

Gravel Ridge General Baptist Church

Newsletter



Come Grow With Us

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*If God seems far
away, guess who
moved?*

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Salvation of Children *by Brother Robert*



peace and happiness. *Genesis 1:31*, "God saw everything that he made, and indeed it was good."

But when we read about all the trouble in the world, we realize that something has gone wrong in God's world.

2. Why can't we live according to His plan? (Sin)

Instead of living our lives to please God, we have been pleasing ourselves. This is what the Bible calls sin. Sin is insisting on our own selfish way instead of God's way. The Bible says in *Romans 3:23*, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

3. How does God solve this problem of our sin? (The cross of Jesus)

When God's son, Jesus died on the cross He took the punishment for sin which we deserved. Through His death we can be forgiven. (*John 3:16*)

4. What must I do to be saved? (Open your heart and receive

Jesus.)

If you are willing to ask God to forgive you of your sins and receive Jesus as your Savior, you will become a member of God's family.

5. Pray a prayer of forgiveness. (Example)

Dear God,

You have said I have sinned and I need forgiveness. I am sorry for my sins, pleasing only myself instead of you. I receive you, Jesus as my Savior right now. Amen.

Our next great harvest for the Kingdom will come from our children. Parents, if you really love your children, please give them a chance to learn about Jesus. Bring them to Sunday School every Sunday.

If you think about it, is that really too much to ask?

Brother Robert

As our children learn about Jesus—His life, His death, and His resurrection, they learn to respond to God's love.

Jesus says in *Mark 10:14*, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

A child is ready for commitment to Christ as soon as he or she understands the meaning of sin, and that Jesus is the Savior from their sin.

Explain to your child as simply as possible, the way to salvation.

Helping Strategy:

1. What is God's plan for you? (This is peace and life.)

This is God's world. He made it. He made you. He wants you to have

Welcome New Members!

God blessed us with three new members in the months of January and February!

Steven Humphrey and Kimberly Martin joined our church family on January 24, 2010.

Steven is the proud father of a six year old son, Spencer.

Steven's address is: 14411 Sumner Cem. Rd., Cabot, AR 72023. Phone: 988-4801 (H); 749-9507 (C).

Kimberly Martin is the mother of two children, a son, Michael (age 13) and a daughter, Bailey (age 7)

Kim's contact information is: 5 Newbury Lane, Jacksonville, AR 72076. Phone: (432) 251-9082.

On February 7, **Tiffany Harris** joined our family. Her baby girl, Ella' Claire will be two years old in June.

Tiffany's address: 13922 Old River

Drive, Scott, AR 72142. Phone: 961-1554 (H), 231-4063 (C).

Welcome to the family, everyone! We are so glad that God led you to our church, and look forward to getting to know each one of you better as we grow together in the Spirit.

**Youth Rummage Sale
March 27**

What a Difference Jesus Makes! *by Ronni*



Richard and Shelly Carlock visited our church a little over one year ago. Richard was excited and outgoing, while Shelly was reserved and cautious. She was not quite sure about this 'church thing', but she agreed to come back (if she could get Sunday off from work) because Richard was determined to start coming to church here.

Those of us who met them that Sunday saw them as a very nice couple with two beautiful little girls. They appeared to be a perfect family; however, that wasn't really the case. What we did not see was that their marriage was in trouble and neither of them knew Jesus.

They did come back to church, and have not missed a Sunday since. Richard accepted Jesus as his Savior on March 8, 2009. On the day he was baptized, March 22, Shelly gave her life to Christ! They joined the church on April 5, and Shelly was baptized on April 12.

Although Shelly and Richard's families were acquainted, they did not become friends until they both worked at Shot Gun Dan's Pizza in 1997. Richard said he was attracted to Shelly's hazel eyes and her long blond hair as soon as he met her. He says that Shelly taunted him, but refused to go out with him. She agreed to a few dates, but backed out every time. Perhaps Shelly, who grew up as a good kid that always obeyed the rules, knew about his reputation which he says was pretty bad. Ac-

ording to Richard, he was traveling down a dark path when he met Shelly.

However, when she quit the pizza place and took another job, Shelly discovered that she missed Richard. She called him and they went out on their first date, but Shelly's best friend went with them! They continued to date and the rest, as they say, is history.

Richard describes Shelly as, "My angel." He says she is a big part of who he is today.

Shelly defines Richard as an open book. She says, "What you see is what you get with Richard."

What you see now with Richard is a man who is on fire for God! Shelly and Richard's marriage of nine years is now on solid ground. They have always been devoted parents, but now they are teaching their children about Jesus. Madalyn, 7 and Morgan, 4, are thriving in a Christian home. Richard says, "I never want to go back to the man I used to be."

Shelly has really gotten into the 'church thing'. She looks forward to Wednesday night Bible Study and on Sunday, both she and Richard teach Children's Sunday School classes.

Richard and Shelly reflect the light of Christ to everyone they meet. What a difference Jesus makes!

Shelly's likes and dislikes:

Name: Shelly Carlock
Hometown: North Little Rock, AR
Favorite food: Tacos
Won't Eat: Eggs
Favorite kind of music: Christian, country
Favorite song: "Shout to the Lord"
Favorite movie: *The Notebook*
Last movie seen: *No Greater Love*
Favorite TV show: *Greys Anatomy*
I won't watch: Horror movies
Favorite sport: ??

Last book read: *Chicken Soup for the Soul* and *Moms Know Best*

Hobby: Reading

Favorite places I have traveled: Gulf Shores, Alabama

Fantasy vacation would be: Disney World

Biggest fear: House fire

Pet peeve: People leaving their blinkers on. Either turn or turn it off! LOL

Nick name: None

My heroes: Jesus Christ

One word to sum me up: Comforting

What I like about my church: I love everything about our church!

Richard's answers:

Name: Richard Dewayne Carlock

Hometown: North Little Rock, AR

Favorite food: Mexican and pizza

Won't Eat: Coconut

Favorite kind of music: Hard rock

Favorite song: "I'll Remember You" by Skid Row

Favorite movie: *Catch Me if You Can*

Last movie seen: *Transformers 2: Revenge of the Fallen*

Favorite TV show: *Overhaulin'*

I won't watch: Soap operas

Favorite sport: Football

Last book read: *The Holy Bible*

Hobby: Working on cars and fishing

Favorite places I have traveled:

Quincy, Illinois

Fantasy vacation would be: Disney World

Biggest fear: Heights and needles

Pet peeve: Ignorance

Nick name: None

My heroes: My Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

One word to sum me up: Friendly

What I like about my church: The people are kind, open-minded, open-hearted, and loving. I can feel the presence of the Lord anointing our church. I also love the potlucks! I thank God for the opportunity to serve Him at our church.

*God has no problems,
just plans.*

Prayer Requests

- † For Khiana, Malachi, & Alisha Allred.
- † For Leatha Allred.
- † For Samuel Bish.
- † For Ryan Boyce.
- † For Bruce.
- † For Carol Carnahan.
- † For Judy Carmichael.
- † For Janette & Logan Dozier.
- † For the Martin family.
- † For Virginia Mayne.
- † For Terri Parker.
- † For Bert Prentice.
- † For Shyalama Rao.
- † For Hollis Reeves.
- † For Cindy Rosenberger.
- † For Ann Ryal.
- † For Braydin Simpson.
- † For Dana Smith.
- † For Virginia Thomason.
- † For Johnny Vaughn.
- † For the USA and our leaders.
- † For our military & families.

In the Spotlight

Happy Birthday!



March 2	Bejay Smith
March 13	Montana Smith
March 22	Terri Parker Brandon Childress
April 7	Cindy Cagle
April 10	Steven Humphrey
April 11	Dave Marler
April 13	Devan Poland
April 16	Chris New
April 18	Haley Smith
April 26	Kim Klindt



Happy Anniversary!

March 7	Carl & Ronni Vanaman
March 8	James & Shelia Still
April 19	Dunnie & Mechelle Pate
April 23	Eugene & Susan Pate

March 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Bejay Smith's Birthday!	3 Bible Study	4	5	6
7 Carl & Ronni Vanaman's Anniversary!	8 James & Shelia Still's Anniversary!	9	10 Bible Study	11	12	13 Montana Smith's Birthday!
14 Baptism - Madalyn Carlock	15	16	17 Bible Study	18	19 Winter JAM	20 Men's Breakfast/Workday @ 9 AM
21	22 Terri Parker & Brandon Childress' Birthday!	23	24 Bible Study	25	26	27 Youth Rummage Sale
28	29	30	31 Bible Study			

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

April 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter/ Communion Service - 11 AM	5	6	7 Bible Study Cindy Cagle's Birthday!	8	9	10 Steven Humphrey's Birthday!
11 Dave Marler's Birthday!	12	13 Devan Poland's Birthday!	14 Bible Study	15	16 Chris New's Birthday!	17
18 Haley Smith's Birthday! Spring Fest @ 10:30 AM	19 Dunnie & Mechelle Pate's Anniversary!	20	21 Bible Study	22	23 Eugene & Susan Pate's Anniversary!	24
25	26 Kim Klindt's Birthday!	27	28 Bible Study	29	30	

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Hope for the Future by Ranni



Fifteen year old, **Nick McCracken** was recently elected as the leader of our Youth Group. He has been active in Gravel Ridge General Baptist Church since December, 2005. We have had the privilege of watching him grow from childhood to the threshold of manhood.

At just over six foot, one inch tall, Nick has finally grown into his size 13 feet. Brother Robert fondly refers to Nick as 'Big Foot', but most often he says he is a 'good kid'.

Brother Robert is right, Nick definitely is a 'good kid'. In addition to taking a leadership role in the Youth Group, Nick is very active in the North Pulaski High School Drama Club, and has performed major roles in two plays this year. He also participates in the high school choir.

Nick is the son of Wendy McCracken, and is Ms. Tampa's first grandchild and only grandson. That makes him my great nephew, and I must admit that I think he is pretty great.

One day in the not too distant future, today's church leaders will pass the torch to the current youth. Nick's calm, cool, and collected attitude displays the ability to become one of tomorrow's church leaders. He and the other youth in our church are observing how we serve God today. It is our responsibility to be a good example for them. They are the hope for the churches of the future.

Tidbits of information about Nick:

Hometown: Sherwood AR

Favorite food: Chicken Alfredo

Won't Eat: Chili

Favorite kind of music: Rock

Favorite song: *Don't Stop Believin'*

by Journey

Favorite movie: *Sweeny Todd*

Last movie seen: *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*

Favorite TV show: *Good Eats*

I won't watch: Anything on Lifetime

Favorite sport: Basketball

Last book read: *The Zombie Survival Guide*

Hobby: Acting/Theatre

Favorite places I have traveled: Jamaica and Washington D.C.

Fantasy vacation would be: A trip to London

Biggest fear: Tripping over a sleeping lion

Pet peeve: Songs that get stuck in your head

Nick name: McCracken

My heroes: Mom & Grandma

One word to sum me up: Unpredictable

What I like about my church: We're a family and we can really work together. You don't see that very often. It is a great thing!

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A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Fight the good fight of faith, - 1 TIMOTHY 6:12 KJV