

Gravel Ridge General Baptist Church

Newsletter

The Church *by Brother Robert*



By definition, the church is the body of Christ; that community of the redeemed of which He is the head. "He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have preeminence." (*Colossians 1:18*)

The church is nurtured by Christ's own dynamic life. "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word." (*Ephesians 5:25-26*)

Christ will come to claim the church as His bride adorned for her husband. (*Revelation 21:2*)

When a person is saved, he or

she becomes a member of the universal church, a world wide group of believers who have trusted Christ as their Savior.

Christ also expects us to identify immediately with a local church (or body of believers) which honors the Lord and His word, in order to take an **active** part in worship, fellowship, evangelism, Bible study, and prayer. This is a responsibility that the Bible teaches.

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (*Hebrews 10:25*)

We are being obedient to God when we are active in our church. Look for ways to use your gifts to honor the Lord in your church. Remember he called you to this church for a reason, not just to fill a pew.

Small churches can do mighty

works for the Lord, if we are willing to put Christ first.

Brother Robert

Four Things You Can't Recover

The stone...after the throw
The word...after it's said
The occasion...after it's missed
The time...after it's gone

You're Invited!

To the wedding of Chris & Brittany Shoults
June 4 @ 7:30 PM
59 Cardinal Valley Drive,
Sherwood, AR (Home of Carl & Ronni Vanaman).
This will be a garden wedding. Dress is casual.

You're Invited!

To a baby shower for Caroline & Brandon Childress
June 27 @ 3:00 PM
In the Fellowship Hall
Baby Girl Childress is due to arrive on August 31.

Progress Report *by Ronni*

Spring Fest was a huge success! We had a record attendance of 130.

Our average attendance for Worship Service the first four months of 2009 was 48. Our average attendance for January through April this year is 48.

However, the average Sunday School attendance is up 44% compared to the first four months

of 2009. This increase in attendance is in the children and youth classes. Unfortunately, attendance has not improved much in the adult Bible class. Let's not let the kids outdo us! Please consider attending the adult class on Sunday mornings.

We have added three members to our church family since January.

Our goals for 2010 are five con-

versions/rededications and five baptisms. We have reached 40% of our goal for conversions with two souls saved this year. With one baptism so far we are currently at 20% of that goal; however, we have another baptism scheduled on May 23 which will put us at 40%.

Please pray that God will guide us as His disciples. Our main focus must always be to introduce Jesus to others.



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Opportunity may knock once,
But temptation bangs on the front door forever.

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Love at First Sight? by Ronni



If you don't believe in love at first sight you should talk to **Eugene and Mechelle Pate, Jr.** They may not have fallen in love at first sight, but they certainly fell in love shortly thereafter because they only dated a little over three months before they got married. They celebrated their eleventh wedding anniversary on April 19.

Mechelle says that she and Eugene (Dunnie) have truly been blessed. They are devoted parents to their sons, Matthew (8) and Zachary (6) and they love to spend time fishing, visiting state parks, or doing things with the boys.

Dunnie is part-owner and manager of Pate's Car Dealership in North Little Rock and Mechelle is currently a student at Pulaski Technical College. She will begin a traditional 3-year RN track at Baptist this fall.

Mechelle and Dunnie have been active members at GRGBC since May of 2007. They manage the collection and delivery of our donations to the local food pantry, as well as the Toys for Tots drive during the Christmas season. In addition, Dunnie is one of the grill chefs at our church.

As a final note, Dunnie will tell you that he prefers fishing over deer hunting, but if you get a chance ask his step-mom (Susan Pate) who shot the eleven point buck from her deer stand.

Mechelle's likes and dislikes:

Name: Mechelle Pate

Hometown: North Little Rock, AR

Favorite food: Pasta

Won't Eat: Most southern food

Favorite kind of music: Contemporary Christian

Favorite song: "Glorious Day" by Casting Crowns

Favorite movie: *Grease*

Last movie seen: *Jack and the Beanstalk*

Favorite TV show: *Big Brother*

I won't watch: Anything scary

Favorite sport: Football, but only the Razorbacks (when they are winning)

Last book read: Ha, I don't have that kind of time so...*Understanding Nutrition*

Hobby: Spending time with my boys

Favorite places I have traveled:

Dauphin Island, Alabama

Fantasy vacation would be: Disney World

Biggest fear: Heights

Pet peeve: Asking a question you already know the answer to

Nick name: Shell

My heroes: Jesus, definitely

One word to sum me up: Determined

What I like about my church: My church family. You are all awesome!

Dunnie's answers:

Name: Eugene Pate, Jr. (Dunnie)

Hometown: North Little Rock, AR

Favorite food: Spaghetti

Won't Eat: Oysters

Favorite kind of music: Christian

Favorite song: "Till Summer Comes Around" by Keith Urban

Favorite movie: *Smokey and the Bandit*

Last movie seen: *Avatar*

Favorite TV show: *American Idol*

I won't watch: Dancing with the Stars

Favorite sport: Football

Last book read: *Huckleberry Finn* and *Bible*

Hobby: Cars and fishing

Favorite places I have traveled:

Branson

Fantasy vacation would be: Disney World

Biggest fear: Snakes

Pet peeve: People using the Lord's name in vain

Nick name: Dunnie, Junior, Peanut

My heroes: God

One word to sum me up: Independent

What I like about my church:

Friendliness of the people



May 7	Shelia Still
May 11	Megan Smith
May 19	Ryan Boyce
May 21	Lisa Barron
May 22	Kilye Shoultz
May 29	Addison Childress Jane Hambrick
June 2	Ella' Claire Harris
June 8	Ronni Vanaman
June 11	Spencer Humphrey
June 15	Michael Dibben
June 25	Lisa Hunt

Prayer Requests

- † For Malachi Allred.
- † For the Baldrige family.
- † For Samuel Bish.
- † For Ryan Boyce.
- † For Don Carlson.
- † For Judy Carmichael.
- † For Ava Hunt.
- † For Jamie Hunt.
- † For Virginia Mayne.
- † For Terri Parker.
- † For Kami Pate.
- † For Bert Prentice.
- † For Shyalama Rao.
- † For Billy Roberts.
- † For Ann Ryal.
- † For Braydin Simpson.
- † For Dana Smith.
- † For Virginia Thomason.
- † For Johnny Vaughn.
- † For Ben Williams.
- † For the USA and our leaders.
- † For our military & families.

What Makes a Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it...
Dad

May 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Ladies' Night Out - 5 PM @ Gad- wall's Grill, Sher- wood.	3	4	5 Bible Study	6 Constitution Committee Meet- ing - 6:30 PM	7 Shelia Still's Birth- day!	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11 Megan Smith's Birthday!	12 Bible Study	13	14	15
16 Staff/Teacher's Meeting - 1 PM	17	18	19 Bible Study Ryan Boyce's Birthday!	20	21 Lisa Barron's Birthday!	22 Kilye Shoults' Birthday!
23 Baptism - Haley Smith	24	25	26 Bible Study	27	28	29 Addison Chil- dress & Jane Hambrick's Birth- day!
30	31					

Note: All Wednesday night meetings begin at 6:30 PM.

June 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Ella' Claire Harris' Birthday Business Meet- ing - 6:30 PM	3	4 Wedding - 7:30 PM (Chris & Brittany Shoults)	5
6 Church Fellow- ship (Lunch @ restaurant in Jack- sonville) - 1 PM	7	8 Ronni Vanaman's Birthday!	9 Bible Study	10	11 Spencer Hum- phrey's Birthday! Lock-In Party (K-5) - 6:00 PM	12 Pick-up kids from Lock-in - 9 AM
13 Jr. Camp begins at Camp For- mosa	14	15 Michael Dibben's Birthday!	16 Bible Study	17	18 Return from Jr. Camp	19
20 Sr. Camp begins at Camp Formosa	21	22	23 Bible Study	24	25 Lisa Hunt's Birth- day!	26 Return from Sr. Camp
27 Baby Shower - 3 PM (Caroline & Brandon Chil- dress) in Fellow- ship Hall	28	29	30 Bible Study			

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Someone Said...

Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby. That Somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, "Normal," is history.

Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct. That Somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.

Somebody said being a mother is boring. That Somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.

Somebody said "good" mothers never raise their voices. That Somebody never came out the back door just in time to see her child hit a golf ball through the neighbor's kitchen window.

Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother. That Somebody never helped a fourth grader with her math.

Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first. That Somebody doesn't have five children.

Somebody said a mother can find all the answers to her child-rearing questions in the books. That Somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose or in his ears.

Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery. That Somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten, or on a plane headed for military "boot camp."

Somebody said a mother can do her job with her eyes closed and one hand tied behind her back . That Somebody never organized four giggling Brownies to sell cookies.

Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married. That Somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.

Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home. That Somebody never had grandchildren.

Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her...That Somebody is not a mother.