

Eastlake News



A Ministry of Bland Chapel UMC

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Rocky Branch Volunteer Fire Dept.

By Flip Putthoff

The Rocky Branch Fire Protection Assoc. annual membership meeting will be held **October 31** at 10:00 a.m. at the fire station. The Halloween treats will be coffee and donuts. The agenda includes an overview of fire department runs and activities for the year and the election of officers.

Board President, Roger Letterman is stepping down after seven years of leadership, so the board is seeking a new president. Activities Director Tom Posey is also leaving the post after years of fund-raising, highway cleanups and coordinating other events. Thanks so much to Tom and Roger for their years of service to our community. Anyone interested in being nominated to serve in one of these positions, or any position on the board of directors, should call Roger at 925-3143.

The RBVFD is always in need of volunteer firefighters and first responders. Call 925-2311 for information. All training and equipment are provided; this is a valuable way to serve your community.

From RBVFD Chief: 1) We want to thank **New Hope Animal Clinic of Rogers** for donating to RBFD a set of special oxygen masks to help resuscitate animals rescued from a fire. Special thanks to Kora Kirgan for getting the masks for RBFD. 2) We also want to thank David Coonfield for getting the proper sales tax exempt forms so RBFD can make tax free purchases.

Piney Point Volunteer Fire Dept.

By Charles Rabb

Our Annual General Meeting is **September 19**; dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting at 6:15 p.m. We will provide hamburgers, hot

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dogs, condiments, and drinks; please bring a dish to share with your neighbors, i.e. salad or dessert. Cost is free to members and immediate family. For non-members the cost is \$5.00 per person. We will be electing a Vice-President, Treasurer, and Directors for Piney Point and Timberlake. In addition, there will be reports on what happened during the year and upcoming plans. Please come and help decide these issues.

Ed Huff is leaving the board; our sincere thanks to him for his years served. Billy Sharp is leaving as War Eagle Director but indicates he will run for the Vice-President vacancy, so we are not losing his services.

We have some good news.....we wish to thank **Prairie Creek Veterinary Hospital** for their generous donation of two sets of Recovery Oxygen Masks to help resuscitate animals rescued from a fire. Up until now, the only way that would have happened was if one of the fire personnel was willing to go "mouth to nose" with the animal.

Dues notices will be going out to members and those who should be members this month, so watch the mail for them.

Invite A Friend Sunday

By Pastor David Mack

This article is addressed particularly to you who are part of Bland Chapel, and to you who do not have a church home.

It is my hope that if you are already a part of Bland Chapel that you will make a special effort to be sure to attend On September 27, and that you will bring a friend or friends.

If you do not have a church home this would be a good time to attend. I hope that someone from Bland Chapel would invite you, but if not, plan to come on your own. We believe that you will be glad you did. Worship begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship and refreshment. Sunday School begins at 10:30 a.m.

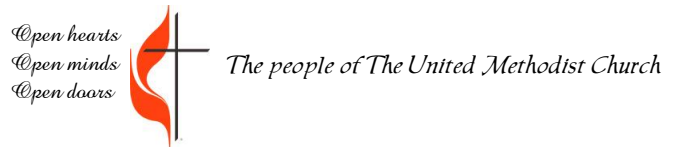
Our hope is that you will share an important part of your life with your friend or friends. Our hope is that as a visitor you might catch a glimpse of how being part of a church each week adds to the quality of your life.

Studies show that 70% to 90% of those who join a particular church already have friends or relatives in that church.

The Bible tells how Andrew spent a day with Jesus, then he brought his brother to meet the Lord. Philip met Jesus by the roadside, then he found his friend Nathaniel and brought him to meet Jesus.

The fellowship of the church is rewarding when we share the hope that Jesus Christ has for each of us. I look forward to seeing many of you in church September 27, and on many other Sunday's as well.

God bless you!



Why We Joined Bland Chapel

By Neta Newman

When Mark and I retired from Campbell Soup Co. in 1988 we found this lovely place around Beaver Lake. Our first friends were Shirley and Bob Miller, Ferne and Bob Schumacher, and Donna Butcher. We found out there was a neat little church called Bland Chapel UMC. Since we belonged to a Methodist Church in Stillwell, KS we were talking to Ferne and Shirley about churches and they told us about Bland Chapel and invited us to go.

From the very first time we entered the doors of the church, we were at home! Mark was raised in the Methodist church but I was raised in the Church of Christ in Mena, AR. To keep harmony at home, I switched churches and we have been involved with Bland Chapel ever since. I sing in the choir and thoroughly enjoy it. You don't have to be a talented singer, just sing loud and try to sing in the right key!

They say "If you want to find a good church, ask a friend about it. If you want to be a good Christian, take a friend with you". If you don't have a church, come visit us. Church is at 9:00 a.m., Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. and coffee time in between.



If you wish to learn more about Bland Chapel please visit our web page at www.gbbm-umc.org/blandchapel or call the church at 479-925-1847

Trick or Eat Campaign

By Barbara Schorpp

Bland Chapel invites the community to participate in our Trick or Eat Campaign to be held on Saturday, October 31st. "Spooks" will be arriving on your doorstep during daylight hours trick or treat"EAT"ing for canned goods, non-perishable food items, and paper goods. Please note the "spooks "will have Bland Chapel identification with them.

If you would like to join us in collecting items, put your costume on and arrive at the church by 10:00 a.m. Note, there is no rain date for this event. In case of rain, please bring your donation to church on Sunday, November 1st. These donations will be provided to the Rogers Salvation Army, Bonnie's Blessings, and the Piney Point Baptist Church food pantries.

Suggested items: spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, bags of white rice, macaroni & cheese (boxes), peanut butter, toilet paper, bars of soap, and dishwashing liquid. Please be sure your donations are not past their expiration date.

Busy Bees

By Neta Newman

The Busy Bees have changed their "Buzzing Day" to the fourth Wednesday of the month. This is due mostly to the Red Hats meeting on our former meeting day. We are not too busy to change so some of our members can go to both.

Our next meeting is Sept. 23, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. We will be planning our October Garage and Bake Sale, held during Fall War Eagle, the third week-end of October.

For people new to the area, the Busy Bees is a ladies organization that has been around a number of years. It is made up of Bland Chapel members as well as several ladies in our area. We do crafts, socialize, celebrate the birthdays of the month, and also do the garage and bake sale twice a year. We welcome any of you who would like to join us at Bland Chapel on the fourth Wednesday of the month 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Nothing But Nets

By Norma Rabb

If you remember last issue there was an article entitled *Nothing But Nets* about a grassroots campaign to save lives by preventing malaria, a leading killer of children in Africa. This was a project of the Outreach Committee (Janice Parker, Barbara Schorpp, and Ruth Whittle). I am pleased to report that thanks to your generous donations, \$538.00 was raised that will purchase approximately 53 nets. A job well done, ladies!

From the Editor

By Norma B. Rabb

"And the days dwindle down to a precious few"..... It is hard to believe that it is September already. The church calendar is filling up rapidly, so grab yours and mark these dates:

Dates To Remember:

Sept. 27	Fill the Pew Sunday
Oct. 16-17	Busy Bees Garage & Bake Sale
Oct. 18	Laity Sunday
Oct. 31	Trick or Eat Campaign
Nov. 1	All Saints Day
Nov. 12	Bland Chapel Community Turkey Dinner
Nov. 17	Charge Conference
Nov. 23	Greening of the Church

If you patronize New Hope Animal Hospital and/or Prairie Creek Veterinary Hospital please take a moment to thank them for donating the Animal Recovery Oxygen Masks to our two fire departments.

The deadline for articles for the next edition is **Nov. 4, 2009**. Please send submissions to Norma Rabb c/o Bland Chapel, UMC, 8531 Twin Coves Rd., Rogers, AR 72756 or email bland_chapel.umc@sbcglobal.net. We welcome neighborhood news items and announcements. Please understand that Eastlake News does not accept advertisements that benefit individual enterprises rather than community organizations.