

# Rehoboth Reflections

August, 2017

## Pastor's Points

Greetings Rehoboth Family and Friends,

*"If someone offers you an amazing opportunity and you're not sure you can do it, say yes - then learn how to do it later."* (Sir Richard Charles Nicholas Branson)

What an amazing opportunity to serve as the pastor of Rehoboth UMC because I said, "Yes!" I am sincerely grateful God has called us together and trust that you are motivated as I am to be in ministry during this season in the life of our church. Thank you for the splendid hospitality extended to me and my family during the reception last month. Please know that everyone has a significant part in this pastoral appointment, and I invite you to share with your fellow members and me your ideas for present and future ministries.

As we move forward and to ensure an effective and efficient line of communication in an informal setting, the Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has scheduled a series of "Transition Gatherings" (TG) to be held in the homes of our members and one at the church. If you did not volunteer to host a TG, kindly know that there will be ample opportunities available at another time. The TG will be 2 hours in length to be held during the month of August. Research indicates that people openly share and grow in their faith during small group discussions. Therefore, each gathering is expected to accommodate twelve to fifteen people, and you may attend one of the TGs on the day and time of your choosing. This is an invitation to fellowship as Jesus freely invites us into relationship. If you have questions, please see any member of the SPRC. I am exceedingly excited about our time together and trust you are as well!

Second, I will share from Bishop Robert Schnase's book Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations in subsequent newsletters. As the body of Christ, we are expected to "sow good seeds" that will bring forth fruit for the kingdom of God. Each member then has the capacity to touch several people (100, 60, 30) in a given day, week, month, or year. It is our prayer that Rehoboth will reap a harvest from our seed sowing.

Bishop Schnase indicates that fruitful congregations have five practices that they do exceptionally well: *Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity*. Without the adjectives attached to hospitality, worship, faith development, mission and service, and generosity, these words are rather ordinary. However, when performed with the accompanying adjectives, the church will become fruitful. Bishop Schnase said, "the words are contagious, and the congregations that use them behave differently. People know that the mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ, but they are seeking to understand how to fit this larger mission into their lives and into the church in a practical way." Disciples are made as people gather and participate in the life of the congregation. Therefore, we must be intentional in our invitation, welcome, and hospitality so that people experience love, care, and a feeling of belonging every time they encounter the living Christ within us.

Where is God directing us in the next chapter of our ministry? Prayerfully, we will discern the answers together. For now, let's talk and get to know each other better.

Blessings,

Pastor Connie

**prayer**

**anytime/anywhere. . . just ask.      1-800-251-2468**

**The Upper Room Prayer Center**

# August, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 6:30 Prayer Walk 6:45 Prayer Breakfast 10:30 Sutton/Brown Prayer Group  <b>Martha Gibbs</b> <b>Lou Maiorano</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00 Trustees 6:30 Choir  <b>Greg Smith</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 Mentoring Group  <b>Sherry Smoak</b>	<b>4</b>   <b>Robbie Moore</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>   <b>Kristin Dalton</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30 UMM	<b>8</b> 6:30 Prayer Walk 6:45 Prayer Breakfast 10:30 Sutton/Brown Prayer Group  <b>Carole Letson</b> <b>Shelby Thompson</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>10</b> 6:00 Mentoring Group 6:00 Finance	<b>11</b> 8:30 Soup Kitchen	<b>12</b> 8:00 Upper Room Prayer Line 9:30 Back to School Bash
<b>13</b>   <b>Moriah Diggs</b> <b>Becky Inman</b> <b>Liz Miller</b>	<b>14</b> 5:30 UMM to DJJ  <b>Judy Burress</b> <b>Keith Horn</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30 Prayer Walk 6:45 Prayer Breakfast 10:30 Sutton/Brown Prayer Group  <b>Holly Echard</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30 Choir  <b>Pattie Dalton</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00 Mentoring Group  <b>Fisayomi</b> <b>Maiorano</b>	<b>18</b>   <b>Sandy Manning</b> <b>Dan Shupe</b> <b>Agnes Smith</b>	<b>19</b>   <b>Dee Kings</b>
<b>20</b> 12:15 Sunday Dinner at Grandma's  <b>Susan Broom</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 Admin Council	<b>22</b> 6:30 Prayer Walk 6:45 Prayer Breakfast 10:30 Sutton/Brown Prayer Group  <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Deadline</b>  <b>Marcia Baxley</b> <b>Patsy Smith</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>24</b> 6:00 Mentoring Group	<b>25</b>   <b>Natalie Cobb</b> <b>Renee Locklear</b>	<b>26</b>   <b>Emily Tolbert</b> <b>Trae Windham</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>   <b>B.J. Brazier</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 Prayer Walk 6:45 Prayer Breakfast 10:30 Sutton/Brown Prayer Group	<b>30</b> 6:30 Choir  <b>Charles Collins</b>	<b>31</b> 6:00 Mentoring Group  <b>David Howe</b> <b>Michael Wall</b> <b>Stephen Wall</b>		



**UMM Purpose:** To declare the centrality of Christ in every man’s life, to promote the spiritual growth of men through effective discipleship, and to model the servant leadership of Christ in our daily lives.

**“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17**

**“Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.” James 1:22 (KJV)**

**2017 Schedule:**

- Monday, August 7: 6:30 p.m. meeting & meal
- Monday, August 14: 5:30 p.m. UMM to DJJ
- Saturday, August 12: 8 a.m. - noon Upper Room Prayer Line

**New Light Men’s Ministry:** If you are interested in finding out more about this outstanding men’s ministry, please contact Dave Petty. We’re always out at DJJ on the second Monday of the month.

**“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”  
2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)**

**“Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoner.”  
Hebrews 13:3 (NIV)**

**“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up.”  
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (RSV)**

## THANK YOU

Thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, and support. We are doing better and will improve in the future. Ed & Jeannette Burch

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The following have volunteered for various duties during Sunday morning worship for the month of August:

Ushers: Paul Elliott, Frank Kistler, Brian O’Donnell, Dan O’Donnell  
Trustee Lock up: Frank Pratt  
Greeter: Christopher Miller

**August 6:**

Lay Reader: Belinda Fulmer  
Communion Assistant: Jan Smith  
Children’s Church: Courtney Johnson & Kristen Rowe  
Counters: Jane Massey & Belinda Fulmer

**August 13:**

Lay Reader: Youth  
Children’s Church: Mark Windham & Bridgette Branson  
Counters: Rick Boyce & Judi Rose

**August 20:**

Lay Reader: Christopher Miller  
Children’s Church: L.W. Smith & Natalie Cobb  
Counters: Belinda Fulmer & Jan Smith

**August 27:**

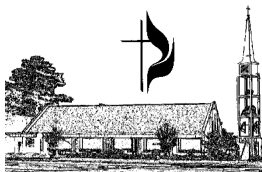
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Counters: Bill Rose & Jan Smith



## BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

A streamlined "Back to School Bash" will be held on Saturday, August 12.

It's never too early for prayers for this annual mission project.

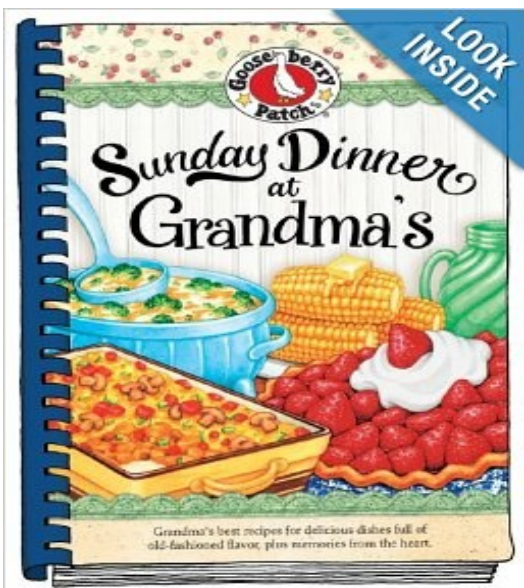


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## SUNDAY DINNER AT GRANDMA'S

Sunday, August 20

Proceeds will be donated to the section leader fund with 10% given to the general budget.