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First Baptist Church Newsletter



The Call of God

An author described one quiet night in early spring:

Suddenly out of the night came the sound of wild geese flying. I ran to the house and breathlessly announced the excitement I felt. What is to compare with wild geese across the moon.

It might have ended there except for the sight of our tame mallards on the pond. They heard the wild call they had once known. The honking out of the night sent little arrows of prompting deep into their wild yesterdays. Their wings fluttered a feeble response. The urge to fly – to take their place in the sky for which God made them – was sounding in their feathered breasts, but they never raised from the water.

The matter was settled long ago. The corn of the barnyard was too tempting! Now their desire to fly only made them uncomfortable.

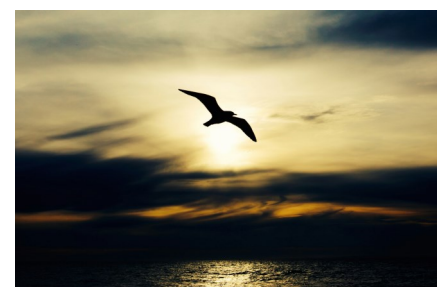
Maybe years ago, the Lord planted a dream in our hearts. God called us to follow on a wild and wonderful adventure. But then life happened. Our proverbial pond squelched that call.

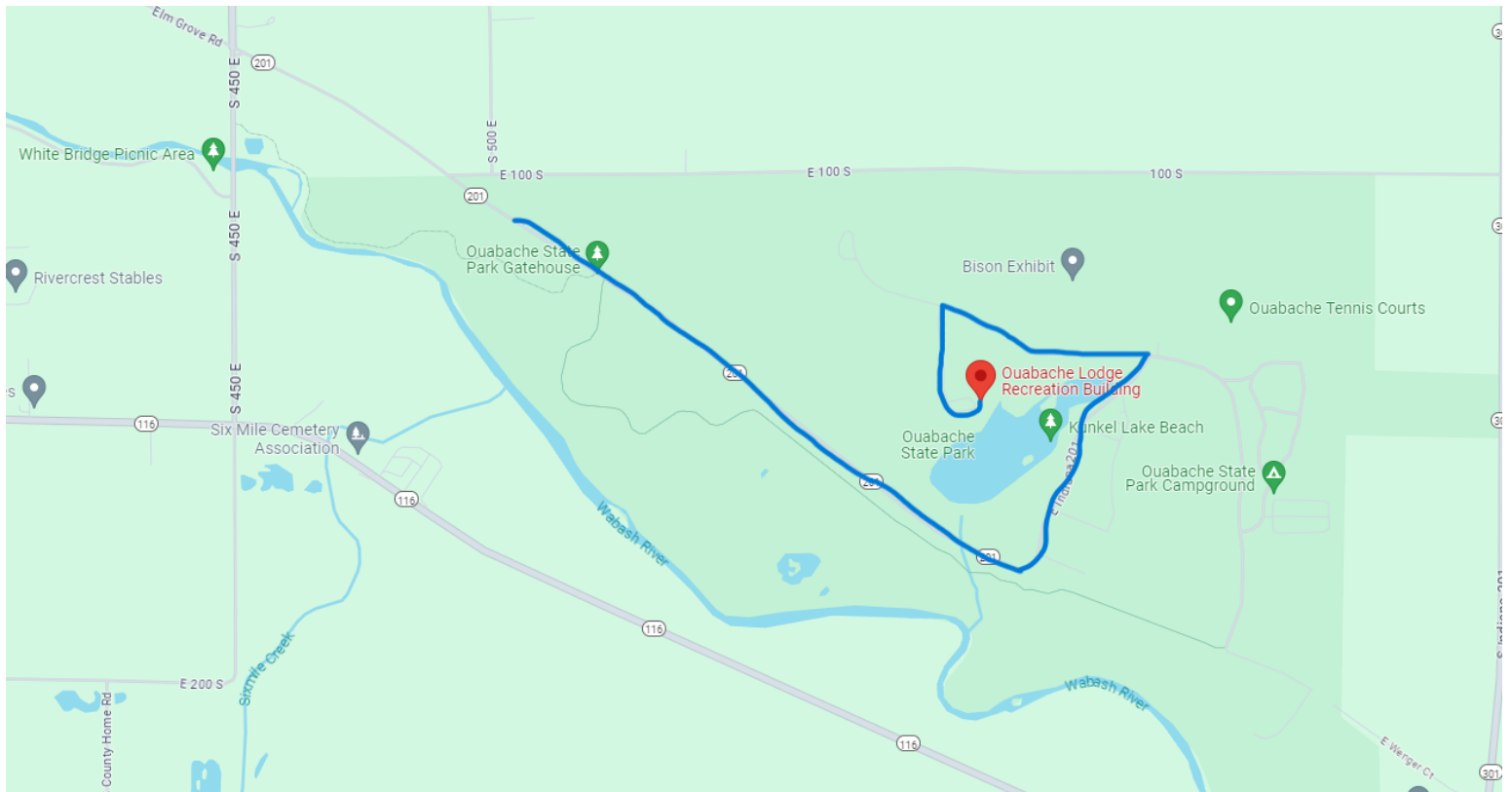
We settled.

But on quiet moonlit evenings we can still hear God's invitation to high adventure. It's never too late to take wing and soar.

Together with you,

Les





Location of Picnic. In **Google Maps**, put in **Ouabache Lodge Recreation Building** and it will give you directions. (Note: imaps does not have it.)



The Board of Christian Education is sponsoring an All-Church Picnic at the Ouabache Lodge Recreation Building at the Ouabache State Park.

- ⇒ **Date:** Sunday, July 28
- ⇒ **Time:** 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- ⇒ **Provided:** Hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, condiments, and table service.
- ⇒ **You Bring:** Food to share like a salad or chips or dessert or anything else that you would like at a picnic.
- ⇒ **Sign up:** On the bulletin board in the foyer.
- ⇒ **Rides:** If you need a ride, let the church office or a friend know!



Kids' Time Teacher for Sunday

July 21 - Joyce Evans



PRAYER ITEMS

- Herb Heyerly - healing from ongoing severe back pain.
- Dave Clouser - back surgery went well. Continue to pray for full recovery.
- Don Reeves - continued peace, strength, and healing from cancer.
- Denise Downs - has returned home. Continue to pray for her peace and healing.
- Loren Wanner - continued recovery, especially of cough.
- Phyllis Pease - accurate diagnosis and healing from dizziness.
- Pat - (sister of Marty Tschannen) God's mercy for good days and pain management.



All men are invited to join the FBC Men's Bible Study, which meet from 8 - 9:15 a.m. every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. It includes prayer, scripture reading, a video, and discussion.

Student Sign-Up

Sign-up your students along with their school and grade. The list is on the bulletin board in the foyer. We will use this information to make prayer magnets. The church family wants to pray for each student by name throughout the school year. We will pass out the prayer magnets on Christian Education Sunday, August 4.



Stewardship

July 7, 2024

General Budget	\$3,360.00
Building Maintenance	\$185.00
Missions	\$370.00
Deacons	\$500.00

Total **\$4,415.00**

July 14, 2024

General Budget	\$1,145.00
Building Maintenance	\$40.00

Total **\$1,185.00**

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Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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