



September, 2025

Good Sam

BON VOYAGE...

On Wednesday, September 11, many of us celebrated with other Good Sam members, the life and memories of our former Arkansas State Director and Arkansas One member, Bill Nery,

It was a joyous celebration, with more laughter than tears. We listened as Wayne Thomas opened the celebration with a moving, appropriate song....and who knew Wayne had an amazing singing voice? He tried to tell us it was just "lip syncing"

Our AJ Trosclair shared stories of Bill, his family, his legacy, and his love for his church with assurances that he knew Bill was now with his Father... "We are not telling him goodbye, but instead ..." see you later." We will see him again.

Bill's pastor shared stories of working with Bill as a church leader...seems Bill was quite a "director" there, too, and told several stories. One was something about widening a doorway to an area of the church... A seemingly simple one day job that ended up with only a long list of plans and considerations on the first day.

Then there was AJ, explaining that he was Southern Baptist and a bit uncertain about Free Will Baptist?, only to have their pastor put him at ease by explaining that he had officiated at a Catholic service earlier.

The service ended with a video of Bill's life and family. We saw the memories and joy they must have shared in compiling the pictures.

It was a wonderful celebration, highlighted by the attendance of so many Good Sam friends, especially some we've missed seeing: JD Henley, Pam Harrell, the Cards, Iris and Don Schroeder, the Martins, Ruth Ann Hairston, Jack and Joy Godwin, lots of Arkansas One, too many to list them all. ...And memories, too, of ones gone before. What a celebration!

****WORK WEEK****

Lake Catherine State Park
NOVEMBER 2-7, 2025

Come in Sunday, Leave on Friday

- Sunday pm, Mexican in Malvern
- Pot luck each evening, soup? Chili?
- Pot luck breakfast, probably Wed.
- Meal for the Park Staff, noon Thurs.
Bring something to contribute to each.

The staff meal on Thursday will be the usual, smoked pork by James. We bring the beans, slaw, potato salad, desserts, etc.

*James needs to know if you plan to attend.
Let him know if you haven't already*

Don't forget work clothes and gloves...sometimes we paint... State Park green spotted clothes are a badge of honor!

CANCELLED

****OCTOBER CAMPOUT****

October 26-Nov. 2

Maumelle Park, Little Rock

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Don't Forget: Dues for 2026. If you are cannot attend the Work Week campout.....
You can mail checks (\$25.00) to:

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