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MIDWEEK MO SAIC

A weekly service of prayer, study and edification

6:00 pm Bring your own supper
6:30 pm Prayer and Bible Study
"Hebrews"

Our faith has its deepest roots embedded in the Jewish religion and culture. The Old Testament moved relentlessly toward the life and redemptive work of Christ. And just as Jesus lived in a Jewish world, many of the earliest Christians considered themselves to be Jewish. The letter to the Hebrews unfolds the truth and depth of our modern faith while revealing the history from which it came. Join us on Wednesday nights for this in-depth and insightful study.



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"All the Coos that's fit to print"

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From the Pastor's Quill

*"The Lord said, Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord,
for the Lord is about to pass by."*

Then a great and terrible wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper."

--1 Kings 19:11-12

Last Sunday I finished my "You can begin again" series. I preached about how, as 2014 lays before us, we can begin again with our relationships. I encouraged you to let go of your grudges (for love covers a multitude of sins), to define your stance around unbelievers and to accept the fact that you are the presence of Christ in the world. To emphasize that last point, we put the kitten-and-lion picture on the front of the bulletin.



And then I had a nice, sit-down conversation with Margaret Holcomb. Margaret took the kitten-and-lion analogy in another direction. She said "I see what you are saying, but sometimes we need the lion to look after the kitten." Of course she is exactly right. Christ-in-us does empower us to demonstrate that Christ is risen indeed. But Christ-in-us also comforts us when we are hurting or frightened or struggling. Frankly, I like Margaret's use of the analogy better than my own.

Midweek Mosaic on Wednesday nights is currently focusing on the book of Hebrews. And even though we are just beginning our verse-by-verse study, understanding the background of the book has been eye-opening. The writer is telling the Jewish people that despite Greek defilers, Roman occupiers, corrupt leaders, Christ's death, the inclusion of Gentile believers, the expulsion from Rome and the destruction of the temple - Jesus is everything we've hoped for and everything we need. In light of tremendous religious and social changes, this complex document has a deep pastoral purpose!

We experience profound challenges in our own lives. We lose people we love, grow older, and watch the world change all around us. We have even experienced loss and change in our own church. And these experiences can bring us sadness and grief. God understands these feelings.

We have three cats. And let me say that I was not included in the decision to have three cats but I adapt as best I can. Occasionally one of our cats gets hurt or trapped in a drawer or left outside. And, as you would do, I pick them up, hold them close and whisper gently to them, "It's okay. You're okay. Shhhhh..."

**"Sometimes
we need
the lion
to look
after the
kitten."**



Steve Sheely

..." I do not howl like the wind, shake like an earthquake or roar like a lion. Just like Jesus – the lion within us – who finds us when we are hurting or frightened, wraps us in his strength and provides the comfort only he can provide.

Peace,



RHBC 101

If you are a new member of Rolling Hills or simply considering becoming a member, we want you to know how things work at our church. RHBC 101 is a four-session introduction to church life at Rolling Hills. No reservations needed. Just come when you can.

Sunday mornings

Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23
9:45 – 10:45 a.m.
in Worthley Hall

Here are some of the topics we will discuss during the four sessions of RHBC 101:

- How can I make friends at Rolling Hills?
- I want to contribute in meaningful ways. How can I do that?
- How does Rolling Hills make decisions?
- Is there a Sunday School class or small group for me?
- What kind of Baptist church is Rolling Hills?
- How come Rolling Hills is no longer Southern Baptist?
- What do deacons do at Rolling Hills?
- What age-group programs can my family be a part of?
- Why does Rolling Hills worship the way they do?
- What is the history of Rolling Hills?

Or "stump the Pastor" and come up with your own questions!
Anyone is welcome.
Bring a friend!



Grieving Parents Support Group

Feb. 10 at 7:00 pm

This group of parents
Who have lost a child of any age
Continues to meet on the
Second Monday of every month.

February Servers



Extended Care (helping Teri Spivey & Cinthya Medina in the nursery)
February 2: Marla Sheely
February 9: Ellen Jones
February 16: Carolyn Norman
February 23: Blair Fedosky

Thank you!

Greeters (helping Miles Sonstegaard in the narthex)
February 2: Lennis Ledbetter
February 9: Millie Webster
February 16: Jo Morlan
February 23: Dot Albright

2014 Events

RHBC 101
February 2, 9, 16, 23

Ash Wednesday
March 5

Lenten Groups
March 9 - April 13

Spring Break
March 24-28

Hogeye Marathon
Sunday, March 30

Women's Retreat
April 4-6

CBFAR Spring Meeting
Saturday, April 5

Holy Week
April 13-20

Egg Hunt
April 13

Easter Sunday
April 20

Divine Deliverance
Sunday, April 27

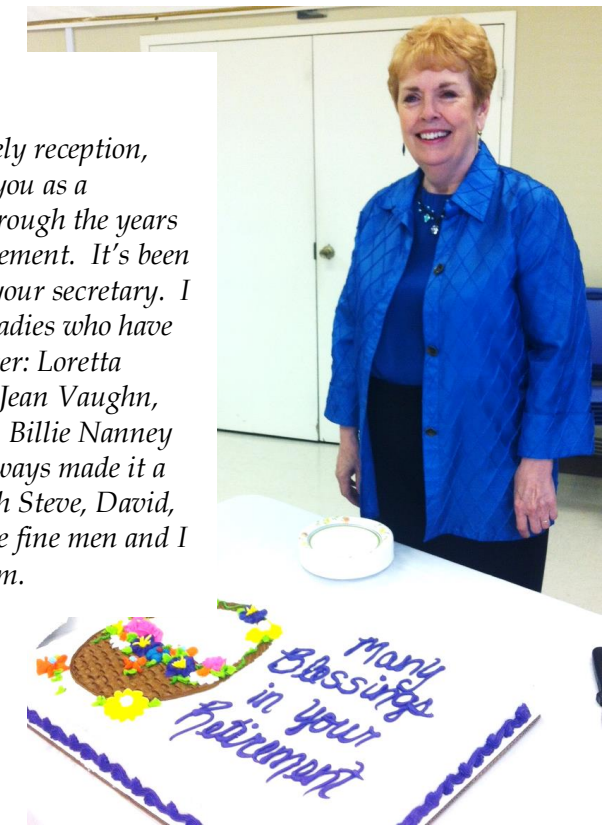
Spring Bible Study
May TBD

Construction trip to Elaine
May TBD

It's Been a Joy!

Thank you so much for the lovely reception, monetary gift and friendships you as a congregation have given me through the years and on the occasion of my retirement. It's been a joy and privilege to serve as your secretary. I would like to thank the lovely ladies who have helped with folding the newsletter: Loretta Sonstegaard, Yvonne Hodnett Jean Vaughn, Joyce Gabbard, Millie Webster, Billie Nanney and Shirley Lockhart. They always made it a party. I will miss working with Steve, David, Hans and Jim Young. They are fine men and I have enjoyed working with them.

Your sister and friend,
Dale Beals



Budget Report

	December	YTD
Total undesignated giving	\$21,824.40	\$219,316.36
Total budgeted expenses	\$24,523.58	\$244,810.04
Giving minus expenses	(\$ 2,681.18)	(\$ 25,493.68)

The Hans Report



Hans Saunders
Children/Youth
Director

This past week in children's church, we discussed Jesus' baptism, and focused heavily on the words the Father spoke to the Son as He rose from the water of the Jordan:

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

We discussed how at this point Jesus had not even begun His ministry, but the Father expresses His pleasure and delight in Him. I had the students reflect on if they, too, were indwelt by the Spirit, the Father would be saying the exact same thing to them! He delights in our obedience to Him, and when we respond to His voice He recognizes us as His children.



For this month, I would love for us to reflect on how God has freely chosen to adopt us into His family, and expresses pleasure in us as we act in faith.

Hebrews 11:6 says: "And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

Our greatest possible reward, both in this life and the next, is God Himself. Rejoice with your little ones this month and truly bathe in this truth. What a Savior.

Memorial Garden Planning to Continue

*Congregation gives go-ahead
at January Business meeting*

Continue to pray for and share your input to our Ad-hoc Memorial Committee as we move forward with our plans for a Memorial Garden.

The committee, chaired by Pat Kienzle, will present any further plans to the congregation. These plans will include location, designs, phasing and columbarium policies. Let us know that you think!



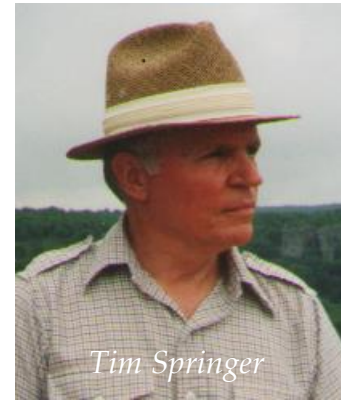
CEO

Garage Sale - February 22

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Worthley Hall

If you items to donate for the sale, bring them to Open Door Classroom Thursday, February 20 or Worthley Hall on Friday, February 21.



Finally Free

J.T. (Tim) Springer went to be with his Lord on Dec. 22, 2013 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Born in Clarksdale, Mississippi, he retired from farming there and He and Eva moved to Eureka Springs, AR where he was a motel owner. Tim was a friendly, outgoing person who enjoyed people. He is survived by his wife Eva of 57 years, daughter Cynthia and son, John T., Jr., three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

We rejoice that he is finally rid of a body that restricted him so and look forward to seeing him perfect when we all get to Heaven.

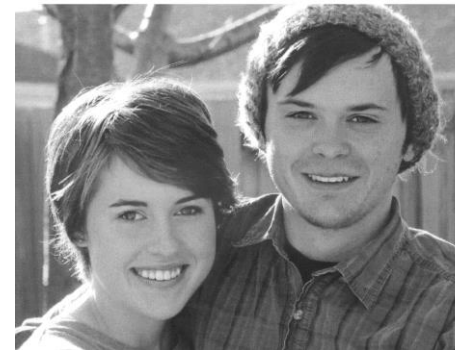
Being the church together...

Lenten Groups meet for 6 weeks from early March to Mid-April

It is no secret that our church loves small groups that meet in homes. Your next opportunity for this kind of friendship and growth will be Lenten Groups that begin meeting after Ash Wednesday and continue until the week before Easter.

The theme for these groups is "Telling Our Stories" as we celebrate the importance of our individual journeys and how God has led us along the way. And by learning to tell our stories we become equipped to tell those who need to hear some good news!

You will have the opportunity to sign-up for Lenten Groups this month. So let's create those safe places to pray, hear one another and eat cookies!



Wedding Shower for Hans & Brittany

February 9th after worship in Worthley Hall

The Staff Committee and the Fellowship Committee invite you to share some love with our Children and Youth Activities Director, Hans Saunders and his bride-to-be Brittany Spaulding.

Bring a gift card to share with the happy couple!

Welcome!

Steve Golden has constructed our new Welcome! Desk and it is now in place and functioning. Thanks, Steve. It really exceeds our expectations and provides much needed space.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February</h1>						1 9:00 Insurance Meeting
2 9:30 S. S. Fellowship 9:45 RHBC 101 12:00 Women's Retreat Meeting	3 6:00 Deacon Prayer	4 5:30 Game Night	5 12:00 Staff 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Midweek Mosaic	6 7:00 am Men's Prayer 7:00 Women's Bible Study	7	8
9 9:45 RHBC 101 12 pm Saunders Gift Card Shower	10 12:00 Staff 6:00 Parent Group 6:00 Deacon Prayer	11 5:30 Game Night	12 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Midweek Mosaic	13 7:00 Women's Bible Study	14	15
16 5:00 Finance 6:00 Council	17 12:00 Staff 6:00 Deacon Prayer	18 5:30 Game Night	19 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Midweek Mosaic	20 7:00 Women's Bible Study	21	22 8:00 am CEO Garage Sale
23 12:00 Business Meeting	24 12:00 Staff 6:00 Deacon Prayer	25	26 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Midweek Mosaic	27 7:00 Women's Bible Study	28	

February Birthdays

J.J. Moore	Feb. 1
Karen Crocker	Feb. 7
Marla Sheely	Feb. 7
Will Hutchison	Feb. 11
Kerry Jones	Feb. 12
Jim Young	Feb. 15
Nancy Woodward	Feb. 19
Otto Loewer	Feb. 20
Millie Webster	Feb. 23
Erika Gamboa	Feb. 23
Jeff Hirschey	Feb. 27
Jacob Wardlow	Feb. 27
Dab Bottoms	Feb. 28
Candy Bell	Feb. 28

Introducing

Our new church secretary
Melissa Veach



Pat Kienzle



Ora Scaiffe

Elaine Excitement

By Pat Kienzle

Two areas of excitement deserve attention. First, activities at the community center are more frequent. Ora Scaiffe is working with the group of youth we formed in August. They are eager to work on the birdhouse project and raise money for the community center.

We have been so pleased with the improvement students have shown since last summer. At our last big activity with a wide range of students, they listened and played games without yelling or running around the room. Students know we want to be there for them, but we expect their cooperation.

Second, the birdhouse project is getting positive attention from Elaine residents. Ora is often asked when birdhouses can be purchased. Decorative birdhouses are being displayed in windows and under awnings downtown. Real birdhouses are being hung in trees downtown and in trees near the walking path built on the ground of the old railroad tracks. The goal is to display 636 birdhouses, but more will be needed for marketing.

We have about 300, but they are not all counted on the website: birdhousesforelaine.com

Future Excitement Related to Elaine

On Sunday, February 2, between 3:30 and 5:00, RHBC adults can work on crafts to be taken to Elaine (or pay for crafts and take home.) There will be sanding, painting and detailing of birdhouse gift sets and fans with birdhouse pictures. Pat Kienzle will be in Elaine for most of spring break. Anyone can plan a trip. Activities are available. There is a chance there will be a place in Elaine to stay. If we are able to obtain a place, it will be easy for groups to go at any time and save on expenses.

Plans are being made for Divine Deliverance to be at our church the Saturday and Sunday after Easter. On the first weekend of May, June, July, August and September, the community center hopes to do a First Friday evening fund raiser in Elaine and have a craft booth at First Saturday in Helena. A craft sale is also being planned at the Walmart in Helena.

RHBC men plan to make a trip to Elaine to make repairs and improvements to the community center. If planning is possible, attendees at the All Church Challenge in July will be invited to an activity in Elaine. Dates for a RHBC mission trip are still to be determined. Part of the summer plan is to do birdhouse workshops for children and youth.



Have you visited the new Rolling Hills Baptist Church website?

rhbcdove.org