

# Gravel Ridge General Baptist Church

## Newsletter

### God Remembers His Covenant *by Brother Robert*



Greetings Church Family,

Nehemiah was a prophet in Old Testament times. God called Nehemiah to be an encouragement to his people. Israel had big problems. They had sinned against God. They had turned their backs on God and worshipped other gods. God punished their sins by allowing Jerusalem to be overrun by a foreign king. The great walls of the city

were destroyed, and Jerusalem lay defenseless against her enemies.

God spoke to Nehemiah and said that if the people would repent of their sins he would forgive them and remember his covenant that he had made with them. As the story goes, the people listened to Nehemiah. They repented of their sins and God heard their prayers and forgave them.

God spoke to Nehemiah again and said to tell his people to be faithful and obedient to his commandments. God instructed Nehemiah to inform the people to begin to rebuild the walls of their city. Nehemiah was then instructed to remind them of the

covenant they had made with God. The wall was finished in only fifty-two days!

I encourage you to remember the covenant that you made with the Lord when you accepted Jesus as your Savior. The Bible never said it would be easy, but always remember that you will never be alone. If it has been a while since you really spoke to the Lord or have been to church, I encourage you to do so.

My prayer is that I will see you Sunday.

*Brother Robert*

Approximately 80 people attended the Fall Festival on Oct. 31. It was great fun and a great outreach! Thanks for the effort, everyone!

### Set the Example *by Brother Adam*

Bible verse for the season:

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity. *1 Timothy 4: 12*

The next couple of months are going to be very busy and full of lots of activities. We are going to have fun doing all sorts of stuff, but I want you to know that we need to remember the real **Reason For the Season!**

It is very important that you spread the Word of Jesus Christ to everyone just like the Bible verse says. You may be young but your words can be life changing for someone. I want

you to remember that it does not matter if you are seven years old or seventy years old, we set the example by the way we live.

Have fun this holiday season and God bless you!

### New Members!

We celebrate the addition of two new members to our church.

Tracy Fleming and her son, Brandon Rivera moved here from California about eight months ago and we are so happy that God led them to our church.

Brandon attends Northwood *(Continued on page 2)*

### Happy Anniversary!

May the good Lord see and bless you,  
On your anniversary day.  
May He always be your companion,  
And guide you on your way.



- Nov. 23 - Shane & Kayla Vanaman
- Dec. 3 - Robert & Lisa Hunt
- Dec. 17 - David & Heather Cagle
- Dec. 21 - Bejay & Heidi Smith
- Dec. 29 - Dave & Mary Marler



## Come Grow With Us

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### Prayer Requests

- † For Chris Carlock's baby, born premature.
- † For Sam Crook, four-wheeler wreck.
- † For Baby McKenna Culpepper & family, malignant tumor.
- † For Curtis Davis, recovering from brain injury.
- † For Carl Ray Haley & family, cancer.
- † For Kim Hammett & children, injury in car accident.
- † For Lisa Coleman, severely injured in car accident.
- † For Stephanie Still, recovering from back surgery.
- † For Gerald Thomason & Virginia Thomason.
- † For our country.
- † For our troops.
- † For our leaders.
- † For our church.

### Announcements

 **Nursery** in need of volunteers. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Lisa.

Remember to **donate food stuffs** for monthly delivery to food pantry. Baskets located at back of sanctuary. More info, contact Mechelle Pate.

**Men's Breakfast:** December 13. Time & place TBA.

**Camp Formosa Christmas Retreat** December 5-7. More information, contact Brother Adam.

**No Wed. Services:** November 26, December 24, and December 31.

Our **Christmas program** will be Dec. 21, followed by Christmas dinner. The service will start at 10:30 AM—No Sunday School.

**Baptism Service, November 23** After morning Worship we will celebrate the baptism of Tracy Fleming, Brandon Rivera, & Bejay Smith with a potluck.

**Toys for Tots Drive** Nov. 9-Dec. 7. Goal: 40 toys. Cash donations accepted in lieu of toys. More info, see Mechelle Pate.

**Presbytery** - Nov. 7, at New Bethel in Bald Knob, 7:00 PM.

### New Members!

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Middle School. Tracy speaks fluent Spanish. We know they will be an asset to our church.

Welcome to the family, Tracy and Brandon!

Please add their contact information to your church directory: Address: 4500 W. Justice Road, Cabot, AR 72023.

Tracy's Cell: 473-9328

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### In the Spotlight

Another year is a happy gift, So cut your cake, and say, "Instead of counting birthdays, I count blessings every day!"



#### Happy Birthday!

Nov. 1	Adam Pate	Nov. 17	Nicki Boaz
Nov. 9	Heidi Smith	Nov. 24	Brandon Rivera
	Shane Vanaman	Dec. 7	Gerald Thomason
Nov. 11	Kirsten Cagle	Dec. 8	Kayla Smith
Nov. 12	Mary Jones	Dec. 11	Bob Hambrick
Nov. 13	Kristen White	Dec. 19	Stephanie Still
Nov. 16	Heather Cagle	Dec. 22	Mechelle Pate
		Dec. 23	Matt Hunt
		Dec. 25	Wendy Taylor
		Dec. 26	Kami Pate
			Virginia Thomason
			Brother Robert

### Ladies' Night Out

*By Lisa Hunt*



Ladies, it is time for Ladies' Night Out. I hope all of you will come. We really have a

good time fellowshiping.

Date: December 14

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Olive Garden, NLR



How well do you know your Bible? Many interesting events are recorded there. Have fun quizzing yourself, or make it a family project to find the answers to the trivia questions. Answers will be printed in the January issue of the newsletter.

### Bible Trivia

1. For what miracle did Moses neglect to give God credit?
2. What had Jacob been doing all night just before God changed his name to Israel?
3. God is described as physically writing three times in the Bible. Upon what did he write the third time?
4. What did the Israelites put on their doors to protect them from having their first-born sons killed?
5. In which book of the Bible do we read the story of Samson and Delilah?
6. Which book records the first example of book censorship in the Bible?
7. What did the subjects of Nebuchadnezzar have to do when they heard music?
8. It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers
9. You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?
10. Jesus wept.
11. Pray continually.

*Can you find these verses?*

## November 2008

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						Happy Birthday, Brother Adam!
2	3	4	5 Bible Study	6	7 Presbytery - New Bethel, 7:00 PM	
Happy Birthday, Heidi Smith & Shane Vanaman!	10	11 Happy Birthday, Kirsten Cagle!	Happy Birthday, Mary Jones! Bible Study	13 Happy Birthday, Kristen White!	14	15
Happy Birthday, Heather Cagle! Youth Event! Jump Zone 5:00 – 7:00 PM	17 Happy Birthday, Nicki Boaz & Brandon Rivera!	18	19 Bible Study	20	21	22
Happy Anniver- sary, Shane & Kayla Vanaman! Baptism Service & Potluck	24 Happy Birthday, Gerald Thomason!	25	26 No Church Services	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
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	1	2	3 Happy Anniversary, Brother Robert & Lisa! Bible Study	4	5 Camp For- mosa Christ- mas Retreat Begins	6 Youth Event! Circus-3:00 PM
Happy Birthday, Kayla Smith! Formosa Retreat Ends	8 Happy Birthday, Bob Hambrick!	9	10 Bible Study	11 Happy Birthday, Stephanie Still!	12	13 Men's Breakfast— Place TBA
Youth Event! Sherwood Forest Trail of Lights 6:30 PM Ladies' Night Out—5:00 PM	15	16	17 Happy Birth- day, Mechelle Pate! Happy Anniversary, Heather & David Cagle! Bible Study	18	19 Happy Birthday, Matt Hunt!	20
Happy Anniver- sary, Heidi & Bejay Smith! Christmas Pro- gram & Pot- luck—10:30 AM	22 Happy Birthday, Wendy Taylor!	23 Happy Birthday, Kami Pate!	24 No Church Services	25 Happy Birth- day, Jesus!  Happy Birthday, Virginia Thomason!	26 Happy Birthday, Brother Robert!	27
28	Happy Anniversary, Mary & Dave Marlar!	30	31 No Church Services			

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**Where is God? *By Anonymous***



He was just a little boy,  
on a week's first day.  
He was wandering home  
from Sunday School,  
and dawdling on the way.

He scuffed his shoes into the grass;  
he found a caterpillar.  
He found a fluffy milkweed pod,  
and blew out all the "filler."

A bird's nest in a tree overhead,  
so wisely placed on high,  
Was just another wonder that  
caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his zigzag  
course,  
and hailed him from the lawn.  
Asked him where he'd been that  
day and what was going on.

"I've been to Bible School,"  
he said and turned a piece of sod.  
He picked up a wiggly worm reply-  
ing,

"I've learned a lot about God."

"M'm very fine way," the neighbor  
said,

"for a boy to spend his time.  
If you'll tell me where God is,  
I'll give you a brand new dime."

Quick as a flash the answer came!  
Nor were his accents faint.  
"I'll give you a dollar, Mister,  
if you can tell me where God ain't."

**Promises From the  
Bible *By Brother Robert***

God's promise of:

Love—Psalm 89:38, Isaiah 54:10,  
Jeremiah 31:3-4, Matthew 10:30-31,  
John 3:16, John 15:9-13, and 1 John  
4:9.

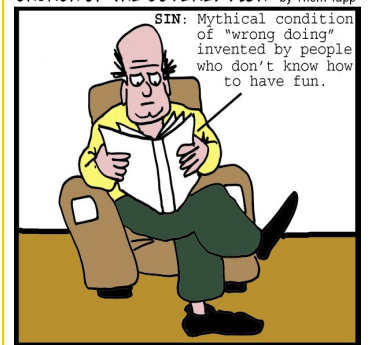
Forgiveness—2 Chronicles 7:14,  
Psalm 103:8-12, Jeremiah 31:34,  
Luke 15:3-7, Acts 10:43, Ephesians  
1:7, and 1 John 1:9.

Salvation—Psalm 37:39-40, Isaiah  
25:9, Matthew 1:21, Acts 16:31, Epe-  
sians 2:8, and Hebrews 7:25.

God has offered these gifts to all  
mankind. His love, forgiveness, and  
salvation are yours, simply by ask-  
ing Jesus into your heart.

Have you accepted Christ as your  
Savior?

**CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH *by Thom Tapp***



Modern "updated" dictionary of the new century.

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"Yes sir Harold . . . if I was a human,  
I would be a 'hard shell' Baptist!"