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A weekly service of prayer, study and edification

6:00 pm Pot luck supper
6:30 pm Prayer and Bible Study

Our Wednesday night Bible study is an opportunity to recharge your batteries and face the rest of your week with encouragement and spiritual nourishment.

Come join us on Wednesday Nights! Our new study is "David: A Man after God's Own Heart," We will survey the extraordinary life of King David for the next several weeks.

Potluck dinner starts at 6:00 pm, study follows at 6:30 pm. Children leave for *Wonderful Wednesday*



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"Since our church received our endowment, we have, literally, given hundreds of thousands of dollars to various mission projects. I believe it is time to use a fraction of



Steve Sheely

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"All the Coos that's fit to print"

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From the Pastor's Quill

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
--Acts 1:8

Soon our Outdoor Sanctuary Planning Committee (OSPC) will present a plan, endorsed by our Church Council and the Financial Oversight & Endowment Committee, to fund a multi-use trail around our property. This plan uses endowment principle and matching gifts from the congregation. Future property development that is part of our Outdoor Sanctuary master plan will be funded by memorial gifts.

I'd like to review why I believe developing an Outdoor Sanctuary on our property is crucial to the life and future of our church.

We sought God's will for 37 weeks. Our 37 Sundays discernment process was an amazing time of prayer, conversation and listening. And developing our outdoor space was, by far, the initiative with the greatest support. It is important for us as a congregation to trust God when he answers our prayers.

A change in our heading is necessary. Clearly the religious landscape is changing around us. We have been given a wonderful gift: a vision for our future. Though creating an Outdoor Sanctuary is unique and unprecedented, we are blessed to have a trajectory to take us into our exciting future with God.

Our neighborhood is changing. The original homeowners in the neighborhoods around our church never left. They loved their neighborhood and only recently are we seeing new families move in.



These new families are active and have active children. By developing our outdoor space we will show Christ-like hospitality in ways that meet their needs.

Nearby churches do not have this option. The traditional churches in our area have built out their lots and the new 'shopping center' churches do not have any greenspace. We are uniquely poised to be the church with unique ministry opportunities.

The Outdoor Sanctuary project reorients our gaze. As we have used our greenhouse by praying for our friends and loved ones to meet the risen Christ, our gaze is moving outward. We have worked hard to create a safe, stable and loving congregation - one that is irresistible to those seeking Christ. And while no capital improvement can save a soul, expanding ministry beyond our building and

community with the presence of Christ We are extraordinary at sharing Christ to one another – which is our Jerusalem. But just as the Spirit empowered the believers to bear witness to Christ in ever-expanding concentric circles, God’s Spirit is empowering us to do the same thing. So let’s work together and enjoy God’s next great adventure!

Peace, 

(Note: I received many kind words after my September 23 column in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*. And please understand that I know I am loved by you and am encouraged and affirmed by you. Over the years I have learned how important this kind of environment is in order for a pastor and a congregation to thrive. My column was intended to share what I have learned with churches and pastors throughout NW Arkansas. –Steve)

Welcome!

To our Newest Members...



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Fall Lecture Series October 1–4

CBF’s Bo Prosser to lead



Dr. Bo Prosser

Continuing with the “Greenhouse Effect” and our focus on our neighborhood and community as part of our Outdoor Sanctuary project, our Fall Lecture Series will be about equipping. Equipping ourselves to be contagious Christians and share Christ’s abundance with others.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship’s expert on church life, Dr. Bo Prosser, will be with us from Sunday, October 1st to Wednesday, October 4th from 6:00-7:30pm in Worthley Hall. A light supper will be served each evening. Childcare is provided.

We have a wonderful church happening right before our eyes and throwing open our doors and our arms to those who need the new life we enjoy is a fantastic part of our Christian lives.

Make plans now to attend as many sessions of our Fall Lecture Series that you can.

And after our Fall Lecture Series, plan on joining our 6-week community groups as we each find our special role in God’s great adventure...



Ongoing Collection...

- Cereal
- Canned Meat
- Canned Fruit
- Peanut Butter
- Soups
- Crackers
- Jelly

*Monetary Donations
always accepted!*

Extended Care (helping Diana & Dixie in the nursery)
 Oct. 1: Kimberly Lopez/Candy Bell
 Oct. 8: Beth Benham/Pat Kienzle
 Oct. 15: May Clevenger/Marla Sheely
 Oct. 22: Ellen Jones/Leona Tolley
 Oct. 29: Kimberly Lopez/Candy Bell

Greeters
 Oct. 1: Dolores Tyler
 Oct. 8: Millie Webster
 Oct. 15: Eva Springer
 Oct. 22: Kathy Simmons



Grieving Parents Support Group

October 9 at 6:00 pm

This group of parents who have lost a child of any age meets on the second Monday

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

*Thursday, October 5
7:00 am*

The Rolling Pin
2565 E. Huntsville Rd.
Fayetteville, AR

Women’s Prayer Group

*Thursday, October 5
11:30 am*

Penguin Ed’s
Crossover/Mission



Circle of Friends

October 10 at 10:00 am

Begin the Bible Study “Living Beyond Yourself” by Beth Moore

Fall Lecture Series

*Oct. 1 – 4
6:00 – 7:30 pm, light supper
Dr. Bo Prosser*

Equipping us to be contagious Christians and share Christ’s

Budget Summary

August undesignated giving	\$18,400.23	YTD	\$120,509.66
Total transfer from Endowment Interest			\$ 46,000.00
August budgeted expenses	(\$21,315.69)	YTD	(145,934.80)
August giving minus expenses	(\$2,915.24)	YTD	(\$25,425.14)

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!

Children's Program off to a great start!

Who: Kids ages infant through Elementary School

What: Gathering at RHBC to meet new friends from the Soccer Field and have fun while learning Bible truth through Music, Missions, Sport Activities, Cooking, and Crafts

Where: Meet in Fellowship Hall

When: September 6, at 6pm

How: These classes will be led by adult leaders: Candy Bell, Diana Lowery, Dixie Lopez, and two church member volunteers. We will plan for each volunteer to assist in teaching one session each semester. Leaders will use our existing Sunday School material with an emphasis on Music, Active Bible games, and Bible verse memory. We will be offering "Hydration Station" (water and lemonade) to Soccer Siblings when we are outside on



Schedule

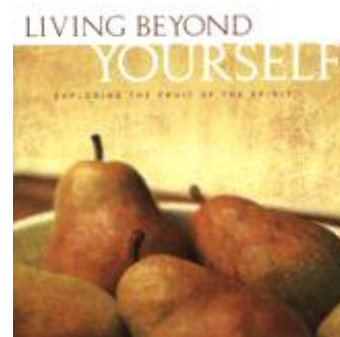
- 6:00 Supper in Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 Bible-Learning Game in Children's Classroom
- 7:00 Outside Activity (Use hallway in inclement weather)
- 7:20 Bible-Learning Activity in Children's Classroom (Music, Missions, Cooking, or Crafts)
- 7:45 Dismiss



Selfies with Steve...

With our new member, Nancy Hayden

BETH MOORE



Bible Study Begins

Living Beyond Yourself
Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit

Oct. 10 10:00 am
Sponsored by Circle of Friends

Seekers classroom

Beth Moore is one of the premier women Bible study leaders of our time. The study consists of cds of Beth presenting the lesson, and workbooks with study questions for good discussion.



Choir Crier

By David Savage

The leaves are turning, fall is in the air, and school is in full swing. This year a Fayetteville tradition, Bikes, Blues, and BBQ, has come and gone. The Hogs and the Dogs are not winning like in the old days, but the American tradition of football is everywhere. As I write this article from South Ogden, Utah, it is a crisp 37 degrees. I'm not sure if I am ready for cold weather, but I am ready for cooler weather. One of my many traditions of being at my Grandchildren's birthday parties each was fulfilled on Saturday, so the weather didn't matter. I can almost smell those Thanksgiving turkeys roasting and of course this means that Christmas is right around the corner.

This year, the first Sunday of Advent is the first Sunday in December and Mary Maurer and the Advent Committee is already preparing for another Advent Season. If you haven't been involved in the many traditions at Rolling Hills Baptist Church during the Advent Season, this could be your year.



The traditions of Christmas are different for various families, our Church included. We sing the carol "The First Noel" every year, it's a tradition, yet many of us don't know what the word, noel, means. In French, joyeux noel means Merry Christmas. Our English word comes from the Middle English word, nowel, which is defined as 'a shout of joy or Christmas song'. The root of the word is the French word noel or "Christmas Season", which may come from the Old French word, nael. This in turn is derived from the Latin word, natalis, meaning 'birth'.

As Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ, it was natural for people to refer to the celebration as the 'nativity' or the 'birth'. Another tradition at Rolling Hills during the Advent Season is the Live Nativity. Noels were being sung in Latin or French for centuries before the word found its way in to our language in the 1800s. The earliest known musical use of noel occurs in the text of a Christmas motet, "Nova vobis gaudia", which was written in the 1400s.

This year the choir will be continuing one of their traditions as 'We Sing Noel' during the 11:00 am worship service on December 10th. The Choir will honor the birthday of the Christ Child as we sing music about the noel of the Christ Child. We will journey to Bethlehem during the four Sundays of Advent like Christians have done for over 2000 years. If you would like to sing with the Sanctuary Choir, please join us as we prepare to sing about the noel of Jesus. We practice at 9:00 am each Sunday morning. We will

begin learning the Christmas music, 'We Sing Noel', starting on October 1st Please take advantage of the many opportunities to enrich your life this year, as we await the noel of this tiny baby.



Just like in our private lives, traditions have and will continue to change in the life of our Church. The future is what we make of it. God has blessed our Church with the wonderful gift of children and we need to honor that gift and provide a nurturing atmosphere for these gifts.

The Children's Bell Choir will be ringing again this year. We will be hearing from them on a regular basis. They will practice on Sunday morning the Sunday that they play in the service.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12:00 Children /Youth Mtg 12:00 Staff Committee	2 6:00 Deacon Prayer	3	4 6:00 Midweek Mosaic 6:00 Wonderful Wednesday	5 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 11:30 am Women's Prayer Group	6 Office closed	7
8	9 6:00 Deacon Prayer 6:00 Grieving Parent Group	10 10:00 Circle of Friends	11 6:00 Midweek Mosaic 6:00 Wonderful Wednesday	12	13 Office closed	14
15 6:00 Church Council	16 6:00 Deacon Prayer	17	18 6:00 Midweek Mosaic 6:00 Wonderful Wednesday	19	20 Office closed	21
22 12:00 Youth to CEO	23 6:00 Deacon Prayer	24	25 6:00 Midweek Mosaic 6:00 Wonderful Wednesday	26	27 Office closed	28
29 12:00 Youth to CEO 12:00 pm Business Mtg/Pot Luck	30 6:00 Deacon Prayer	31	<h1>October</h1>			

October Birthdays

Oct. 1 Jessie Golden	Oct. 2 Sarah Bottoms
Oct. 5 Marisa Gambo	Oct. 5 Azalea Mae Maurer
Oct. 6 Dorothy Mitchell	Oct. 12 Myra Gilmer
Oct. 16 Lennis Ledbetter	Oct. 24 Greg Gough
Oct. 30 Sarah Sweetser	

October Anniversary

Oct. 12 Paul & Patty Severino

Upcoming Events

Oct. 1-4 Fall Lecture series	Nov. 12 Veteran's Recognition
Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday	Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Sunday
Oct. 29 Business Mtg/Pot Luck	Dec. 3 Advent Begins
Nov. 5 Chili Supper	Dec. 24 Sunday School Party
Nov. 5 All Saint's Day	Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service

Advent Calendar

Oct. 15 - Nov. 19 World Hunger Offering

Oct. 29 Angel Tree in Narthex for Christmas baskets

Nov. 27-Dec. 12 Decorate the church

Dec. 3 *1st Day of Advent*
Hanging of the Greens
Christmas Banquet

Dec. 10 *2nd Day of Advent*
Choir Christmas Music
World Wide Candle Lighting

Dec. 13 Christmas Basket Craft Night

Dec. 17 *3rd Day of Advent*
Living Nativity

Dec. 20 Assemble and deliver baskets

Dec. 24 *4th Day of Advent*
S. S. Fellowship 9:45 am
Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm

37 Sunday Initiatives

Labor Day 2014 – Memorial Day 2015

After 37 weeks of prayer and discernment, God revealed His will to us in several amazing initiatives. Immediately, we determined that God has specific plans for how we love one another:

- Be a people known for love and unity.
- Always speak the truth in love.
- Pray continually for one another.
- Always focus on the personal needs of others.



After the Discernment Groups, a vision was identified that builds on a foundation of a safe and loving congregation:

- Develop a comprehensive, Christ-honoring, neighbor-friendly plan for our outdoor space
- Gather regularly in Community Groups – even as an entry point into our congregation
- Intentionally show hospitality when outside groups use our space
- Develop and publicize ministries that meet the needs of our neighbors
- Continue our support of CEO, our soccer ministry and our mission work in Elaine



Birdhouse Report

By Pat Kienzle



Looking for mild weather when you visit Elaine?

Sunday, October 22, there will be a meeting in Helena about the history of Elaine. Saturday plans will be made to fit your plans. There is always work with children, as well as housekeeping/taking care of properties. Your help is always welcome.

On September 22, 14 seniors from Marvel-Elaine High School went on a field trip to Little Rock. They had a writing workshop and saw the soon-to-be-released movie "Marshall" along with the eight remaining "Little Rock Nine." Different speakers gave insight into the segregation of Central High School in 1957. Lee Street Community Center is cooperating with a nonprofit, "Celebrating Maya" to work with the seniors from Marvel-Elaine.