9:30 am.

If you have an important church-related event that you would like to see on the calendar, please contact Meredith Haynes, Director of Communications at 584.4701 or mhaynes@firstchurchtulsa.org.