

Gravel Ridge General Baptist Church

Newsletter



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Buzz!

New children's curriculum kicks off September 13, at 10 a.m. Bee there!!

Anger: Who is in Control? by Brother Robert



Anger is an involuntary reaction to a displeasing situation or event. As long as anger is limited to this involuntary initial emotion, it may be considered a normal reaction. It is when we respond improperly to anger (when we either lose our temper or store anger so that it makes us resentful or hostile) that it becomes dangerous.

In discussing anger we must realize that not all anger is wrong. When the Bible mentions anger it may be focusing on several emotions.

Exodus 32:19—Moses was angry

when he saw the unfaithfulness and idolatry of his people.

Mark 3:5—When Jesus healed the man with the withered hand, Jesus looked at them with anger because he was disturbed by their stubborn hearts.

Each person has the right to express his or hear own opinions and to be treated with dignity and respect. At the same time, we should not forget that if Jesus had demanded his "rights" he would not have gone to the cross.

Christians must be careful of our responses; remembering that one's position may be right, while the attitude may be wrong.

Make your attitudes and responses a matter of serious prayer. Pray also about the behavior of others that cause you to anger. Regularly confess excessive anger as sin

and realize that you must learn to cope with two natures, each striving for supremacy.

The Word of God says we must learn to practice the put off - put on principle of *Ephesians 4:22-24*. Surrender each day to the Holy Spirit. Live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature, *Galatians 5:16*.

Let the Word of God permeate your life as you read, study, and memorize it.

You do not have to let anger control you. You can control it!

Proverbs 15:1—A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 29:11—A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.

Brother Robert

Prayer Warriors by Brother Adam



The last couple of weeks I have been coming to church on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 praying for God's wisdom and seeking his vision for our church. I believe if we can come together as a church to pray for each other and seek God's vision for our church, it will help us reach out to other

people that need to hear the word of God.

In the book of *John* chapter seventeen, Jesus talks about praying. He prays for himself, his disciples, and for all believers. This is right before His death. I encourage you to read that chapter in *John*. It will certainly show you that we need God and we need to pray for each other.

I think it is very important that we realize we need to be praying everyday and seeking God's will.

Sometimes it is hard to remember to pray for certain people and to

remember that certain prayer request, so I thought it would be good for us to come together and pray with each other for our church during the week. Most of all to seek God's will and stand in agreement with each other on what we lift up to God.

So, I encourage you to come and be a part of our Wednesday night Prayer Warriors group.

Your Brother In Christ,

Adam Pate

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God Had A Plan *by Ronni*



In 1980, Robert Hunt took a job as a dishwasher and part-time cook at a restaurant in NLR, with no idea that he would meet Lisa and that she would become his wife.

Lisa worked as a waitress at the restaurant, and she says that she fell in love with Robert the first time they met; however, Lisa was only 15 1/2 years old and her dad would not let her date until she was sixteen. Robert was a senior at Sylvan Hills High School at the time, while Lisa was a sophomore at Oak Grove High School. After she turned 16 they began dating and the rest (as they say) is history.

When Robert and Lisa Hunt got married in December of 1983, Lisa had no idea that she was marrying a future minister. Brother Robert attended Victory Baptist Church as a child, but as a young man he drifted away from God and stopped going to church. When he began working for the Missouri Pacific Railroad in 1981, he had no inclination to become a minister. He had his own plans for his life.

After their son, Matthew was born Lisa faithfully took him to church, but Robert did not attend with them on a regular basis until Matthew was about six years old. Brother Robert gives Lisa the credit for raising Matthew in church so that he would become the fine young man that he is today. It was Lisa's faithfulness and prayers that drew Robert back to church, eventually rededicating his life to God.

Brother Robert answered the call to preach in September, 2000, and began preaching at Liberty Fellowship Church.

In 2001, he began preaching occasionally at NLR General Baptist where he was the youth minister for several years. When he retired from the railroad in 2003, he could more fully devote himself to the ministry.

Brother Robert and Lisa joined Gravel Ridge General Baptist Church on October 1, 2005, his first Sunday as pastor. At that time there were approximately eleven active members. Since then we have had 20 conversions/rededications, and 34 baptisms. We now have 46 active members.

Who could have known when Brother Robert was washing dishes in 1980 that he would become the shepherd of GRGBC with Lisa at his side? God knew! Brother Robert often says that we see the parade as it goes by, but God sees the entire parade, from beginning to end. He knows how it will all turn out!

God had a plan for Robert and Lisa Hunt, and we are very fortunate for that! We thank God that you are the leaders of our church family and we love you, Brother Robert & Mrs. Lisa!

Lisa's answers to trivia questions:

Hometown: North Little Rock, AR
Favorite food: Prime rib or steak
Won't Eat: Any kind of liver or eggplant
Favorite kind of music: Contemporary Christian
Favorite song: "Homesick"
Favorite movie: *Steel Magnolias*
Last movie seen: *Mall Cop*
Favorite TV show: *NCIS*
I won't watch: Horror movies
Favorite sport: Don't care for sports
Last book read: *Bible*
Hobby: Shopping
Favorite places I have traveled: Branson, Hot Springs
Fantasy vacation would be: Hawaii or Colorado
Biggest fear: Losing my son or husband
Pet peeve: People that make fun of others
Nick name: Wheezy
My heroes: My dad and my husband

One word to sum me up: Caring
What I like about my church: We have a very loving and caring church that is always good to welcome new guests.

Brother Robert's answers:

Hometown: North Little Rock, AR
Favorite food: Spaghetti (Italian)
Won't Eat: Mushrooms
Favorite kind of music: Oldies, gospel
Favorite song: "How Great Thou Art"
Favorite movie: Any war movie
Last movie seen: *Mall Cop*
Favorite TV show: *Seinfeld, NCIS*
I won't watch: Golf
Favorite sport: Baseball, Football
Last book read: *The Parent You Want To Be* ~ Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott
Hobby: Baseball card collecting
Favorite places I have traveled: Florida (beach)
Fantasy vacation would be: Australia
Biggest fear: Don't really have one
Pet peeve: People who are late
Nick name: Robbie
My heroes: Billy Graham, JFK
One word to sum me up: Committed
What I like about my church: I love the people of my church, and the relationships that we have. Relationships that go beyond just going to church together. ♦

Prayer Requests

- † For Khiana, Malachi, & Alisha Allred.
- † For Gene Barbery's mother & the Barbery family.
- † For Samuel Bish.
- † For Delmar & Betty Bishop & their daughter, Stacy.
- † For Cordale Blakely.
- † For Ryan Boyce.
- † For Judy Carmichael.
- † For Brenda Chrisp.
- † For Cindy & Terry Hill.
- † For Virginia Mayne.
- † For Adam's stepfather, Ray.
- † For Terri Parker.
- † For Adam Pate's business & family.
- † For Amber Pate's uncle, James.
- † For Shyalama Rao.
- † For Brittany Shoults.
- † For Dana Smith.
- † For the Stine family.
- † For children at St. Jude Hospital
- † For Johnny Vaughn.
- † For the USA and our leaders.
- † For Ben Williams.
- † For our military & families.

In the Spotlight



Happy Birthday!

September 3	David Cagle
September 7	Brittany Shoults
September 10	Eugene Pate
September 22	Sarah Ligon
September 24	Shelly Carlock
September 29	Brenden Cagle Sonny Cagle
October 10	John Klindt
October 12	Chad Vanaman
October 21	Vauda Johnson
October 23	Zachary Pate Katrina New
October 25	Richard Carlock
October 31	Carl Vanaman

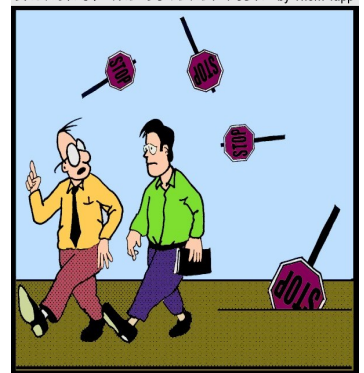
Happy Anniversary!

September 7	Adam & Amber Pate
September 26	Bryce & Wendy Taylor



2009 Goals	
Conversions/Rededications	4
Baptisms	4
Results to date: 9/6/2009	
Conversions/Rededications	8
Baptisms	13

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"I'm so sure of this... it would take a sign from God to stop me!"

September 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Bible Study	3 David Cagle's Birthday!	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Brittany Shoults' Birthday! Amber & Adam Pate's Anniversary!	8	9 Bible Study	10 Eugene Pate's Birthday!	11	12
13 Grandpar- ents Day	14	15	16 Bible Study	17	18	19 Men's Break- fast/Work Day- 8 AM
20 Potluck!	21	22 Sarah Ligon's Birthday!	23 Bible Study	24 Shelly Carlock's Birthday!	25	26 Bryce & Wendy Taylor's Anniver- sary!
27	28	29 Brenden Cagle's Birthday! Sonny Cagle's Birthday!	30 Bible Study			

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

October 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Brother Robert began pasturing GRGBC on October 1, 2005! Coincidentally, October is Pastor Appreciation month. We love you, Brother Robert & Mrs. Lisa! Thank you for your service to our church family. We praise God and thank Him for our good shepherd!				1	2	3
4 Association Training Event @ Searcy	5	6	7 Bible Study	8	9	10 John Klindt's Birthday!
11 Pastor Apprecia- tion Day	12 Columbus Day Chad Vanaman's Birthday!	13	14 Bible Study	15	16	17
18 Ladies Night Out-5 PM, Lo- cation TBA	19	20	21 Bible Study Vauda Johnson's Birthday!	22	23 Zachary Pate's Birthday! Katrina New's Birthday	24
25 Richard Carlock's Birthday!	26	27	28 Bible Study	29	30 Fall Festival 6-8 PM @ GRGBC	31 Halloween Carl Vanaman's Birthday!

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Music For the Love of God *by Ranni*



You will notice when you read Shane Vanaman's responses to the trivia questions, that he says his hobbies are "Whatever I'm into at the time". There has never been a more true statement made. Shane finds joy in so many things that it is sometimes hard for him to stay focused on one particular thing. His grandfather (a cattle farmer) used to say that Shane would have fun if you sat him in a pile of manure.

However, the one thing that has always held his interest is music. It should be stated here that he does not consider music a hobby. It is a vocation. We each commune with God in our own way and

Shane seems to communicate with God (and about God) best through his music. It is through music that he finds peace and refuge from a hectic world.

When he was fourteen years old, Shane began taking guitar lessons. His plan was to play an electric guitar; however, his instructor insisted that he first learn to play an acoustic guitar. Although he moved on to play an electric guitar for a while, he soon went back to his first love, the acoustic. He also began writing songs at the age of fourteen.

During the teenage years Shane planned a career in the music industry, but when he was told that he would have to 'pay his dues' by playing in bars and nightclubs he said he did not feel that is what God would want him to do. He opted to share his love of God through his music, and won the Song Writer of the Year award from the Arkansas Songwriters Association

with his song, "I Will Be There" in 1994. He has found his niche at GRGBC where he testifies about Jesus' plan of salvation through song.

Shane works for the Arkansas Department of Information Systems as a computer systems analyst. His wife, Kayla is an accountant at Pulaski Technical College.

Shane and Kayla joined our church in November of 2005. They are the proud parents of two sons, Nicholas and Montana, ages 16 and 11.

In the interest of full disclosure, Shane is my firstborn son. It is hard to write an impartial article about one's own son, but every effort has been made to present honest facts. Shane's faith is an inspiration to both his dad, Carl and me. When our family has faced trials he has been a rock in his faith when ours faltered. We thank God every day for the sunshine that he brings to our lives.

Shane's answers:

Hometown: North Little Rock, AR

Favorite food: Steak, potatoes, lobster, and popcorn

Won't Eat: Anything I don't want to

Favorite kind of music: Acoustic

Favorite song: "I Will Be There"

Favorite movie: *Shooter*

Last movie seen: *Obsessed*

Favorite TV show: *Magnum P.I.*

I won't watch: Reality TV shows

Favorite sport: Motocross

Last book read: *The Art of War*

Hobby: Whatever I'm into at the time!

Favorite places I have traveled:

Montana, Oregon, Washington state, & Canada

Fantasy vacation would be: African hunting safari

Biggest fear: Failure

Pet peeve: Taking the freedom of free will for granted

Nick name: Bush Man

My heroes: Jesus Christ my father, Carl Vanaman; and my grandfather, Thomas Holliman

One word to sum me up: Versatile

What I like about my church: The Holy Spirit is always present!

