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'Ready for Rest'

by David Benedict

Most in the church are aware that the men who serve the local body as elders have all been doing so for a while. This article is to share the news that two elders have made it known that they are stepping away from that specific leadership role for a time. They are Bruce Wolf and Rick Schmeski. Each of them have stated that they need a break, but they both also stress that they expect that they may return to the eldership sometime in the future.

Each man has his own reasons for taking this step. Bruce has stated some of his reasons in a letter to the elders, the content of which is included below. Rick explains that he has meant to take a break from leadership for some time, and has held off more than once, but decided now that he needs to put that intention into action.

Each elder has assured us that they will continue to minister in the church in other ways even while not serving as elder.

Here is what Bruce has shared in his letter:

"Dear David:

This is to inform the Board of Elders that I wish to step back from my duties as elder and take some time off. The last few years have been emotionally draining for Vicky and I and I wish to take a leave for rest, reflection and rejuvenation.

I appreciate this brotherhood of men with whom I have served and will continue to support this board and follow their leadership of the flock at CCMH. I anticipate continuing to perform my duties on the quarterly serving schedule and to continue participation in the Men's Leadership Group. I will also continue to lead our Bible Fellowship Group.

Serving God's church as a shepherd of the flock is a weighty responsibility and I greatly

appreciate the sincerity with which all on this board accept this responsibility. Out preachers, our elders and leaders-to-be, give me the confidence in the future of CCMH. This is where I intend to continue to serve the Lord."

As chairman of the elders (currently) I don't enjoy having to share this news with you, the church, but we need to respect the decisions these two servant-leaders have made. They each have, along with the other elders, worked sacrificially as leaders in that role. In case you don't know, there are now four elders serving "officially," Gordon Addington, Forrest Cotter, Don Truitt and myself.

This leadership change emphasizes two things we all need to think about (and have been thinking about). One-- It is time for other men, younger men, to join our leadership. We're thankful that there are several seriously considering this step. Two—as an active part of our local church body, you each have the privilege of recommending men for service in the eldership. You may do this at any time. There is information and a form for making that recommendation which you can pick up from the church office. You may want to look into it.

Let me finish by expressing, on behalf of all of us, how much we appreciate the long, faithful leadership which Bruce and Rick have given until now. We know they will keep serving in various ways, but we pray for God to bless them with rest from the specific tasks that serving as an elder involves. Please express your own appreciation to them when you see them in our fellowship.

For His glory,
David Benedict, Chairman of Elders



Preacher's Pen

by Gene McCoy

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

Thank You, Church

For all the times you walked with me
And gently held my hand,
The times you stopped to answer why,
To help me learn and understand.
Each time I fall or stumble, you reach out to me and lift me up to stand.
You are there in good times, even though I forget to thank you.
You are there in the bad times, to pick me up and see me through.
Thank you, my Church, for being there to make each day brand new.

by Judy Crowe



October 30th is the fifth Sunday of the month, making it **Dollar Day**. All the dollar bills in the offering plate that day goes to someone in need. Start saving those dollar bills!

Acts 1:8 has been cited to support the proposition that missions begins at home. Just prior to His ascension Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came and empowered them. But they were then to go out from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth proclaiming the good news.

We have come to think about missions in terms of an activity performed in far off places where the language and culture are foreign. But whether we evangelize our neighbors or assist others who evangelize the lost on the other side of the globe, the mission is the same. We are to make disciples.

If there is a focused ministry in the local community that is presenting the biblical message of salvation as a part of their work, that could be an opportunity for productive ministry. But missions at home isn't so much about being involved in community groups as it is about being a Christian in the groups in which we mingle in our community. Integrating our community through informal personal relationships founded upon common interests and life stages is perhaps a more effective means of making disciples than infiltrating an established ministry group because the process is more personal than institutional.

Many people in our congregation are actively engaged in our community. They are living as Christians in the groups of which they are a part. How much actual evangelism is occurring is difficult to measure. But credibility of character is being established among peers that may facilitate effective evangelism.

It is gratifying to realize how many of our brothers and sisters are serving our community in various ways. The following is merely a sampling.

- ◆ **Maryln Evans** has been a volunteer at the Peitz Cancer House and home counselor to cancer survivors.
- ◆ **Monte Manchester** assists with activities at a local assisted living center.
- ◆ **Samantha Schmeski** serves at the Mtn.

Home Christian Clinic and teaches dental health education in local schools.

◆ **David Benedict** is a leader in the county historical society and is a substitute teacher in public schools.

◆ **Shannon Holland** has volunteered for Rhea Lana, the Christian Academy and The C.A.L.L.

◆ **Kathy Lueck** is a member of the Sheriff's Association Board of Directors

◆ **Vanessa Peglar** provides respite care for foster parents.

◆ **Jan Schmeski** is a member of our local hospital foundation.

◆ **Arlene Dixon** volunteers at the hospital, Pregnancy Resource Center, the Christian radio station, the local right to life organization and at the church.

◆ **Elaine Leu** volunteers at the hospital.

◆ **Louise Addington** volunteers at the Bargain Box thrift store.

◆ **Anne Mahoney** volunteers many hours at church.

◆ **Barbara Cline** provides volunteer support to the volunteer fire department.

◆ **Richard & Leslie Hytenin** are volunteer fire fighters, as is **Steve Mendleski**.

◆ **June Bankes** volunteers for a local shelter

◆ **Phyllis Holmes** volunteers at the Chamber of Commerce.

◆ **Don Truitt** and **Eric Dwyer** are mentors for local students.

◆ Some are members of local civic clubs.

◆ **Jason Schmeski** is president of the local school board.

◆ **LaDonna & Steve Mendleski** sponsor a scouts group for young boys.

These are among the many people in our congregation who are connecting with the community through several avenues of service. Integrating with the community is only a foundational stage in evangelism. It merely sets the stage for opportunities to relate the gospel message to those with whom rapport has been established.

Formal association in an established ministry is not essential to being a missionary at home. Be intentional in bearing testimony for the Lord in all your associations.



50th Anniversary Celebration

50 Years is a long time! There are many memories to fill that amount of time. Good memories. Sad memories.

Luke 6:48 - *He is like a man which built an house, and dug deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood came, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.*

For the purpose of advancing his Kingdom, God set the foundation on the corner and held this church steady through these fifty years. We have done and are doing a great work. We should be proud to think of the many: preachers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, evange-

lists, Christian educators, plumbers, carpenters, and various other laborers who have been birthed here, nurtured here and then sent out to share the gospel to the world.

We have had 10 ministers, 6 youth ministers, countless Elders and Deacons toil for the Lord in this place. We have sent emissaries across the globe to Cuba, China, India, Haiti, Africa, New Guinea, Pakistan, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, Cambodia and Mexico.

Intentional Representation

I wonder how many of us give thought to our presence in the community?

We have among us many who volunteer for various organizations in the community. I wonder if we are conscience of our representation of both Christ and CCMH as we are out in the community. Many volunteer positions put us in the path of persons who are in need, and are looking for a kind face or helping hand. How would it change our zeal for our volunteer work and career work to see every person we meet as a potential

by Joyce Rhoads

Some of those that worshipped in the oldest building still worship with us. We have shared wedding vows at Memorial Christian Church. We have said goodbye to many.

Some who grew up at Memorial Christian now have grandchildren worshipping with us.

Christian Church of Mountain Home (formerly Memorial Christian Church) will celebrate 50 years of serving the people of Baxter County on October 16, 2016 from 2-4 p.m. at 1365 Eastside Centre Court.

If there are memories you would like to share for the celebration, please either email

them to the office at cu@ccmhar.com or mail them to 1365 Eastside Centre Court, Mountain Home, AR 72653.

There will be much to do in the next few days and many people will be needed to make this a memorable time for everyone.

Thanks be to the Lord God, as He continues to bless us and keep us as we serve the people of Mountain Home. 🌐



by Janet Pickett

person to share our faith with and offer an invitation to attend with us at CCMH? Even if we are limited by the guidelines we work under, we can offer a smile, a listening ear, and an offer to pray for someone and invite them to attend church with us.

Let's be intentional about sharing our faith as we are out in our community, shining our light and not hiding it under a basket. One of my favorite Bible teachers says he prays every morning, "God, glorify yourself in me today at my expense." Let's be light shiners. 🌐

Family Info For October

Meetings

- 1 & 2 Learning to Love to Pray
- 5 Women of Worth @ 9:30
- 10 Willing Workers @ 1 pm
- 10 Elder's @ 6:30
- 12 Women of Worth @ 9:30
- 19 Women of Worth @ 9:30
- 26 Women of Worth @ 9:30
- 31 ~~Prayer~~ - 6-8 pm

Birthdays

- 4 Nancy Rose
- 4 Rose Hood
- 7 Irma Zimmerman
- 8 Joe Salik
- 9 Christian Belicek
- 11 Samantha Schmeski
- 13 Brandon Pickett
- 14 Gus Terry
- 20 Barry Holland
- 22 Jan Schmeski
- 27 Becky McCoy

Anniversaries

- 1 Ken & Mary Lou Fortier
- 4 Tom & Anne Mahoney
- 8 Ed & Susan Srutowski
- 22 Forrest & Ivadel Cotter
- 27 Norm & Sharon Belicek



New Wednesday Night Class

Beginning Oct. 5, Don Truitt will lead a discussion on the film series, "By Design", by Rick Atchley; a series of 4 lessons considering the Biblical basis for God's plan for human sexuality in the church.

trunk or treat 2016

by Eric Dwyer

It's that time of year again! After taking some time off, our Trunk or Treat event is happening from 6:00pm - 8:00pm this October 31st. The event will be open to the entire community and we pray there will be hundreds of people walking through our doors that evening.

There are many ways you can participate and help make a good impression. If you simply wish to write a check or donate candy, we will surely accept your sugar. If you wish to run one of our carnival game stations and hand out candy, we will plug you in!

But I would also ask that you consider filling our parking lot with decorated vehicles. If we are short in this area it will really look lame. We're not hosting an "Or Treat." Ask your friends and family outside of the congregation to join you and make a trunk as well. They don't need to park their trunks in our lot on Sunday mornings to "qualify" for the evening of October 31st. Pack the lot!

If you are preparing a trunk, consider how you might be able to set everything up in a booth-like

manner in our auditorium in case of bad weather, cuz we still gon' partay if it rains! Also, since this is a family friendly event, please refrain from anything that could potentially give little kiddos nightmares.

Oh...one more thing. There will be votes for the best trunk with the winner receiving a \$20 gift card to Chili's! See me (Eric) if you want to sign up and let's make Trunk or Treat 2016 the best yet!



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

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

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