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*A weekly service of prayer, study and edification*

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|----------------|--|
| 6:00 pm        | Bring your own supper  |
| 6:30 pm        | Prayer and Bible Study   |
| Dec. 4:        | "When the Game is Over, It all Goes Back into the Box" by John Ortberg |
| Dec. 11:       | Christmas Banquet  |
| Dec. 18:       | Caroling   |
| Dec. 25: ----- | no meeting Merry Christmas   |

Join us on Wednesday evenings for a a 6-session study of John Ortberg's *When the Game is Over, It all Goes Back into the Box*. Reconsider how you live your life in light of God's precious and eternal promises.

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*"All the Coos that's fit to print"*

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## From the Pastor's Quill

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."*

--Hebrews 13:8

Do you remember your favorite Christmas? An early morning by the fireplace. Tearing into that toy you always wanted. Family laughing and smiling. The cat tangled up in ribbons. A turkey in the oven. An overstuffed stocking and a card with a \$5 bill. We all have our cherished memories of Christmas past.



But Christmases change, don't they? I'll never have another Christmas with my mother. She'll never give me gifts. She'll never make me a stocking. She'll never fill the house with snacks and hors d' oeuvres as we watch football on her sofa. Suddenly instead of gathering at mom's house or dad's house, we gather at each other's smaller homes. Christmas is different.

Maybe Christmas is different for you this year. Maybe your Christmas this year will be much different than it was when you were a child. Or even different than it was a few short years ago.

But is different always a bad thing? In our family, the wonder of Christmas is found in new ways. Marla and I get to conjur Christmas magic for three beautiful boys. We are creating our own traditions and the special things that are meaningful to our family. We are setting our own habits of generosity and worship. But it isn't always easy. We struggle with doing things that we experienced years ago and doing things differently today.

There is a difficult and delicate dance. A dance where we cherish our precious memories while anticipating a future that is different -- but still filled with wonder. Change does not mean that the unforgettable moments and beautiful events have ended, but we must believe that God is still capable of marvelous things, even in an uncertain future. Because Christmases can change, churches can change, worship can change, people can change, leadership styles can change - and that's okay. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Noel,



Steve Sheely

# Advent at Rolling Hills

## Live Nativity

Saturday, December 7, 5:00 pm

It's a family-friendly and fun way to experience the true meaning of Christmas. Put on a costume and join in, ride a camel or enjoy the petting zoo. Bring a friend!



## Worldwide Candle Lighting Service

Sunday, December 8, 7:00 pm

A service of remembrance for those who have lost a child. Guest speaker Mary Adkisson, author of *Nevertheless I Live*.



## Christmas Musical

Sunday, December 8, 11:00 am

Our annual celebration of Christmas praise and worship on the second Sunday of Advent.



## Christmas Banquet

Wednesday, December 11, 6:00

A delightful time of fellowship for our church family, including delicious food and each table decorated by a church member.



## Happy Birthday, Jesus! Party

December 22, during Children's Church

Our children will be celebrating Jesus' Birthday with a party with party hats and games and something sweet to eat.



## Christmas Eve

Family-friendly - 5:00 & Communion by Candlelight - 5:30

Two services - come for one or both on this magical night.

## December Servers



**Extended Care** (helping Teri Spivey and Cinthya Medinain the nursery)

December 1: Marla Sheely  
 December 8: Ellen Jones  
 December 15: Mindi Ryel  
 December 22: Blair Fedosky  
 December 29: Kathy Simmons

**Greeters** (helping Miles Sonstegaard in the narthex)

December 1: Lennis Ledbetter  
 December 8: Millie Webster  
 December 15: Joy Gabbard  
 December 22: Billie Nanney  
 December 29: JoAnn Morlan

*Thank you!*

## 2014 Events

Sunday School Teacher Training

January 12

Quarterly Business Meeting Luncheon

January 26

RollingHills 101

February 2,9,16,23

Ash Wednesday

March 5

Community Groups

March 9 - April 13

Holy Week

April 13-20

Easter Sunday

April 20

Spring Men's Construction trip to Elaine

## Advent @ RHBC

Dec. 1 **1st Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday School Fellowship**

Dec. 7 **Living Nativity**

Dec. 8 **2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Choir Music**

**World-Wide Candlelight Service**

Dec. 11 **Christmas Banquet**

Dec. 18 **Caroling**

Dec. 15 **3rd Sunday of Advent**

Dec. 22 **Children's Party**

Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve Service**



## Grieving Parents Support Group

This month our Grieving Parents Support Group will join with others in our community at our World Wide Candle Lighting Service on

**Dec. 10 at 7:00 pm**

Guest Speaker will be Mona Adkisson, author of *Nevertheless I Live*

## Financial Report

	October	YTD
Total undesignated giving	\$16,620.00	\$182,098.71
Total budgeted expenses	\$11,593.78	\$200,610.63
Giving minus expenses (Budgeted items)	\$5,026.22	(\$18,511.92)*

\*This amount does not show the reimbursement to our operating budget from our endowment interest account to cover emergency capital expenses this year.

# Fall Festival of Fun



**Chili Cook-Off & Talent Show**



*Winners*



The Chili Cook-Off and Talent Show was a great success. The winner of the Hottest Chili trophy going to Steve Sheely and the Best Chili trophy to Melba Payne. Talent Show participants were Otto Loewer, Adam Higgins, Mary Maurer, Blair Fedosky and the RHBC Puppeteers :Nina Lopez, John, Jordan and Joseph Sheely.



Fun games and fun food was enjoyed by our 2-6 year olds at the Fall Festival of Fun. Bobbing for apples, face painting, catching the rubber duckies and painting a rock pet (Bea's pet is named Rocko and has his own bed) made for a great afternoon. Even the adults enjoyed trying to blow the ball into the cup. (Not as easy as it looks!) This event was sponsored by the WOW Sunday School class led by Ruth Rodgers, and the Children's Committee.

## Future Stars Champs



The Future Stars Fury soccer team won their tournament last week. They were undefeated! Congratulations on a great season. RHBC is pleased to have a part in this ministry to our community's youth. See anyone you know?

## The Hans Report...



*Hans Saunders  
Children/  
Youth Director*

As we approach the holiday season (and finish winding down from the food, family, and festivity of Thanksgiving), it is important that we cast our eyes upwards and focus on the birth of our Savior. I can remember as a child that the days following Thanksgiving were always filled with anticipation towards the next big holiday, and, primarily, the presents to come. It wasn't rare to get to Christmas morning and feel a complete emptiness after opening all of my gifts, knowing that I had another full year to get through before it happened again.

There are gifts that we can rejoice in, however, and they are gifts that will last beyond this age. It is important that our children here at Rolling Hills recognize with humility and joy what the birth (as well as the life, death, and resurrection) of Jesus has given us.

In turning from our sin and believing in Christ as Lord and Savior, we are **born again** to a living hope, **saved** into a holy calling, **adopted** into a beautiful family, **given** grace gifts we can use to **bless others**, and **promised** an eternity that nothing in this life can begin to compare to! What makes this so astounding, and scandalous, *is that we don't deserve it at all!*

**Living Nativity** - December 7th, 5pm.

**Christmas Banquet** - December 11th, 6pm.

**Craft Night!** - December 14th, 5:30 pm. (We will be making something very special, all children in the church are invited. *(YOUTH: see me about helping out that night, as well as during the banquet!)*)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am S. S. Fellowship 1 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 Craft Night	2 12:00 Staff  6:00 Deacon Prayer	3 11:30 am Circle of Friends at Mermaids 5:30 Game Night	4 6:00 Midweek Mosaic 5:30 Handbells	5 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Susan's Cafe 7:00 Women's Bible Study	6	7 10:00 Choir Rehearsal  5:00 Live Nativity
8 11:00 Christmas Music  7:00 WWCL	9 12:00 Staff  6:00 Deacon Prayer	10  5:30 Game Night	11 6:00 Christmas Banquet	12 7:00 Women's Bible Study	13	14  5:30 Family Craft Night
15 2 - Sheely Open House	16 12:00 Staff  6:00 Deacon Prayer	17  5:30 Game Night	18 6:00 Midweek Mosaic Caroling 5:30 Handbells	19 7:00 Women's Bible Study	20	21
22	23 12:00 Staff  6:00 Deacon Prayer	24  5:30 Game Night	25 Merry Christmas! building closed	26 building closed	27	28
29	30	31	<i>December</i>			

### December Birthdays

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Dec 1: Sharon Money    | Dec. 20: Kathy Nobel      |
| Dec. 2: T.J. Ramsey    | Dec. 20: Michael Payne    |
| Dec. 3: Gale Golden    | Dec. 22: Jean Vaughn      |
| Dec. 5: Lloyd Sweat    | Dec. 30: Pat Nickell      |
| Dec. 6: Diana Sweat    | Dec. 30: Adam Higgins     |
| Dec. 11: Tracy Hancock | Dec. 31 Matthew Clevenger |
| Dec. 15: Melba Payne   | Dec. 31 Abby Randolph     |

### December Anniversary

Lenthon & Shirley Clark, Dec. 19, 1956

*Welcome!*

**Our Newest Members !**



Wynston & Elizabeth Benham

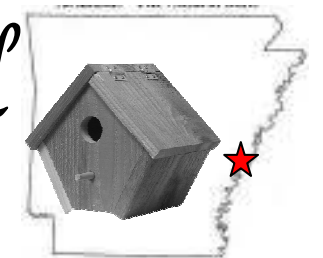


Dr. James Smith

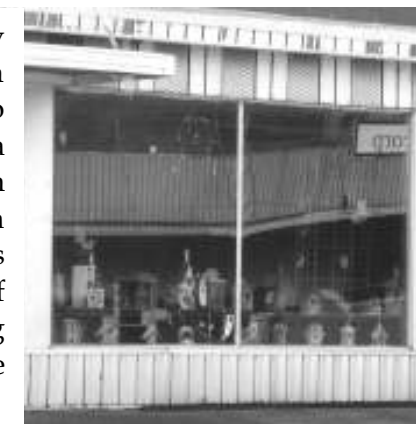


Jim Smith, President of the Cooperative Baptist Foundation, spoke to us of ways we can offer gifts to support a variety of ministries – even after we are home with the Lord. Legacy gifts, non-monetary gifts, estate planning and planned giving can be done in a variety of creative ways to support our church and whatever ministries are meaningful to you. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for the delicious meal!

## America's Birdhouse Capital Elaine, Arkansas



Blair and Wayne Fedosky braved the cold weather with Pat Kienzle and Ora Scaiffe to hang birdhouses, flags and a banner in Elaine. A sign with the banner explains it is a work in progress. Tanners Restaurant loaned lots of window space for displaying birdhouses for the Birdhouse Celebration.



Sunday morning brought strong wind with a temperature of 28 degrees. Plans for the street activity were changed significantly. Balloons were given out at the gift shop downtown which was across the street from the big exhibit of birdhouses. Visitors were then directed to go to the community center for activities. There were cupcakes and punch, grab bags, door prizes, birdhouse bingo and more birdhouses to see. At 2PM the mayor, Connie Miller, received a "City Hall" birdhouse from Brother Andrew, representing the official beginning of the "Birdhouse Capital" project.



Blair and Wayne Fedosky and Pat Kienzle represented RHBC