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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.
Childcare is provided.



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"All the Coos that's fit to print"

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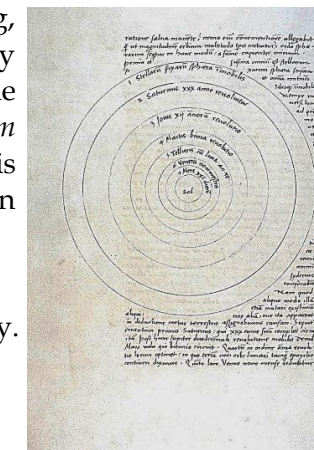
From the Pastor's Quill

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."

--2 Corinthians 5:20a

In 1543 a little book came off the press in Nuremberg, Germany. It was the seminal work on heliocentric theory (that the sun is the center of our solar system and not the earth) by Nicolaus Copernicus. *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium* (*On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres*) is widely thought to have begun the Scientific Revolution which set the stage for the Age of Enlightenment.

So you're wondering: "Steve, what does *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium* have to do with me?" Quite a bit, actually. You are a Christian and, obviously, your Christian life is important to you. But your Christian life is happening in a particular moment of history. A moment of history quite different from Bible times. Specifically, we are children of the Scientific Revolution, the Enlightenment, NASA and smartphones -- and we follow Christ in this context.



De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium by Nicolaus Copernicus.

In my opinion, the biggest issue we face as 21st-century Christians is that we live in a time when everything has been figured out. Trees and mountains don't have spirits, the sky is not an inverted bowl, stars do not determine human events and there is no such thing as magic or ghosts. While remnants of these superstitions may linger, we mostly live in a world that is void of the supernatural.

So we have a dilemma. Because our Bible tells many stories and teaches many lessons about our new, supernatural lives. But what expectations should we have for supernatural activity? Are the miracles that Jesus demonstrated still possible? Yes, we may believe that God can still raise someone from the dead or give sight to someone born blind, but scripture gives insight into this. Because after Pentecost, the manifestation of God's supernatural presence begins to change. While some exorcisms and healings are mentioned, the greatest display of the supernatural presence of God is the extraordinary love demonstrated among church members. Please think about this for a moment.

This supernatural display is happening at Rolling Hills Baptist Church. I see it every day and it makes my heart soar.

I see it every Sunday morning during the Passing of the Peace. The joy, laughter and love that is shared in that few minutes is truly wonderful.

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Steve Sheely

I see it during our weekly Deacon's meetings. The fellowship and kindness, knit together with prayer, is truly extraordinary.

I see it in our meetings. Even committee meetings, Church council and business meetings have become a gathering of respect and compassion.

I see it any time our church members are simply talking to one another - there are hugs and empathetic words and offers to pray.

I see it when someone is facing a difficult moment and our church rushes to help.

I see it when a new person joins us and they are surrounded by smiling faces and new friends.



I hope you notice these displays of supernatural loving-kindness that happen so frequently in our church. I hope you do not underestimate the significance of this. As a matter of fact, the extraordinary love we share is our greatest asset - because it shows Jesus is here.

Our greenhouse and our Outdoor Sanctuary project are two church emphases that help us turn our attention outward. Outward to people we know and people who live nearby who need what we have. Even as the world changes, people still need to know that God is real and they need to be loved. Our church can absolutely meet those needs. Meanwhile, another emphasis is coming: R³. Get ready, because more ways are coming for you and I to share the supernatural love that we enjoy.

Peace,

Mobilization Committee Report

At our next business meeting which will be held October 29, we will be electing new officers for various positions such as Moderator, Vice Moderator, two vacancies on the Financial Oversight Committee and two vacancies on the Staff Committee.

If any one is interested in filling these positions, please contact any one on the Mobilization Committee such as me, Kathy Simmons, Lennis Ledbetter, David Savage, or Steve Sheely.

If no one volunteers, we will be actively seeking delegates to serve on these committees.

If you would like to serve, please take into consideration the fact that you will need to attend all meetings that the Chair of that Committee hosts. Some committee members are agreeing to serve but they fail to attend meetings. We do not need just a name to fill an empty slot ---we need a live body to participate on these committees.

This holds true for the Chair of each Committee. You need to physically attend each Church Council meeting AND the Business meeting. If you are not interested in attending these meetings, then please don't accept the position. We realize that things come up once in a while that prohibit you from attending and that can't be helped, but to continuously skip these meetings just because you don't want to attend is really sad. We need you at these meetings, that's why we elected you for these jobs to begin with.



Ongoing Collection...

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

*Monetary Donations
always accepted!*

Extended Care (helping Diana & Dixie in the nursery)

- Sept. 3: Kimberly Lopez/Candy Bell
- Sept. 10: Beth Benham/Pat Kienzle
- Sept. 17: May Clevenger/Marla Sheely
- Sept. 24: Ellen Jones/Leona Tolley

Greeters

- Sept. 3: Jackie Kepple
- Sept. 10: Jo Morlan
- Sept. 17: Lennis Ledbetter
- Sept. 24: Millie Webster



Grieving Parents Support Group

September 11 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, September 7
7:00 am

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



Circle of Friends

September 12 at 10:00 am

Meet at the church and visit the Botanical Gardens



Rummage Sale

All proceeds go to the Lee Street Community Center in Elaine

Date: **Sept. 9**
8 - 2 pm

Bring your stuff and ~~unload it on someone else~~ sell it for a great cause!



Women's Prayer Group

Thursday, September 7
11:30AM

Penguin Ed's
Crossover/Mission

Budget Summary

July undesignated giving	\$12,615.26	YTD	\$102,109.43
Total transfer from Endowment Interest			\$ 66,000.00
June budgeted expenses	(\$17,391.02)	YTD	(124,619.11)
June giving minus expenses	\$16,224.24	YTD	\$43,480.32

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!

Children's Program begins September 6!

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: Jacob Redfearn, 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 the playground.



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

Welcome!

Our Newest Member!

Susan Colvin

History teacher at HarBer Meadows High School



Selfies with Steve

Bryson & Mackensie Madison, Nina, & Madison Lopez, Suzette & Vella Dell, Beatrice & Quentin Clevenger enjoy fun at the Back to School Bash.



Choir Crier

By David Savage

Fall is right around the corner! This morning it was 56 degrees at my house and it felt like a typical Northwest Arkansas fall morning?

School is in full swing, there's much talk about the Razorbacks, Bikes, Blues, and BBQ, football, volleyball, and the 'other football'.

As I say each year, things 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 many talented musicians. Last month two of our musicians tied the knot. Of course I'm referring to Blair and Adam! At the rehearsal dinner, one of their dear friends asked me if three years ago, when we first met, I thought we would be celebrating a wedding and be sitting together at a rehearsal dinner. I thought for a minute and responded that I wasn't surprised about the wedding, but I was surprised that we were having the rehearsal dinner in the dark. Between candles and iPhones, the dinner was a smashing success.



Blair & Adam Higgins

I also mentioned that I was glad the electricity didn't go out at the rehearsal, else Dale would have had to play by candlelight. Yes, things do change, and this change was one for the good guys. Congratulations Blair and Adam, may you have many wonderful years together. I appreciate what you contribute each Sunday to the music program at RHBC.

Final plans are being made for the music that we will be singing this fall, including the music for Advent and Christmas. We will begin practicing the Christmas music on September 8, 2017, at the Christmas Party at the Loewers. We will be previewing the Christmas music for the 2017 Christmas Season, 'We Sing Noel'. There will be Christmas presents. There will be lots of Christmas food. There will be great fellowship. There will be Christmas music. If you have been thinking about joining the choir, now is the time.

The Music and Worship Committee, under new leadership, will meet in September and begin preparing for the Advent and Christmas Season. We are in need of leaders and helpers so that we can make this Advent and Christmas Season one of the best ever. If you have served on this committee in the past or if you would like to become a part of this elite group, please contact Mary Maurer. If you have a favorite carol that you would like for us to sing, please let me know. It is important that we sing the carols that are import to your worship experience. Let's make this year a totality year!



Betty Loewer

A big thank you to Betty Loewer for the many hours that she has put in over the past years as the chair of the Music and Worship committee. You are turning your responsibilities over to the new chair of the Music and Worship Committee, the very capable Mary Maurer. Mary is already on the job, making plans for the music for the new Church year. She has already expressed an interest in having hand bells for the Christmas Season, so if you are interested, please contact her.



Mary Maurer

The choir will start practicing the Advent and Christmas music in September. We have a group of singers who do a great job and know how to have fun. Even though they do a fantastic job each week, we are always in need of more singers. The choir meets each Sunday morning from 9:00 am to 9:45 am. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please let me know and I'll have a folder ready for you.

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

September Birthdays

Sept. 2	Wayne Fedosky	Sept. 25	Dot Albright
Sept. 7	Billie Nanney	Sept. 27	Kathy Simmons
Sept. 17	Michael Kienzle	Sept. 28	Julie Caple
Sept. 19	Hannah Apple	Sept. 29	Roger Kepple

September Anniversaries

Sept. 23, 1978 Steve & Mary Maurer

Upcoming Events

September 9	Rummage Sale for Elaine	November 5	All Saint's Day
September 15-16?	Women's Retreat	November 12	Veteran's Recognition
October 1-4	Fall Lecture series with Bo Prosser	November 19	Thanksgiving Sunday
October 28	Reformation Sunday	December 3	Advent begins
October 28	Business Mtg/Pot Luck	December 24	Christmas Eve Service



South Africa Feeding Program Report

By Roger Kepple

At this time Rolling Hills is contributing \$4925. for this calendar year to the South African feeding program. At present tme we are supporting two different feeding projects. One at the Baptist Church in the town of Graaff-Reinet in the black section of town.

At the church they only feed one meal a week which is on Sunday mornings for the children who come to church and are deprived of food at home due to the fact that the parents and or grandparents cannot afford to feed their entire family. Many of the children in the black community are fortunate if they have one meal for the day. At the present time there is between 35 and 50 + children that are being fed on Sundays. The meals very every week. Mainly the meals will consist of rice, a meat of some kind perhaps in the form of a stew. Occasionally they will treat them to what we might call a chili dog which the kids love. When it is possible, and they are not burdened with an overflow of children seeking food, they try to provide adequate portions. The pastor of the church, Zenzele Eddie Tom told me that one of the children came to him after being provided with the meal with tears in his eyes saying this is the most food he has ever had on is plate. When funds are available they also provide some form of a "sweets", dessert.

The big feeding program we have is with the school in the town of Pearston. It must be understood that the country of South Africa will not admit that they are not caring for their people especially the children. Because of this they will not permit feeding of the children in the school although the Headmaster and all the teaching staff cry out for help for their children. Because of this, our primary contact, Moses Bush, a businessman in the town of Graaff-Reinet has made it possible for us to partner with two local churches in Pearston, the United Congregational Church of South Africa and the Dutch Reformed Church.



They have opened up their assembly halls to accommodate the feeding of children. Since we are limited with funding we can only feed one meal two days a week and the children being fed at both church halls are between the ages of 6 and 13 years. At the present time we are feeding in excess of 85 very disadvantaged children. The two churches that partner with us in this program are poor but they provide the kitchen facilities and staffing to accommodate the feeding program. Mr. Bush is also soliciting business owners to contribute to this program and if it wasn't for these contributions we could not feed the number of children we do.

The ethnic background of the children we are feeding in the town of Pearston is 50% colored, 40% black and 10% white. 95% of the residents in the community receive government subsidies every month. Unemployment is nearly 97% and the average income is between R350. (\$27.00) and R1,400 (\$108.00) per month. 60% of the children come from broken homes were almost 40% come from single parent homes and many of the children are being raised by their grandparents since their parents have abandoned them. The use of alcohol and drugs is high and has a bad influence on the children.



The meals in the town of Pearston where we are feeding in excess of 85 disadvantaged children also varies. The primary food would be rice and some form of a meat stew. Very seldom do they have funds to provide any type of desserts.

The cost of the average meal is approximately R10 (\$0.75) Simple math indicates Rolling Hills is short in funding \$2635. per year with more children on the waiting list to be fed.