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in the interest of promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and goodwill among His people, our friends.*

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China Bound

Preachers Quartet Concert — April 29

We will play host to the Preachers Quartet, which is preparing to travel to China this October as part of a larger evangelistic team that will also encourage Christians living there. The concert is FREE! The offering received will be devoted entirely to the mission work they are anticipating. The group's goal is to raise \$15,000. Any funds not used for their expenses will purchase Bibles that they will distribute while in the country.

The quartet is comprised of four preachers of the Gospel that are ordained by Christian Church congregations. The lead singer is our preacher, Gene McCoy. The other three

singers and pianist minister with congregations in Missouri.

The Tuesday evening concert will replace the midweek meeting usually conducted on Wednesday. The youth classes will still meet on Wednesday.

Invite your associates to attend!



Missions Ministry Team

New Deacon Appointed

Having served very capably as the manager for the Missions Ministry Team for a long time, Hubert Pickett is being relieved by a member of the team, Rick Schmeski. Rick's interest and involvement in missions has prepared him for this role of leadership. The Picketts and Schmeskis traveled together to India a few years ago, there to visit our ministry staff at Mid-India Christian Mission.

The Missions Ministry Team meets quarterly and administers 23% of all church income, distributing it to various missionary enterprises around the world. Anyone wanting to be involved in our congregation's missionary ministry should attend a meeting of the ministry team or enlist for service by contacting Rick Schmeski.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Hubert Pickett for his faithful service.



Preacher's Pen by Gene McCoy

For other articles and information about our congregation, go online www.memorialchristian.com

Obituary

A tragic accident resulted in the death of our friend and brother, **Bob Derrickson**, on Thursday, March 20.

WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
An orientation
for newcomers

Sunday, April 20

MCC Banquet Center

Newcomers write

So many friendly people greeted us, we didn't feel to be strangers at all. All we've met feel like new friends.

— Sam & Jackie Fox
Aurora, NE

I dislike our remodeled Wal Mart store. 😞 Entire departments have moved to new locations, making it even more impossible for men to find things. My first purchase had to be a GPS unit! I like a good game of hide and seek, but this is ridiculous!

The new flooring looks great, but I was just as happy with the tile that is being replaced. And the extreme makeover of the bathrooms is completely unnecessary. No one goes to Wal Mart to go to the bathroom, anyway! Well, I must admit I have done that on road trips. But that's beside the point.

The fact of the matter is that the "old" store that was built only five years ago had become a place where I could go comfortably. I had grown accustomed to the layout and could actually find what I needed. It had become a familiar place.

It took me thirty minutes to find the motor oil and filters the other day. I can't overemphasize the emotional trauma I experienced when I got to the place where I had always found these items only to realize I was in ladies' lingerie! My female readers know the *facts* about a man's inability to locate items. But they cannot appreciate what it does to a man's psyche

and ego. The real men reading this can easily relate to my trauma. When we enter the store, we engage our automatic pilot device, put on our blinders, walk briskly to the precise location of the item we need, kill it, field dress it, and drag it out of the store. How long it will take for our auto pilot device to adjust to the new store is anybody's guess. Meanwhile, we will be wandering aimlessly throughout that vast store, scratching our furrowed brows while looking for a sign to help us locate the item we need.

The "old" store had also become a part of my identity as a father and husband. Some of my fondest memories in marriage and in raising my children took place in that store.

I vividly remember the emotion that welled up inside me in the toy department when my son selected his very first bicycle. That is now where people buy scratching posts for their kitty! The crisis of identity confusion is almost more than I can bear. The sacred spot where my daughter first applied eye shadow has been desecrated by sportsmen buying stink bait and deer urine.

None of the foregoing is true, of course. Except for the part about men being naturally challenged in finding stuff. But I use it to illustrate how some people become so emotionally tied to buildings and routines that they cannot easily adjust to change. As we proceed in our plans to relocate our physical plant, let us all realize that the identity and mission of a congregation is not connected to its building.

Very few things will be the same as in our present location. Like the remodeled Wal Mart, our new building will be more efficient and better equipped. It won't be the building in which our children were baptized and married, but it will hopefully be where they will serve the body faithfully and effectively. It won't take long for it to become home to all of us.

Despite the inconveniences due to the changes in our Wal Mart store, I still plan to shop there because . . . well, it's still "the saving place." And that is precisely why I am going to continue my relationship with the Christians in my community regardless the location or layout of its building. The church is "the saving place." ■



From our Youth Minister

A Note of Thanks by Eric Dwyer

Dear church family,

Thank you all for the "pounding" I received on March 9th and for the many gifts and cards I have received since before I even moved here!

The potluck was a great time of fellowship

and fun. Sarah and I were humbled by your welcome and your gifts. I know Sarah is pleased because now I don't have to cook Ramen noodles when she comes down to visit! =)

I am looking forward to ministering to this

church and the youth within the body. It is my prayer that we continue to spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24). Again, thank you all so very much. It has truly been a blessing.

In Him,
Eric

Local flooding

Seepage of Sin

When we purchased our house here in 1993, we inherited a problem that took several months to remedy. The basement room flooded after significant rainfalls. The sump pump installed by a previous owner was not adequate to prevent the flooding.

For months the first clap of thunder and the slightest rainfall would awaken me from sleep and chase me to that basement room, there to watch for any sign of water. Many nights were spent running my trusty wet-dry vac and a couple box fans. Carrying a full ten-gallon vacuum bucket up a flight of steps soon takes a toll on one's back and legs!

The remedy to this problem likewise demanded back-breaking labor, not to mention significant time and expense. But, alas, the persistent effort finally paid off. I could not rest or consider selling my house until I was able to honestly and confidently say that my basement was dry. After several months with no moisture in my basement — and that despite some very significant rainfall — I was finally able to sleep through the storms without giving a moment's thought to my basement room.

The real test of my confidence came last month, when our region of the country was drenched and saturated with several inches of rainfall. I can testify that I never thought about my basement room one time over the course of those two or

by Gene McCoy

three days of continual rainfall. I had finally conquered my problem and was able to relax.

Then it was on the third day of rainfall that I smelled it as I walked past the stairway leading down into the basement room. Yes, water has an odor! I slowly walked down the steps, hoping against hope that my nose was playing a dirty trick on me. But it wasn't. The floor was wet. It was then that I recalled I had unplugged the sump pump on that end of the basement room a few years ago, confident that I had adequately resolved the problem, thereby eliminating the need for it.

I learned a lesson that day — a spiritual lesson. I can never afford to be overly confident that I have grown to a point of spiritual maturity that vigilance is unnecessary with regard to temptation and sin. When confidence lulls one into a state of relaxation is when the Evil One strikes. Prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with God's people may correspond to the sump pump that keeps the flood of sin at bay. There is never a point at which these are unnecessary. To ignore them is to give sin an opportunity to seep back into our lives.

I pray that those who have neglected these precautions will smell the seepage of sin before it floods their souls. I plead with you to remain vigilant while the sun shines so that you may live in victory when the storm clouds gather and thunder rumbles. ■

APRIL MEETINGS

1 Benevolence Ministry Team

7 Willing Workers

7 Building Committee

14 Elders

17 Outreach Ministry Team

22 Worship Ministry Team

23 Missions Ministry Team

24 Property Ministry Team

Annual Food Drive

To replenish the Mtn. Home Food Basket

Throughout April

Canned and boxed food only, please

Thank You

Dear Brethren at Mtn. Home,

It was a pleasure for Mary Lou and me to share in the fellowship of your congregation for the six weeks of our recent study together. We very much appreciate the hospitality you showed toward us -- the food, the questions and comments in the classes and expressions of gratitude for the information presented. We sincerely thank you for all of this, including the generous compensation given us. It was indeed a blessing to us.

In Christian love,
Lowell and
Mary Lou McCoy



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Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
9:30 Worship	5:30 Supper
11:00 Bible Classes	6:30 Bible Classes

The LORD'S COMMISSION is OUR MISSION
Matthew 28:19-20



Christian Convention

April 11 & 12

Details available at the church building

- Children's Convention
- Teen Convention
- Exhibits from various ministries

REGISTER NOW!

Lake Area Fellowship

6:00 Sunday, April 20

A gathering of Christians from
Yellville, Flippin and Mountain Home

Help us provide hospitality and extend fellowship to our friends. There will be music and messages during the first hour and food during the second hour.

RALLY AT THE ROCK

Friday, April 25

6:00 p.m.

Rock Garden Camp Pomona, MO

Chili Supper (Ham & Beans, too!)



This is a rally for all ages to kick off the camp season. It is an opportunity for everyone to see the campgrounds, to fellowship with Christians from other camp area congregations, and to lend support to our camp program.

The program and meal are free. An offering will be received to give the camp a jump start on the coming season.