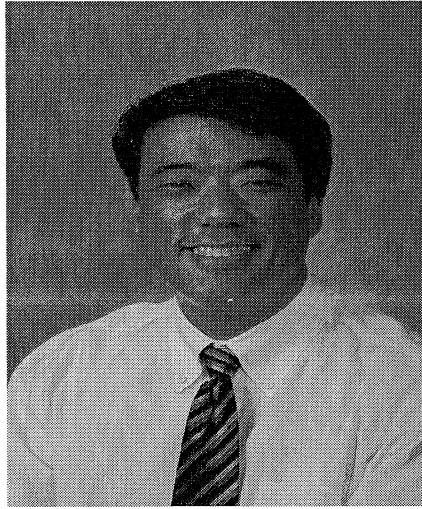




129th Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Arkansas
Saturday, June 6, 2015
First Presbyterian Church
Benton, AR

HOST INFORMATION

**"Reaching Out to the Spiritual But Not Religious"
Presbytery of Arkansas, June 6, 2015**



Dr. Rodger Nishioka will preach and lead a consideration of those who claim to be spiritual but not religious at the June 6 meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas at First Presbyterian Church of Benton.

Dr. Nishioka holds the Benton Family chair in Christian education as an associate professor at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. While he teaches in the area of Christian education and practical theology, he specializes in ministry with youth and young adults and has completed a research project comparing the participation of young adults in mainline Protestant congregations and non-denominational independent Christian movements.

Prior to his joining the faculty at Columbia, Rodger served for 12 years as denominational staff in youth & young adult ministry for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Rodger received his undergraduate degree from Seattle Pacific University, his master's degree in theological studies from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, a Doctor of Divinity degree from Austin College and his Ph.D. from Georgia State University in Atlanta.

He has published several articles, chapters, and books largely focused on ministry with youth and young adults and the educational ministry of the church as spiritual formation.

Rodger is the son of an honorably retired Presbyterian pastor and is evidence that you can be a pastor's kid and still love Jesus.

The Worship Service is scheduled for 10 a.m. followed by the keynote presentation at 1 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Greetings Presbytery of Arkansas!

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to First Presbyterian Church Benton for the 129th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas. The members and officers of the congregation look forward to hosting this meeting.

We value the connectional nature of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and look forward to strengthening that connection as we worship, deliberate, and share a meal together. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will be preaching in morning worship. He is the Benton Family Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Youth and adults who will be traveling with the Presbytery this summer will be commissioned during worship. We will welcome new faces to the meeting as well as say farewell to a few who are retiring. We are excited to be hosting this particular presbytery meeting, as we will be celebrating the ministry our General Presbyter, Bill Galbraith on the occasion of this retirement. Plan to join us for Bill's special request meal. We will be feasting on pulled pork, baked beans, slaw, and yummy dessert.

Everything you need for a pleasant day in Benton is included in this packet of information. There is a map of the area and a few hotels should you want to come early or stay late. Please make your lunch reservation using the enclosed form or call the church office so we will have plenty for everyone. Also, let us know if you need childcare during the meeting. Parking is available in the church lot as well as overflow parking in a lot about a block from the church on the corner of East and Cross Streets. The lot will be well marked with parking attendants to direct you.

We look forward to welcoming you to FPC Benton in June.

Blessings,
Dari Rowen, pastor

Map of the Area



Parking will be across East St at the former Harvest Foods. For those needing closer parking or needing to unload items, there will be some space available at the church's parking lot as well.

Directions:

From Little Rock on I-30

Follow I-30 West toward Hot Springs.

Take Exit 117

Follow to signs to Hwy 5/Carpenter Rd (you will cross over the interstate)

Follow Carpenter Road to the intersection at Military Rd. (Walgreens on left)

Turn Right onto Military Road

Parking will be one block down and on the left at former Harvest Foods.

From Hot Springs in I-30

Follow I-30 East toward Little Rock

Take Exit 117 veer right onto Carpenter Rd

Follow Carpenter Road to the intersection at Military Rd. (Walgreens on left)

Turn Right onto Military Road

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June 6, 2015
First Presbyterian Church in Benton
501 N East St, Benton, Arkansas 72015

Meal Reservation Form

Please make meal reservations by June 1, 2015

Lunch on Saturday June 6 will be BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, and dessert.

Church Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Office Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total Number of meals reserving: _____

Please list the name of individuals requesting meal tickets:

Lunch will be \$10 per person. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church Benton. You may also use a credit or debit card the day of the meeting at registration.

Send reservation form and check to: First Presbyterian Church
501 N. East St
Benton, AR 72015

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CHILD CARE – child care will be available from 9:30 a.m. to the close of the business meeting. If your child will not eat the lunch listed above, please bring a sack lunch. Refrigeration for lunch or bottles is available.

Please list each child with the age and any special needs or allergies.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Needs: _____
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Hotels in Benton, AR

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott

17320 Interstate 30 North
Benton, AR 72019
1-501-722-6330
www.marriott.com

Best Western Inn Benton

17036 Interstate 30
Benton, AR 72019
1-501-778-9695
book.bestwestern.com

Days Inn Benton

17701 Interstate 30 (Exit 118) and Service Road
Benton, AR 72015
1-844-201-4481
www.DaysInn.com/Benton

Hotels in Bryant, Arkansas

10 minute drive from Benton on I-30

Hampton-Inn Bryant

307 Office Park Drive
Bryant, AR 72022
1-501-847-3200
hamptoninn3.hilton.com

Berkshire Inn & Suites

210 Office Park Drive
Bryant, AR 72022
1-501-847-7120
www.bershire-inn.com

La Quinta Inn & Suites Bryant

408 W. Commerce Drive
Bryant, AR 72022
1-501-847-9494
laquintabryant.com

Americas Best Value Inn-Bryant

407 W. Commerce Drive
Bryant, AR 72022
1-501-653-7800
www.americasbestvalueinn.com