

Rock of Hope

Little Rock, Arkansas



River of Healing

July 9 – 11, 2010

Scheduled Speakers

Friday Breakfast:

- **Becky Russell** *Mother of Jae Lynn, an RN who taught the grieving process before becoming a bereaved parent. Her outreach to grieving parents includes the DVD “The Ten Things I Learned About Grief” and her blog, “Weepy Seeds.” She is a member of the 2010 Gathering Committee & was the Keynote Speaker in 2007 and workshop presenter at the '07, 08, and '09 Gatherings.*

Friday Lunch:

- **Dr. Harold Ivan Smith** *Wordsmith & storyteller, a respected speaker and writer. His unique insights motivate the professional community as well as encourage the bereaved. Author of many books, including “Grievers Ask, Answers to Questions about Death and Loss.” He was a speaker and workshop presenter at the '05 Gathering.*

Friday Dinner:

- **Hiram Johnson** *A pastoral counselor and LCSW, he was the driver in a fatal car accident. As a survivor, he struggled with guilt and grief. He is the author of “Tragic Redemption,” and was a workshop presenter at the '07 Gathering.*

Saturday Breakfast:

- **Amelia & Craig Hammaker** *Parents of Breanna, a victim of pediatric cancer until her death at age 7. The night of Breanna’s funeral, a sister was born, prematurely. Amelia is a physical therapist, Craig a high school teacher. As volunteers at Arkansas Children’s Hospital programs for bereaved parents and palliative care training courses, they assist the professional staff’s understanding of the grief journey.*

Saturday Lunch:

- **Kay Bevington** *Mother of Rhonda, and the founder of Alive Alone, Inc. a national support group to those bereaved parents with no surviving children. She is a retired educator and well respected bereavement consultant and speaker. She has been a workshop presenter at many BP/USA Gatherings.*

Saturday Dinner:

- **Lynette Spruiell, LPN** *is the coordinator and co-creator of the award-winning “Journey” Perinatal Bereavement Program at St. Vincent Health System in Little Rock, Arkansas. A former labor and delivery nurse, Ms. Spruiell, for the past ten years, has provided fulltime support and services for nearly 4,000 families who have suffered a miscarriage, stillbirth, or newborn death. She has assisted other hospitals in Arkansas and other states with starting support programs in their hospitals, and speaks publicly on a local and national level to promote awareness.*

Sunday Breakfast:

- **Keith Swett** *Father of Matt, a high school English teacher, Hall of Fame wrestling coach, and newspaper columnist. He loves to share his heart and home spun tales of healing. He was a speaker at the '07 Gathering.*