

Gravel Ridge General Baptist Church

Newsletter

Bad Habits Can be Changed *by Brother Robert*



We are all creatures of habit. Many of our practices become automatic. We are sometimes unaware that we do certain things, or that we do them in a specific way.

Bad habits could be defined as 'anything that hurts our Christian growth or offends others'. For example envy, jealousy, malice, gossip, lying, criticism of others, selfishness, and impatience are

just a few habits that we may not be aware of.

As the Word of God says in *2 Corinthians 5:17*, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old has gone, the new has come."

You can change those bad habits if you allow the Lord to have total control of your life. I encourage you to identify those bad habits that need changing. Confess your bad habits to the Lord as sin, and seek forgiveness.

God can work in your life in order to bring your conduct into line with what pleases Him. "For we are

God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do." (*Ephesians 2:10*)

Thinking about it. You are a new person. The power of God has changed you inside out. Submit to the Lord and he can change those bad habits into good works.

Brother Robert

Do What It Says *by Brother Adam*



I can't believe that summer time is just around the corner. I am so excited to see what we can do as a church family this summer. We have really been blessed as a church.

The summer will be a challenge to see how we can reach out and be a good witness to the world because everyone will be so busy trying to do different things. Sometimes we get so busy planning vacations or going to the ball park or just taking it easy. With so many things going on in the summer we sometimes

get distracted and postpone our time with the Lord. In *James 1:22* it says, "Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

So while we are real busy this summer just remember that we need to keep pressing in to God's Word. We are called together to learn the Word of God and share it with others. I hope everyone has a great summer!!!

Your brother in Christ,
Adam Pate

2009 Goals	
Conversions/Rededications	4
Baptisms	4
Results to date: 5/1/2009	
Conversions/Rededications	5
Baptisms	7

In the Spotlight



May 7	Shelia Still
May 11	Megan Smith
May 19	Ryan Boyce
May 22	Kilye Shoults
May 29	Addison Childress
	Jane Hambrick
June 8	Ronni Vanaman
June 13	Cordale Blakely
June 15	Michael Dibben
June 25	Lisa Hunt

Family News

We have some very exciting events to look forward to this fall:

 **Tracy Fleming & Dennis Thomas** will be married at GRGBC on October 24, 2009!

 **Jason & Kimberly White** are expecting a baby boy or girl on November 27, 2009!



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<http://gravelridgegbchurch.org>

Congratulations to Caroline Childress for winning the Visitor's Challenge! Caroline had nine guests in attendance at Spring Fest and won a \$25 gift certificate!! Way to go, Caroline!!

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We Call Her Cindy by Ronni



Cynthia Lynn Cagle (we call her Cindy) joined Gravel Ridge General Baptist Church on October 3, 1993. She is employed at the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration where she manages a staff of 32, and has served as our church treasurer for approximately 20 years.

Cindy and her husband, Sonny will celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary in August. They are the proud parents of two, David Cagle and Wendy Taylor; however, they are most proud of their four grandchildren, Megan, Kirsten, Taylor, and Brendon.

Cindy and Sonny met and married in Trenton, New Jersey, where he was stationed at McGuire Air Force Base. Approximately one month after they were married Sonny was discharged from the Air Force and they moved to Hooks, Texas. During the recession they moved to Georgia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, then back to Texas. Sonny rejoined the Air Force in 1971 because he wanted job security during the unstable economic times. He eventually cross trained to be a flight engineer and they were stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base from 1973 until 1979. The family moved to Frankfurt, Germany in '79, but were stationed at the LR Air Force Base again in 1982. Sonny retired with 26 years of service in 1993 and they choose to remain in Arkansas, making this their permanent home.

Cindy shared the following facts about herself:

Hometown: Erwinna, Pennsylvania
Favorite food: Philly Cheese Steak
Won't Eat: Souse
Favorite kind of music: Classic Pop
Favorite song: "What a Wonderful World" ~ Louis Armstrong
Favorite movie: I have two, I can never choose. "The Fighting Sullivans", with Thomas Mitchell & Anne Baxter, and "The Way We Were", with Streisand and Robert Redford.
Last movie seen: "Grey Gardens"
Favorite TV show: "NCIS"
I won't watch: Golf
Favorite sport: Don't have one
Last book read: *The Lincoln Lawyer*
Hobby: Reading (one to two books a week)
Favorite places I have traveled: Sequoia National Park, China, and Corner in Winslow, Arizona
Fantasy vacation would be: Two weeks in Russia, then to Ireland for a month, then Israel for two weeks, then on to Greece for a month, ending with a ship back to USA.
Biggest fear: That the unsaved people I love won't ever accept God's gift of salvation.
Pet peeve: Complaining, whiny people. The only ones who get a free pass on that are the 75 plus set. They earned it. The rest of us need to learn to realize how blessed we are and wait for our 75+ years.
Nick name: Maggie (Don't ask. ☺)
My heroes: My husband and Sonja Mitchell, my sister. They both have made many sacrifices for others and endured situations I would have folded under.
One word to sum me up: Impulsive (My employees say energetic—wrong.)
What I like about my church: The honest love and acceptance we have for each other and anyone who comes to worship with us. It's almost like there are these invisible arms that draw you near and hug you when you walk through the doors. God has blessed us with the gift of love. My hope is that we each cherish it and never dishonor God by acting in ways that don't display that gift of love. ◇

Out Reach Success!

One hundred twenty-six! That was the number in attendance at our first annual Spring Fest, an attendance record for our church. Our first out reach to the community in 2009 can be described in one word, "success".

What a great day! The Holy Spirit was definitely in attendance during the concert by the Mercy River Boys. The food was great and the afternoon fellowship and fun were enjoyed by everyone.

So many volunteers chipped in to help make this event a success! There are too many names to list them all, but you know who you are. The day started early (9:00 am) for those that grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, as well as those that directed parking.

During the concert we had volunteers working in the nursery and supervising the children during movie time. Volunteers also served food and drinks to the 100+ in attendance and supervised the jumpy.

The Bingo games were a huge favorite with some of the best prizes we have ever had. Approximately 25 prizes were given away—most of them donated for the event.

Last, but certainly not least, the cleanup crew worked ceaselessly through out the afternoon, with final cleanup ending at about 4:00 pm.

This event was really not about having fun, however; it was about introducing our church to our community. Our goal must always be to reach out to show the love of Christ to others. It looks like we were successful at doing that. Several visitors said they would be back. Perhaps some of them will make this their home church.

If one soul is led to Christ through us, it is worth all our effort. **Thank you,** everyone! ◇

Prayer Requests

- † For Khiana, Malachi, & Alisha Allred.
- † For an anonymous request for spiritual deliverance & healing.
- † For Cordale Blakely.
- † For Robert Carlock.
- † For Emile.
- † For Baby McKenna.
- † For Adam's stepfather, Ray.
- † For Terri Parker.
- † For Adam Pate's uncle.
- † For Amber Pate's family.
- † For Shyalama Rao.
- † For Nada Russell.
- † For the Shoults family.
- † For Dana Smith.
- † For children at St. Jude Hosp.
- † For Johnny Vaughn.
- † For James White.
- † For the USA.
- † For our military & families.

Spring Growth

With the coming of spring, we have experienced beautiful new growth in our church. Eight new members have been added to our family since March 8, 2009. Plans are underway to print an updated church directory. In the meantime, please add the following information to your current copy. Welcome to the family, everyone!

Brandon & Caroline Childress, 304 Freda Rd., NLR, AR 72117. Brandon: 412-4061; Caroline: 551-6877. (Daughter - Addison, almost 2 years old)

Eugene & Susan Pate, 1801 Eureka Garden Road, NLR, AR 72117. Home: 945-6003; Eugene: 749-2025.

Jason & Kimberly White, 1105 W. Baldwin Road, White Hall, AR 71602. Jason: (870) 370-5051; Kimberly: (870) 370-5375.

Richard & Shelly Carlock, 275 Highway 294, Lonoke, AR 72086. Richard: 266-0951; Shelly: 266-0945 (Daughters - Madalyn, age 6 and Morgan, age 3)

May 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Bible Study	7 Shelia Still's Birth- day!	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11 Megan Smith's Birthday!	12	13 Bible Study	14	15	16
17 Ladies Night Out - 5:00 PM	18	19 Ryan Boyce's Birthday!	20 Bible Study	21	22 Kilye Shoults' Birthday!	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 GB Minister's Conference Be- gins-Branson, MO	27 Bible Study	28 GB Minister's Conference Ends	29 Addison Chil- dress' Birthday! Jane Hambrick's Birthday!	30
31 Brother Adam will preach.						

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

June 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Bible Study	4	5	6
7	8 Ronni Vanaman's Birthday!	9	10 Bible Study	11	12	13 Cordale Blakely's Birthday!
14 Potluck Junior Camp @ Camp Formosa	15 Michael Dibben's Birthday! →	16 →	17 Bible Study →	18 →	19 Junior Camp Ends	20 Men's Breakfast - 9:00 AM
21 Fathers Day Senior Camp @ Camp Formosa	22 →	23 →	24 Bible Study →	25 Lisa Hunt's Birth- day! →	26 →	27 Senior Camp Ends
28	29	30				

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Service + Dedication = Teenager? *by Ronni*



How often do you equate a teenager with service and dedication? Most of the time when we think of teenagers we think in terms of self-centeredness. This is **not** the case with Kirsten Cagle. She is one of those rare 14 year olds that is not totally self focused. Kirsten has a servant's heart.

This 8th grader from Cabot Jr. High North volunteers in the nursery at GRGBC. She can always be depended on to show up when she is on the schedule and often fills in for others when the need arises. On April 12, Brother Robert presented Kirsten

with a Certificate of Appreciation for her service and dedication to our church.

Kirsten's parents are David and Heather Cagle and she is big sister to Taylor and Brenden. Her grandparents are Sonny and Cindy Cagle.

Kirsten provided the following tidbits of information:

Hometown: Cabot, AR

Favorite food: Anything sweet

Won't Eat: Mexican food

Favorite kind of music: A little bit of everything.

Favorite song: "Candle (Stick and Tired)" by White Tie Affair

Favorite movie: "27 Dresses"

Last movie seen: "My Fake Fiancé"

Favorite TV show: "American Idol"

I won't watch: "Hannah Montana"

Favorite sport: Football

Last book read: *Outsiders* (still reading it)

Hobby: Running and hanging out with

friends and family.

Favorite places I have traveled:

Florida

Fantasy vacation would be: France

Biggest fear: Snakes and spiders

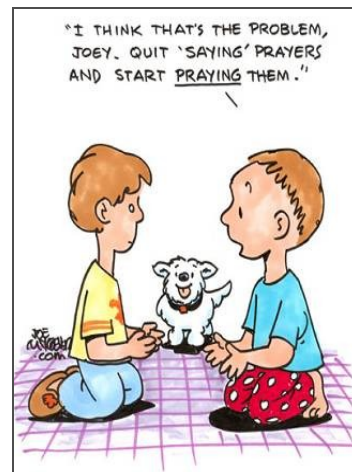
Pet peeve: People **OBSSESSED** over boy bands and *Twilight*

Nick name: Cagle Bagel or Cagle

My heroes: My Family

One word to sum me up: Outgoing

What I like about my church: EVERYTHING. Everybody is toooo kind and sweet and caring, and we know everybody. There is too much to tell. Haha!



STRAY SHEEP

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. — HEBREWS 10: 24,25 NKJV