

FROM THE *WELL* OF *REHOBOTH**

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*“And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said,
For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.” Genesis 26:22*

Monday October 16, 2017

“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for Me?” Jeremiah 32:26

From the Pastor's Pen...

It was July of 1969 when Carolyn, Jeanie and I moved to Lawton, and soon joined the Cache Road Baptist Church there. L. M. Woodson was the pastor who took me under this tutelage and not knowing then, was preparing me for the Gospel ministry. I served with him there for four years and learned the structure, doctrine, and practice of the local church as well as foundational work of the pastor, deacon and committees that moves a church to follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. During those years I recognized God's call for me to preach {1971} and the church's recognition of my call and licensed me to preach {1972}.

By January of 1973 Highland Baptist Church of Lawton called me to be their pastor, beginning our new life as a Baptist preacher....I was only there for a short three months or so before I realized they didn't want a Pastor....they wanted a preacher; and I am sorry to say that is what most churches want and I knew I was their desire, but God desired much more of me.

It was May of 1974 that a group of people from Arapaho, OK joined us in the beginning of a new church start there. There was no Baptist work in this county seat community of Custer County. We changed that by moving and started The First Baptist Church there, establishing our home to live with them and be their pastor. They ordained me to the Gospel ministry, December 1974. We served there, purchased land for a building site and built the first building to house the body of Christ there. We started with 18 our first Sunday and when we left in March 1977 were averaging 60 in Sunday school....many were saved there.

We were called to a dead church in Waynoka and stayed there until April of 1978....what a lesson I learned there about unwilling people not desiring to follow God; yet we saw many saved during that time.

It was April 1978 Faith Baptist Church of Claremore called us to be their pastor. The church was only four years old with a sanctuary and small fellowship hall with a few classrooms. Over the next nineteen years

we purchased 22 acres of land adjacent to the property and built seven buildings. It was there we baptized over one thousand people who confessed Christ!! The church grew from 45 in attendance to over 450 in Sunday school {in those days no one counted worship attendance}. We resigned August 1997 and moved to Cheney, Washington to start a new Baptist work under the leadership of Green Acres Baptist Church of Spokane....living there from August 1997 until February of 1998...renovating an old restaurant into a beautiful church building, but knowing we were in the wrong place we moved back to Claremore and with 28 people in attendance began a new work here called Rehoboth Baptist Church, March 4, 1998.

We have had an amazing time here and one only need look at the people, facilities, location and the seen and unseen spiritual blessings of these past nineteen years to realize that this work is of God!

I was an Assistant Manager of Safeway there in Lawton back in 1969, the youngest Assistant Manager of Oklahoma City division of Safeway Stores Inc. I was 21 years old full of hopes, dreams and a desire to serve God; gifted with a beautiful wife and one child... Now, I am 69 with the same beautiful wife and nine Children who are all grown with children and dreams of their own...I am tired, used up, desiring some time to rest. That is the reason I resigned Sunday morning 10/15/2017; forty eight years later. What a journey with so many of God's people...and these last nineteen with you.

May God bless His work at Rehoboth as Carolyn and I leave you {as pastor} to seek God's man to continue His Work here. Our final service is to be Sunday morning 10/29/2017...unless Jesus comes before then!

Lord, I thank you for the greatest life I could ever have known....You are so Good!

Wayne

Dear Rehoboth Family,
We have now completed our second series of messages in your church. Once again our hearts were warmed by your love, kindness and many encouragements. We trust that the series on "Who and What is a true disciple of Jesus Christ was inspirational, challenging and reviving. We appreciate all the meals. We are grateful for the VERY generous love offering you gathered for us. We will use it to further the preaching and spreading of the Gospel. Pray for us as we all seek the will of God for our futures.

Bro Randy & Grace Chovan

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Special Called Business Meetings

Sunday evening October 22nd and
Sunday evening October 29th at
6:00 pm.

Sunday School Class Fellowship

The Sanctuary Sunday School class will have a lunch fellowship on Sunday October 29th following morning service at the Atzbach's home, 17222 Stonehedge Ct.

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Mission Trip

Mikaela Siemens is on a mission trip to Pelileo, Ecuador. She will return on October 22nd. Please remember her and the group she is traveling with in your prayers.

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Christmas Play

Practices are Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

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Secret Sisters

Happy October, ladies! I want to give you plenty of time to prepare to be able to join us in January for our final Secret Sister fellowship. This is when we will reveal who our sisters were for 2017. I've been able to sit back and watch your joy not only in receiving but your excitement in giving. It's truly been awesome! Watch the newsletter in the weeks to come for more details.



SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday:

Bible Study	9:00 am
Morning Worship	10:15 am
Discipleship Training	5:00 pm
Evening Worship	6:00 pm

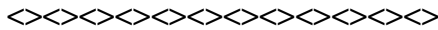
Wednesday:

Bible Study	6:00 pm
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STATISTICAL FACTS:

October 15, 2017

Sunday School	110
Worship Attendance	129
Discipleship Training	57
General Offering	\$3,120.00
Love Offering	\$4,833.00
Building	\$10.00
Tabernacle	\$50.00
LifeLink	\$55.00

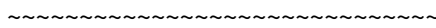


Extended Child Care

Sunday, October 22nd

a.m.: Bob & Maegy Neill

p.m.: Need a Volunteer



Pastor Appreciation

Have you ever walked in our Pastor's shoes, and gone where his feet have trod? Have you ever thought of what he means to us, and on your knees, given thanks to God?

Have you ever told him thank you, for being there, when times are tough, for comforting words and fervent prayers when trials come and the storms of life are rough?

He answers our calls in the middle of the night and tells us not to worry, for he will be there. He gives up his comfort of quiet rest and comes with prayers of comfort to share.

Have you ever thought to say thank you Pastor, for preaching God's word to help us understand, for all the times he has asked for things that will lend us a helping hand?

When you pray, put him at the top of the list and ask the Lord to surround him with loving care, to give him strength and walk with him, to help him with the burdens that he must bear.

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Sunday's Lesson

October 22, 2017

Psalms 73 – 89: Book 3

*"Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary:
who is so great a God as our God?"*

Psalm 77:13

Have you ever given much thought to the meaning of the word sanctuary? It is a sacred place, sanctified, set apart, dedicated to the things of God. Our church building today is a place where we gather to focus upon the things of God and to learn of the purposes of God. Is there a real desire to be in the sanctuary of our God, or is it a duty to which you feel bound or a pressure put on you by someone else?

Just as Leviticus, the third book of the Bible, relates to the sanctuary of God, so does this third book of Psalms. In the sanctuary we understand life (73:17); we learn His way (77:13). It is where we receive instruction as to how to live as a people wholly given to God in every aspect of our lives.

Leviticus begins with the words, "And the LORD called..." as God spoke to Moses from the Tabernacle. It is a book telling those called by God how to approach Him in worship and holy living. In this third book of Psalms we find the Sanctuary, seen from its ruin to its fullness of blessing to the world. We will consider with special attention the 73rd, 78th, 84th, and 89th Psalms, but read them all.

In considering the sanctuary of the Old Testament, its purpose of worship, instruction and honoring God, consider the fact that in this age of grace Christians are called the temple of the God (1 Corinthians 3:16,17; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16). Are we measuring up to the purpose of worship, honor, and instruction?

Reading Schedule:

- Monday: Psalm 73-75
- Tuesday: Psalm 76-78
- Wednesday: Psalm 79-81
- Thursday: Psalm 82-84
- Friday: Psalm 85-87
- Saturday: Psalm 88-89