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A weekly gathering of prayer, study and edification

6:30 pm Prayer and Bible Study on Zoom

Our Wednesday night Bible study is an opportunity to recharge your batteries and face the rest of your week with encouragement and spiritual nourishment. Come join us on Wednesday Nights!

It's a great time together. Lots of laughter, conversation, learning, and encouragement. See you Wednesday!

We just beginning a new study on the relationship between the book of Acts and the corresponding epistles: "1st-Century Information Technology and the Holy Spirit's Shift from Apostolic Adventure to Congregational Confirmation."

This is a ZOOM on-line meeting so check out the instructions in this issue if you need help using this technology! Or call the church office!

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Steve Sheely

Voice of the Dove

"All the Coos that's fit to print"

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*"The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all."*

--Psalm 103:19

As some of you know, during the 2020 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship annual assembly, I was elected to serve on the CBF Board of Directors (Governing Board). Soon after our first round of meetings in August and October I had an idea.

I voiced an issue that apparently has been percolating in the minds of other CBF leaders: "What will church be like 10-20 years from now – and how can we be ready?" This is a critically important questions, especially as we have seen dramatic changes to the religious landscape in our lifetimes.

I submitted a proposal to Paul Baxley, Executive Coordinator of CBF, and Carol McEntyre, Moderator of CBF, which outlined the creation of a CBF-sponsored "think tank" to discern the answer to my question about the future of the church. A variety of church leaders and experts would discuss this question and submit their responses to churches throughout our CBF network so they could respond accordingly.

I have submitted other proposals to CBF leaders in the last 15 years, but this is the first one that found traction. To make a long story short, the "Future of the Church" think tank will begin their meetings next week. It is thrilling to be part of such an exciting and proactive effort. Again my admiration of CBF leaders and peers has inspired me.

The first phase of the work of this think tank is a more immediate question – a question many of you may have already pondered: "What will church life be like after the pandemic?" Will we do things differently? How will we adapt? Can this moment in history be an opportunity for our church and our future together? This are important questions, especially as we consider the effect of COVID on an already challenging church-life trajectory.

So let me invite you to pray about these matters: both our short- and long-term future. Your support and participation in our church during the last nine months has been wonderful and I believe we can continue to be a vibrant, healthy congregation – even as we head into an unprecedented future. God is still sovereign, and powerful and eager to further His kingdom in our lives and in the lives of those who seek Him.

God is good!



Cooperative
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Revised Website Looking Great!

Richland Group capturing our church's uniqueness in new website design

Here is a sneak peak of our new website. The Richland Group and some of our church members are coding and adding content as we prepare for the relaunch of rhbcdove.org. Listed below are some of the various pages we will have on our site - divided into the five areas of church life that are important to us. Also shown is the latest mock-up of how the website will look on a desktop computer, with a similar layout for mobile devices.

Encounter God

- Worship @ RHBC
- Sermons
- Music (Solos, Choir, handbells, etc.)
- Devotional resources
- Special Services
- Prayer Groups (Men and women)

Make Friends

- Fellowship Events
- Potluck Lunches
- Retreats
- Midweek Mosaic
- Circle of Friends

Grow Spiritually

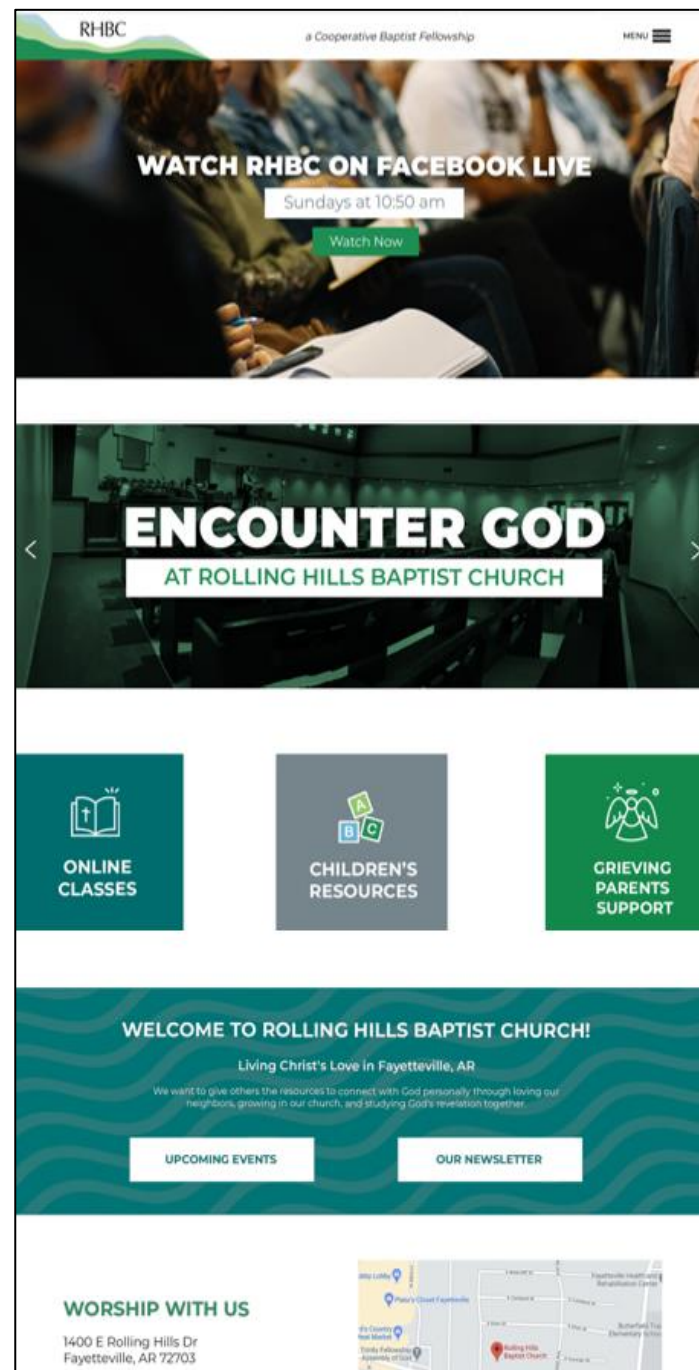
- Seekers Sunday School
- Hope Class
- Preschool Sunday School
- Children's Sunday School
- Midweek Mosaic
- "Steve the Pastor" devotional
- Online Children's sermons
- Men's Book Club
- Science & Creation
- Wonderful Wednesdays

Serve one Others

- Gifts Assessment
- Prayer List (members only)
- Church Directory (members only)

Build Bridges

- CEO Food Pantry donation & delivery
- Soccer League Support
- Grieving Parents
- International Student Support
- Care Packages for Soldiers' families
- Elaine Mission & Lee Street Community Center
- Family Gardens
- CBF Global Missions and Together for Hope Arkansas
- Katherine's Place Ministry



Ongoing Collection...

Cereal	Canned Meat	Canned fruit
Peanut Butter	Soups	Crackers
Jelly	Pet food	Diapers

Monetary Donations always accepted!

Grieving Parents Support Group

January 18 at 6:00 pm on Zoom

This is a group of parents who have lost a child of any age.



Men's Prayer Breakfast

First Thursday



*Men's Prayer Group
Thursday, January 4 at 11:30*

*Men's Book Club
Tuesdays at 6pm*

POSTPONED!

Deacons Begin Work on Committee Restructuring

Ideas to be discussed at January 31 Business meeting

Changes in church involvement, the recent pandemic and a desire to help people engage in hands-on, short-term church projects has compelled our deacons to begin reimagining our committee structure. Currently we have 11 committees and over a dozen leadership roles requiring a large percentage of our membership to attend meetings. The goal of restructuring our committees invites a smaller number of church members to lead planning and administration while encouraging more ministry involvement by the entire congregation. This reorganization process is in its infancy but work has already begun. The deacons will present the basic concept of their ideas for committee restructuring at our upcoming quarterly business meeting on Sunday, January 31 after worship (via Zoom). This will begin the conversation and the actual details will need to be worked out over the course of the year if not longer.

Here is the initial concept as discussed in recent deacons meetings but it not meant to be the final version of this restructuring (it is a work in progress):

Instead of 11 committees and a church council, we will have two councils. The Ministry Council will focus on fulfilling the five basic functions of our church (which is also how our new website is being organized):

- Encountering God
- Making Friends
- Growing Spiritually
- Serving One Another
- Building Bridges

The Ministry Council will be composed of representatives of some of our current committees:

- Worship
- Fellowship
- Spiritual Formations
- Mobilization
- Missions and Ministries
- Children and Youth

The Ministry Council will work together to discuss and plan the various events and activities of these five areas of church life allowing for a level of coordination of our ministry efforts. Church members who have served on these committees will still be able to work together to fulfill the tasks of these committees but without the necessity of regular committee meeting attendance. For example, the members of the Worship committee can still help plan special worship events but are not expected to attend Ministry Council or committee meetings.

The Support Council exists to help the Ministry Council fulfill the five basic functions of our church and will oversee what has historically been done by these committees:

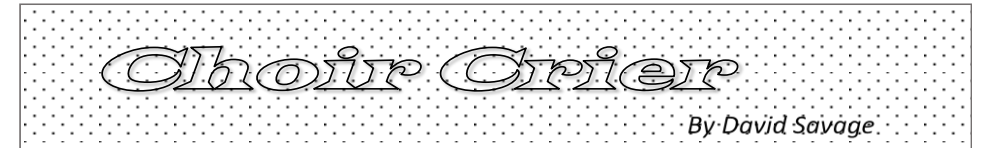
- Financial Oversight/Endowment/Stewardship
- Staff
- Physical Facilities
- Publicity
- Outdoor Sanctuary Planning
- Deacons

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Other details, such as Business meeting reports and moderation, Ministry Council and Support Council leadership (chairs), if and when the two councils will meet together, etc. will need to be determined as we go since this is a new strategy for all of us.

This will be a gradual process, highly-dependent on your feedback. Please try to join in this conversation at our upcoming business meeting on January 31st.



I usually complain about the month of February being like August in the winter! This year it seems more like a new month that has been added to the calendar, with the few uplifting things from the past, like Valentine’s Day, Fat Tuesday, and Ash Wednesday, and my

Granddaughter’s birthday. This February is going to be different than any of the other 70 Februarys that I have experienced. Last year I learned of my heart issues in February. I plan to make the Februarys that I have left better and better. My New Year’s resolution is the same as it has been for the past few years. I still hold firm to the words of Paul in I Thessalonians 5:11, “Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.” This passage has changed my outlook on life. It is not easy to change things in one’s life, but it is very rewarding when changes are made and positive things happen. I guess that could be called an attitude adjustment?

I want to give a HUGE shout out to Adam Higgins. Without Adam’s many hours of dedicated IT work, our service each week would be ... well, I don’t want to think how our services would sound if Adam had not volunteered, or ... was he “volun-told”, to do that HUGE task. He asked for no accolades, he demands no accolades, he just keeps on being Adam. He would never ask, so I am going to ask for him. When one has any recording that is going to be streamed in any of our services, please give Adam enough lead time. I have been guilty of doing that myself, but plan to correct that error. Please do the same. I remember years ago when Phyllis Eddins stopped me in the hallway on the way to robe up for the service and said, “David, I don’t like all of the changes being made at the last minute, right before the service. Can you please address this?”

I want to thank all of those that have provided special music for doing so. I don’t want to list them by name as I might forget someone.

I would like to have our usually choir party but know that is not possible this year. If anyone has some ideas about doing a ZOOM choir party, please advise.

Who wrote the first praise song? See below!:

“Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.”

2020 @ RHBC in Review





Uniquely Yuna!

Yuna Hutchison
Children's
Activity director

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

--2 Corinthians 5:17

I planted seeds for the kids last spring in a small pot and I got to watch them grow into beautiful flowers. It was such an amazing experience for the kids and myself. When we ran into each other we had so much to talk about because we got to see the whole process from the beginning!!!

Beginnings are exciting things, whether it's the beginning of a flower as a tiny seed, or the beginning of a new year. We've just started a new year, haven't we? This is the beginning of the year 2021. Sometimes we take advantage of the beginning of a new year to make what they call New Year's resolutions. These are decisions people make at the start of a new year to do things better than the year before. New Year's resolutions can cover lots of different things: We might decide to go on a diet, or to give up some bad habit, or to begin a good habit. Just as a wonderful flower can grow out of a tiny seed – a small beginning – so some wonderful things can come in the new year if we begin it right. How can we begin the new year right?

I think we can do it best by choosing to give this year to God. Decide right now that you want to let God live through you this year. You'll spend time with God in prayer, and try to live the way he wants you to live.

Can you think of a better beginning to the new year than giving it to God? Then, just like a beautiful flower grows out of a tiny seed, so a wonderful year will grow out of this beginning. Let's do it together!



Watch my "Let it snow" video and share with us on our Facebook page!

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:00 Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship Service	4 6:00 Deacon Prayer	5	6 6:00 Midweek Mosaic on Zoom	7	8	9
10 10:00 Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship Service	11 6:00 Deacon Prayer	12	13 6:00 Midweek Mosaic on Zoom	14	15 Office closed	16
17 10:00 Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship Service	18 6:00 Deacon Prayer 6:00 Grieving Parents Group	19	20 6:00 Midweek Mosaic on Zoom	21	22 Office closed	23
24 10:00 Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship Service	25 6:00 Deacon Prayer	26	27 6:00 Midweek Mosaic on Zoom	28	29 Office closed	30
31 10:00 Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship vice Noon Quarterly business meeting on Zoom						



January Birthdays

5th Eddie Greenwood
 8th Yvonne Hodnett
 11th Mary Maurer
 23rd Yuna Hutchinson
 25th John Maurer

January Anniversaries

27th Steve and Gale Golden