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NEW MEMBERS

## NWA MISSION TRIP

GRAVITY FALL RETREAT  
AND FAMILY FALL  
KICKOFF

BIBLE PRESENTATION  
AND EXPLORATION

OPERATION CHRISTMAS  
CHILD SHOE BOXES

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**Rev. Rob Holifield**

Senior Pastor

Happy fall Central church family! At the time of your reading this article I am sure it doesn't feel like fall. Plus we are not really there until the 22nd. But September is when we start heading into my favorite time of the year. I love the fall leaves, the World Series, and football. But as a runner I love the weather. Nothing better than a late afternoon run in the fall.

September marks something significant for us as well. On September 29th we will officially end the Old Testament reading section of the Bible Recap reading plan. Since January 1st we have been traveling through the Old Testament. It has been a journey, hasn't it? I have loved talking with you all about the high and low points of the Old Testament.

So, no matter how you have engaged (either reading it daily, listening to the podcast or listening to the sermons only in this reading plan, what has stood out to you about the Old Testament? One thing for me is that there are some other hard to read books other than Leviticus. That is the book we always joke ends our Bible reading journey because it's so hard to get through. But if you can get past it there are some other hurdles, aren't there? For me the prophets are tough. I am writing this in August and I have been going through Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel, and Ezekiel. There are some hard sections to understand and to read in those books.

But I have also remembered that there are other really good books other than Genesis and Joshua. I think Daniel is one of my favorites. The stories in Daniel of his faith to choose to obey God when it could mean certain death really push me. Just think, he chose to obey God after being taken into slavery. Because Daniel and his friends trusted God with all their hearts, they saw God move in powerful and dramatic ways. That has been a lesson throughout the Old Testament for me, God wants us to put God first and trust Him. And normally it doesn't look like it's going to work but then God shows up.

We see this over and over in stories of the kings. We learn from kings like David, Hezekiah, and Josiah that if you choose to love God, with all your heart, you develop a faith that makes the way for significant results. I say "makes the way" because faith is like a road for God to move on to bring His will, truth and blessings. It is that deep faith of putting God first that brings those kinds of results. I have loved the historical books of the Old Testament (1st and 2nd Kings, 1st and 2nd Chronicles) for a long time. But reading them chronologically has brought new insights for me.

I could go on and on about my experience with the Old Testament this year. How about you? I would love to hear how God has spoken to you through the Old Testament as we come to its conclusion. If you have something you would like to share please email or text me.

It has been quite the journey and the beginning of the New Testament is going to be awesome. If you have dropped out or never started reading with us I want to invite you to start reading the New Testament with us on September 29th. God is speaking to so many people daily through this reading program. If you would like information on how to get started in September there is information on the Bible Recap section of our website or reach out to a pastor or staff person. We would love to help you get started.

I am praying for you as you conclude the Old Testament and begin the New Testament. I pray God gives you insight and understanding to grow deeper in your faith. Pray for me as well. It's still a challenge to preach on the reading but it is an exciting challenge where I have gotten to see God do great things!

Have a great September and don't forget

You Matter to God!



Karena Kent joined during the Contemporary Service on August 11th. Karena is a Finance Technology Program Manager in the Walmart Global Tech Department. Karena is a member of the Women's Sunday School class and lives with her husband (Darrell) in Bella Vista.



Scott and Lisa Martin joined by transfer of membership from First UMC, Nashville, AR. Lisa is a Physician at Mercy Pea Ridge and Scott is a pilot for American Airlines. The Martins live in Decatur AR.



Justin and Adria Trombley joined from Fellowship Bible Church in Bentonville. Justin is the Director of Associate Communications Engagement and Creative Services with Arvest. Adria is a Professor at John Brown University. The Trombleys live in Centerton, AR.



Jaxon Trombley joined from Fellowship Bible Church in Bentonville, AR. Jaxon is the son of Justin and Adria Trombley. Jaxon is a student at Northwest Arkansas Community College. He also serves as an intern at Central.



Jacob Martin joined by transfer of membership from First UMC, Nashville, AR. Jacob is the son of Scott and Lisa Martin. Jacob is the twin brother of Isaiah Martin and is a senior at the University of Arkansas, studying Computer Science.



Jason and Brianna Stiles joined by transfer of membership from First UMC in Bentonville, AR. Jason is in sales with Boston Scientific. Brianna is a Category Manager with Unilever. Jason and Brianna's children, Hadley, Landon, and Remington (pictured) joined their parents as preparatory members of Central. The Stiles family lives in Bentonville.



Isaiah Martin joined by transfer of membership from First UMC, Nashville, AR. Isaiah is the son of Scott and Lisa Martin. Isaiah is the twin brother of Jacob Martin and is a senior at the University of Arkansas, studying Computer Science.



Isabelle (Martin) Hare joined by transfer of membership from First UMC, Nashville, AR. Isabelle is the daughter of Scott and Lisa Martin and is married to husband Spencer Hare who serves in the National Guard. Isabelle is currently working on her Masters of Counselling at John Brown University.



Billie Stiles joined by transfer of membership from Second UMC, Knoxville, TN. Bille is retired from Berry Enterprises. Bille moved to the area from Knoxville, TN and has been attending Central with her son, Jason (pictured) and his family. Bille lives in Bentonville.





Students have begun a new year, but not without saying goodbye to summer at Gravity's Annual Bo'Smo! A HUGE thank you to the Pickerings and Bakers for hosting such a fun pool party, kickball game, and bonfire!

With the start of school, Gravity leaders for the 24-25 year got together and had our Gravity Leader Blast Off, prepping for the year ahead. There are lots of exciting "upgrades" to Gravity this year, and we cannot wait to share them at our Family Fall Kick Off!

As we head into September, don't forget to join us for an amazing weekend at New Life Ranch for our Fall Retreat, Sept. 6-8! We are taking advantage of the hype of summer olympics and having our very own life group olympics all weekend long; in addition to the awesome worship (led by our very own Logan Anderson), powerful teaching, and deep life group time. Over the weekend our students will be challenged as they kick off a new school year to be WORLD CHANGERS, and from the example of those who have done so, we must "fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith" (Heb. 12:2).

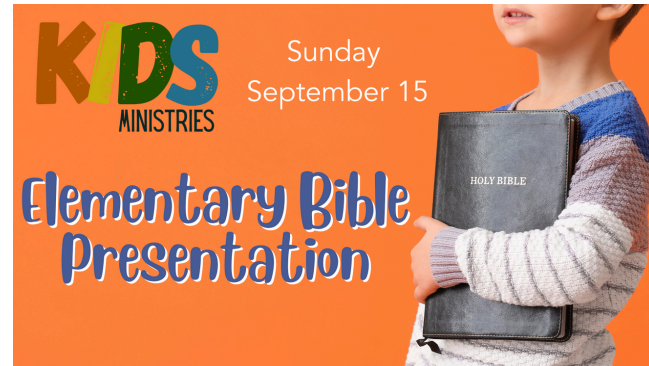
After that awesome weekend, join us the following Sunday on Sept 15 for Gravity's FAMILY Fall Kickoff! We will kickoff in the Chapel at 6p (a fun "upgrade")! Cannot wait to see YOU and YOUR FAMILY there!





Why did the teachers have to wear sunglasses at school?

Because they had such BRIGHT students!



### ELEMENTARY BIBLE PRESENTATION & EXPLORATION

Each fall we present a Bible to our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. The students are recognized and prayed over during a special Bible presentation in a worship service. Upper elementary aged students are moving from a "what happens in this Bible passage" to a "what does this Bible passage mean" mentality. Having God's true Word to read, study and learn is key to their development as followers of Christ.

Following our Bible presentation, students and their grown-ups have the opportunity to meet in Mr. Bob's Place to walk through their new Bibles and supplies. We will learn how the Bible is arranged and practice looking up Bible verses. Lunch will be provided.

**To register for a Bible and/or our Bible exploration event, CLICK HERE**

<https://centralrogers.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/1376654b-e081-48f2-aad1-3dbbd0d5ce07>

### FISHERS OF MEN

Calling all Fishers! Save the date for September 28th. KidsMin will be partnering with the Central Men's group to host our first annual "Fishers of Men" event. Boys ages 4-18 are invited to grab their favorite fishing buddy and join in on the fun. There will be yummy food, great fellowship, and lessons in fishing & discipleship. Registration is coming soon!

### WED NITE LIVE: YOUNG DISCIPLES

It's not too late to register and join the Young Disciples team as they prepare for Advent Celebration. If your kiddo wants to take part in our special worship service and nativity play, contact Ms. Mollie to learn more!

### UNDER CONSTRUCTION

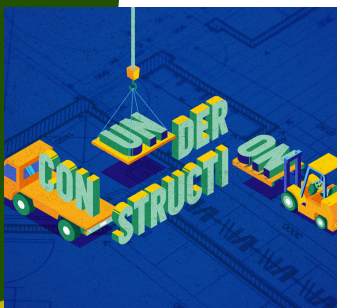
A 5-Week Series from 1 Kings & 2 Chronicles on Solomon.

King Solomon is best known for his wisdom and for building God's temple.

Thankfully, he passed on his wisdom so others could have a strong foundation for building up their faith. In this 5-week series, kids will hear from Solomon and the wisdom he shared about the kind of life God wants to help us build. They'll see that God gives them directions to follow, listens to their requests, is worthy of their worship, and gives them true wisdom.

### **DOWNLOAD THIS MONTH'S PARENT DEVOTIONAL**

[HTTP://SYCU.ORG/UNDERCONSTRUCTION\\_PDEVO\\_V8](http://SYCU.ORG/UNDERCONSTRUCTION_PDEVO_V8)







# NWA ADULT MISSION TRIP

Join Central as we hit the streets in NWA on a week of Local Missions! Central is looking for 2 more people to join us and our friends from FUMC Loomis, California, this October right here in Northwest Arkansas. This missions team will work Saturday, October 12th through Saturday, October 19 from 8a - 8p. Since we are staying local, that means you will get to sleep in your own bed each night. The cost for Central Members is \$250. This covers meals made by our very own Vicki Mansker, supplies, t-shirt, transportation, and a fun adventure Wednesday afternoon. We will have worship and devotionals throughout the week as well. Mission Work Opportunities include: NWA Children's Shelter, NWA Food Bank, tornado disaster sites through "Volunteers In Mission", and more. If you have questions, please reach out to Les Oliver at 479-685-1155.



## PACK A SHOE BOX!

September 8th - 29th

Pack a box online



VIEW SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE ONLINE AT [SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE](http://SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE)



## Volunteers Needed

If you would like to join an amazing group of volunteers we have the group for you! The Office Administration Volunteer group helps in the front office on a rotating basis. Every week we need help on Wednesday afternoon from Noon to 3PM, and at other times for special dates of absence of the Administrative Assistant. The duties include answering the phone, accepting packages and being a friendly presence to greet people coming in the office. There is a short training session of about 15 minutes before you start.



# *Come sing with us!*



**Christmas  
Kickoff  
Rehearsal**

**Saturday Sept. 7 9:00am**  
(Lunch will be provided)



The Church Office will be closed on  
Monday, September 2, 2024



## **Now accepting items for the Annual Rummage Sale!**

We are looking for the following items...

Clothing, Home Decor,  
Furniture, Working Appliances,  
Seasonal Decor, Children's Toys,  
Books, Games, Craft Items

**Drop Off Times:**

**TUESDAY EVENINGS**  
September 3 - 24  
5:00p - 7:00p

**SATURDAY MORNINGS**  
September 7 - 28  
9:00a - 12:00p

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY ELECTRONICS OR MATTRESSES







# September

- 2 Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- 3 Rummage Sale Drop Off, Bus Barn, 5 - 7pm
- 4 Wed. Nite Live: Grandparents Day (Dinner: Meatloaf)
- 6 - 8 Gravity Youth Fall Retreat
- 7 Rummage Sale Drop Off, Bus Barn, 9am - 12pm
- 7 Christmas Choir Kick Off, 9am - 2pm
- 8 Next Connections, Chapel, 11:30am
- 8 - 22 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes Available
- 10 Rummage Sale Drop Off, Bus Barn, 5 - 7pm
- 11 Wed. Nite Live: Patriot Day (Dinner: "Eagle's" Wings)
- 14 Rummage Sale Drop Off, Bus Barn, 9am - 12pm
- 15 Bible Presentation & Exploration, Worship Services & Mr. Bob's Place
- 15 Grace Community Meal at Grace United Methodist Church
- 15 Gravity Family Fall Kick Off, 6:00p - 8:00p, Gravity Youth Room
- 17 Rummage Sale Drop Off, Bus Barn, 5 - 7pm
- 18 Wed. Nite Live: Space Night (Dinner: "Crater Taters" Potato Bar)
- 21 Rummage Sale Drop Off, Bus Barn, 9am - 12pm
- 22 Stewardship Sunday
- 23 Church Council Meeting, Conference Room, 6:00p
- 24 Rummage Sale Drop Off, Bus Barn, 5 - 7pm
- 25 Wed. Nite Live: Fall Festival (Dinner: Chili)
- 28 Rummage Sale Drop Off, Bus Barn, 9am - 12pm
- 29 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes DUE
- 29 Church Wide Prayer, Chapel, 5:00p
- 30 Begin NEW TESTAMENT!! - Bible Recap Church Wide Study

## SEPTEMBER

| SUNDAY                                   | MONDAY                                     | TUESDAY                                           | WEDNESDAY                                | THURSDAY                                  | FRIDAY                                    | SATURDAY                                                |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1-Sep</b><br>Ezekiel 21-22<br>Day 245 | <b>2-Sep</b><br>Ezekiel 23-24<br>Day 246   | <b>3-Sep</b><br>Ezekiel 25-27<br>Day 247          | <b>4-Sep</b><br>Ezekiel 28-30<br>Day 248 | <b>5-Sep</b><br>Ezekiel 31-33<br>Day 249  | <b>6-Sep</b><br>Ezekiel 34-36<br>Day 250  | <b>7-Sep</b><br>Ezekiel 37-39<br>Day 251                |
| <b>8-Sep</b><br>Ezekiel 40-42<br>Day 252 | <b>9-Sep</b><br>Ezekiel 43-45<br>Day 253   | <b>10-Sep</b><br>Ezekiel 46-48<br>Day 254         | <b>11-Sep</b><br>Joel 1-3<br>Day 255     | <b>12-Sep</b><br>Daniel 1-3<br>Day 256    | <b>13-Sep</b><br>Daniel 4-6<br>Day 257    | <b>14-Sep</b><br>Daniel 7-9<br>Day 258                  |
| <b>15-Sep</b><br>Daniel 10-12<br>Day 259 | <b>16-Sep</b><br>Ezra 1-3<br>Day 260       | <b>17-Sep</b><br>Ezra 4-6<br>Psalm 137<br>Day 261 | <b>18-Sep</b><br>Haggai 1-2<br>Day 262   | <b>19-Sep</b><br>Zechariah 1-4<br>Day 263 | <b>20-Sep</b><br>Zechariah 5-9<br>Day 264 | <b>21-Sep</b><br>Zechariah 10-14<br>Day 265             |
| <b>22-Sep</b><br>Esther 1-5<br>Day 266   | <b>23-Sep</b><br>Esther 6-10<br>Day 267    | <b>24-Sep</b><br>Ezra 7-10<br>Day 268             | <b>25-Sep</b><br>Nehemiah 1-5<br>Day 269 | <b>26-Sep</b><br>Nehemiah 6-7<br>Day 270  | <b>27-Sep</b><br>Nehemiah 8-10<br>Day 271 | <b>28-Sep</b><br>Nehemiah 11-13<br>Psalm 126<br>Day 272 |
| <b>29-Sep</b><br>Malachi 1-4<br>Day 273  | <b>30-Sep</b><br>***Free Day***<br>Day 274 |                                                   |                                          |                                           |                                           |                                                         |