

*A monthly publication of Memorial Christian Church  
in the interest of promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
and goodwill among His people, our friends.*

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## Resurrection Celebration

Commemorating the victory of Jesus' resurrection demands the backdrop of Calvary, where Jesus paid the penalty for our sin. This background of atonement will be developed through music, quiet meditation, Scripture readings, and a devotional message.

Please invite your associates to join you for this hour-long reflection upon the gospel and period of praise for the reconciliation and peace that resulted from Jesus' atoning sacrifice.

Then come to the empty tomb, so to

speak, on Sunday morning, April 4, to celebrate your victory over death through the glorious resurrection of Jesus. The Family Life Ministry Team sponsors and organizes this traditional sunrise service.



The worship will include group singing led by Casey Hickman and Brett Schmeski and an inspirational Bible message presented by Dave Bettenhausen.

A breakfast prepared by a few of our men will be served in the Memorial Christian Banquet Center at 7:45 a.m.

Please invite your associates!

The Christian Church in Flippin will host a

## Women's Retreat

Friday, April 16 6:30-9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 17 9:00-11:00 a.m.

*"Bloom Where You Are Planted"*

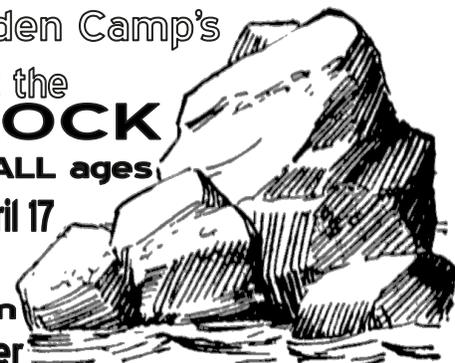
**Speaker: Trish Nappo**

Let's rally the troops — young **and** old — and participate in this event that launches us into the summer camp season. Kids of every age (including the **retired** ones!) are urged to attend.

Rock Garden Camp's  
**rally** at the  
**ROCK**  
a rally for **ALL** ages  
**Saturday, April 17**

**5:30 Dinner  
6:00 Program**

**Titus Neuenschwander, speaker**





## Preacher's Pen by Gene McCoy

The following was written by John Caldwell, our preacher in suburban Indianapolis, IN.

For other articles and information about our congregation, go online [www.memorialchristian.com](http://www.memorialchristian.com)

### The Missions Ministry Team

provided the meal for students at our campus ministry on the West Plains campus of Missouri State University on March 17.



Brandon & Courtney  
Pickett  
Sunday, April 11

Steve & LaDonna  
Mendleski  
Sunday, April 25

Having been heavily involved in global evangelism over the years, and thus exposed to the challenges many Christians [face] on the mission field, has had an unintended consequence. I find it very difficult to be patient with the complaints that are so common to the American church, complaints like the building was too hot or too cold, the music was too loud or too soft, the sermon was too long or too (never mind). I find myself very impatient with such common excuses for skipping church as: the weather was too bad, it was raining; or we had out-of-town company (instead of bringing them along). Then there are the reasons often given for not sharing our faith: "I don't want to offend anyone," or "I think one's faith is a personal thing." There are also all those folks who are so easily offended over things of little consequence.

This weekend I couldn't help but think of the contrast as the reports came in about an all-out assault on followers of Jesus in Morocco. Yet another couple associated with our church was forced from their home in China. And more reports came of overt persecution of Christians in Orissa State in India, with church buildings destroyed, the homes of Christians burned to the ground, evangelists beaten, and some even killed. Similar reports have come in from parts of Pakistan.

I received this e-mail from workers in a country that I must not even identify and the blanks indicate specific information that I can't share:

*All of the 45 brothers and sisters who were arrested last \_\_\_ were released. The police had taken their pictures individually and personal information for further investigation. Among them, at least one is an e-Bible college student. The police confiscated their computer, Bibles, books, literature, CDs and money that they found in the house. The incident has shaken the whole city of \_\_\_\_. Please pray that the Christians will be strong in faith, and that the Gospel will not be hindered to save the lost . . . Over 200 National Security Officials and special forces broke into the third floor of the apartment where a house church was meeting, for the first time. They came through the windows, from the roof, and through the main door at the same time. They ransacked the apartment and arrested all who were inside.*



That's not a description of a Hollywood action movie. That's reality for believers in many areas of the world, especially parts of Asia and northern Africa. Not only am I calling all of us to prayer for the persecuted church, but for us to live as radical followers of Jesus Christ rather than the consumeristic [sic], "I'll follow Jesus as long as He doesn't ask much and as long as there's something in it for me" stereotype of the American Christian. After all, Jesus said,

If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good news, you will save it. (Mark 8:34-35)

Have you *carried any crosses lately?*

John's comments should cause us to evaluate our level of commitment to the Lord. What can become a seasonal **exercise** for us is a daily **experience** for some of our close friends. As our focus is drawn again to the sacrifice of Jesus let us pray for our ministers in Pakistan and India for whom the prospect of real persecution is a daily concern. Saleem Massey's family lives in the section of Lahore, Pakistan where terrorist bombs exploded only days ago. The families of Jay Henry and Ernest McFarland live under the constant threat of bodily harm. These people pick up their cross every morning and carry it throughout the day while many in the American church are focused on petty issues related to personal preference and matters of convenience. Let us heed the challenge to lay down our conveniences and to pick up our cross. Not just during this season, but for life.

## Circle This Date!

We have been told that we may expect to occupy our new building in time to host former members and friends, as well as the community, for an open house and dedication service on Sunday, November 14, 2010. So we are asking everyone to reserve this date to help us celebrate this happy occasion.



The day-long celebration will include a Bible message by a former preacher, a banquet, greetings from former members, and a concert by the Preachers Quartet.

Everyone receiving this newsletter is invited to participate in this celebration to remember. Please circle the date on your calendar and plan to join us. ■

## APRIL MEETINGS

- 2 *Vespers at Calvary*
- 5 *Willing Workers*
- 6 *Benevolence Ministry Team*
- 7 *Finance Ministry Team*
- 12 *Elders*
- 18 *Missions Ministry Team*
- 22 *Building Committee*

## Willing Workers News *by Fern Frazier*

The Willing Workers Ladies Group has begun a new emphasis on visiting our older folks and shut-ins. Exactly the form that it will take has not been decided yet. But we are inviting everyone in the congregation to join us in this effort.

It doesn't take much to drop by and visit for a while. Some may want to present a small gift or remembrance to those they visit. A flower, a few cookies, or a warm meal for those who do not

enjoy cooking any longer would brighten anyone's day. Let's spring into action with a renewed effort for our homebound folks!!

If you are interested call Fern (425-4902) or Arlene (424-2869). We can assign you to a team. ■



## Building Committee Report *by Jim Darr, Chmn.*

The building is quickly taking shape! The laminated beams have been in place since early February. The walls are framed, defining all the rooms. One can see where the doors and windows will be. The roof rafters and trusses in place, the next step is the installation of roof decking.

Our Cost Plus Contract with Americom Construction is for \$1,501,000.00. This represents material and labor thru the general contractor. We can realize a cost savings for material and labor by supplying some of both. The savings can be used to purchase the sound and lighting equipment for the multi-purpose room, the fire/security alarm system, paving the new street, and other items not included in the contract. All without increasing the total cost of the building, thereby helping us stay close to budget.

So volunteering your time, talents and energy would be a great way to contribute to the new building. You do not have to be skilled to do most of the needed work. We are looking for volunteers to do the following.

- Paint interior
- Staining wood
- Electrical (simple installations)
- Laying floor tile and carpet
- Periodic clean—up
- Finish carpentry
- Installing fiberglass insulation
- Installing finish accessories
- Final cleaning at end of construction
- Preparing meals for volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering please contact me by e-mail [jadarr@ozarkmountains.com](mailto:jadarr@ozarkmountains.com) or by phone 870-436-4597. Please let me know what you are capable of doing and what days you may be available. ■

*Photos of the building progress are posted in the Photos folder on our website.*



# Arkansas Christian Convention



a family convention  
children - teens - adults

April 9 & 10  
Little Rock



featuring Dr. G. Thomas Sharp  
and his dinosaurs

of Creation Truth Foundation

**Register and Attend**

## Forward in Faith

\$850,000 — celebration goal  
\$725,000 — sacrifice goal  
\$600,000 — challenge goal  
\$572,645 — committed so far



**\$179,943  
received**

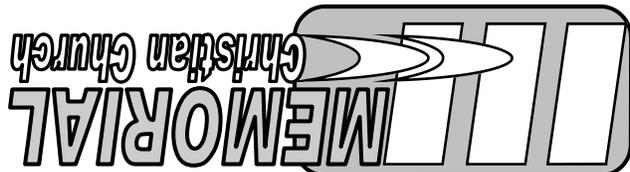
The LORD'S COMMISSION IS OUR MISSION  
Mathew 28:19-20

### Meeting Schedule

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

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