Community Baptist Church P. O. Box 691479 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74169-1479

**SEPTEMBER** 

2023



9-8 Jeannie Jones

9-16 Ruth Sell

9-19 Jim Hays

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Music Director: Mike Robertson

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**Closed Friday** 

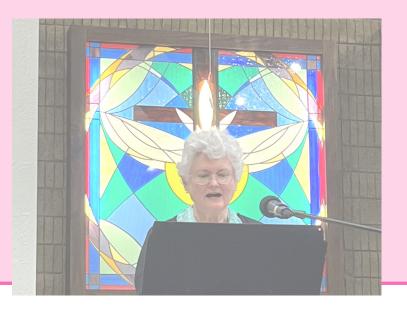
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9-03 Sandra & Steve Bingaman

9-11 Patti & Meryl Horner

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE



As I write this, the projected high today is (only) 86 degrees. I am thankful that the hottest part of the summer is behind us and am looking forward to fall—cooler weather, perhaps some colorful foliage this year. While living in South Dakota, I missed some of the changes that mark the shifting of the seasons. It is good to be home!

The sermon last Sunday had to do with the topic of prayer. One sermon certainly doesn't cover such a broad subject. Sometimes, I fear we treat God as though he were a great vending machine in the sky. Our prayers consist of "Gimme, gimme, gimme!", the same as a 3-year-old in a candy store would act. While God desires a relationship with us, our prayers can get out of balance. Years ago, someone taught me that a balanced prayer consists of four components: adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. The acronym "ACTS" is helpful in remembering those individual parts of a prayer. I encourage you to have a balanced prayer life. Pray without ceasing! (I Thessalonians 5:17)

I'll be looking for you this Sunday!

Blessings, Pastor Sharon



# AB WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

## **AB WOMEN'S MINISTRIES – SUMMER 2023**

AB Women's Ministries do not have meetings during the months of June, July and August. We continue filling our Love Gift boxes and reading our Bible Book of the month. In September we start our regular meetings at 10:00 am on the second Monday of each month. This September we will have our meeting on the 11th of September at 10:00 am. Our new books will be distributed and explained about the ABW information on the different pages. We bring snacks to share and usually try to work on a project for the Children and Family Services or blankets and throws for the homeless. Every lady of our church is a part of our ABW women's group. We have a program and a leader for each month. We have a new theme for 2023-25 called Be Strong, Be Courageous with appropriate scriptures. Our program each month will be themed around this new material.

The second thing that occurs in September is our AB Women's Day. This year we will be observing this on September 24th. We will have a special speaker and then we serve either a Spaghetti or Lasagna lunch with all the trimmings. (Even Pie) Donations from the dinner go to our AB Women's White Cross and Missions budget. Please plan to attend on this Sunday.

# THE BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER IS: EPHESIANS

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians joins together what has been torn apart in our sin-wrecked world. He begins with an exuberant exploration of what Christians believe about God, and then, like a surgeon skillfuly setting a compound fracture, "sets" this belief in God into our behavior before God so that the bones—belief and behavior—knit together and heal.

Once our attention is called to it, we notice these fractures all over the place. There is hardly a bone in our bodies that has excaped injury, hardly a relationship in city or job, school, or church, family or country, that isn't out of joint or limping in pain. There is much work to be done.

And so Paul goes to work. He ranges widely, from heaven to earth and back again, showing how Jesus, the Messiah, is eternally and tirelessly bringing everyone together. He also shows us that in addition to having this work done in and for us, we are participants in this most urgent work. Now that we know what is going on, that the energy of reconciliation is the dynamo at the heart of the universe, It is imperative that we join in vigorously and perseveringly, convinced that every detail in our lives contributes (or not) to what Paul describes as God's plan worked out by Christ. A long range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everthing on planet earth.

The AB Women's Ministries Rally will be held in Fort Scott, KS on October 20th. Our speaker will be announced. We will be leaving at 7:30 am.

The ABCCR Annual Gathering 2023 will be held in Lawrence, Kansas on September 29-30 The speaker will be David Fitch (Ph.D Northwestern University) has pastored for 30 years. David teaches, speaks and writes within the fields of Neo-Anabaptist theology, Missiology etc. He writes articles for various religious papers.

Registration forms are in the office.

You will be blessed in many ways if you can attend.



The AB Women are having their AB Sunday on September 24th. We will be having a special speaker. (to be announced) After the Worship service we will be serving our Lasagna dinner with salad, rolls and dessert. Donations will go to help fund our ABW Budget items.

Please let Vicki Daney know if you would like to attend.

On Sunday, September 17th the SE Area Meeting will be held at Oswego, Kansas. It starts at 3:00 pm. We will be leaving following the morning service. If you would like to go, notify the office. We will need a head count for the evening meal which will be pulled pork and the trimmings.

The speaker will be Doug Anderson a gospel comedy entertainer.

Please plan to attend. We need to support our church's activities in the SE Area. Plus you get a good speaker and a great meal.

\*(Indicates CBC Member)

Pray for Kathy's son James Hargett #52593 in Omaha facility. Address: P. O. Box 11099, Omaha, Nebraska 68111

Christy Cantrell\*: DOC# 254300 Mabel Bassett Correctional Facility 29501 Kickapoo Road, McLoud, OK. 74851 Keep her in our prayers;

Burr\* and Barbara\* Kannady Health Melva\* Reed Health

Mary Chapell\* Health Issues.

Cheryl Matlock—Health issues Debbie Matlock eye problem. Kayla Goodman has health issues (MS),

Robert Parris Recovery from surgery.

Barbara Price—Needs our prayers

Shirley Wenneker—Safety from the storm in Florida

Patti Horner—Health issues. Pray she will be well soon.

Rita Siglin—Pray for steady health and new therapy success.

# **NEW OFFICE HOURS**

8:30 am TO 12:30 pm

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

CLOSED FRIDAY

Those with special needs

Missionaries

American Baptist Missionaries

Our Nation/World Leaders

Our Church's Future

Those in leadership

Rev. Chaplain Sharon Ball—Minister
Mike Robertson— Music Director
Moderator
Deacons
ABCCR Ministries

# Remember our shut ins:

Ruth Sell, Pat Hale, Beverly King, Norma Acree,



# **SCHEDULE**

Church School Classes 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 6:00 pm
ON ZOOM





Charles and Narumon Brewer's 50th Anniversary celebration.



Mary Solorio has joined our Church in Christian Fellowship and Membership Please greet Mary with warmth and love, and make her and her family welcome in our congregation.



Pastor's Aziria and Duma Girma came to visit us on Sunday. They are on a mission journey and will be leaving soon. We wish them safe travels and lots of people saved and brought to Christ through their work.



Executive Minister Rev. Dr. Gregg Hemmen of the Central Region officiating at Pastor Sharon's Installation Service on August 20th.



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INSTALLATION SERVICE



# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Welcome					1	2
3 Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
S.S. 9:3 0 am	LABOR		Bible Study			
Worship 10:45 am	DAY		6:00 pm on Zoom			
10 S.S. 9:3 0 am Worship 10:45 am	11	12	13 Bible Study 6:00 pm on Zoom	14	15 ABW Bd, Meet. 1:00 pm CoffeyVille	16
17 SS 9:30 am 10:45 am Worship SE AREA MEETING	18	19	20 Bible Study 6:00 pm on Zoom	21	22	23
24 S.S. 9:3 0 am Worship 10:45 ABW Dinner Speaker	25	26	27 Bible Study 6:00 pm on Zoom	28	29 ANNUAL	30 GATHER- ING