

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

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Missions Focus

One aspect of our ministry that has received favorable recognition by newcomers and observers is our emphasis upon worldwide evangelism (aka, our missions ministry). The most obvious indicator of that is the increasing financial commitment. This is the twelfth consecutive year we have increased by 1% the amount allocated to the Missions Ministry Team for disbursement. Twenty-seven percent of all undesignated funds in 2012 is being sent directly to ministries outside the local church.

Although the primary

focus of the missions ministry is evangelistic, there are various benevolent concerns represented. These include some local ministries addressing needs of people living "next door." These include feeding the hungry, clothing the "naked" and providing shelter.

There is an ongoing collection of food for the Mtn. Home Food Basket in addition to a biannual food drive. Donations have been made to Serenity, Inc., a local entity dedicated primarily to women in cases of domestic violence. The Alpha House is a shelter for men to which

contributions have been made. The Pregnancy Resource Center, Baxter Co. Right to Life and the home school organization have also received support and assistance.

Through the Benevolence Ministry Team, we have been involved in providing the devotional message and meals for the volunteers at the Mtn. Home Christian Clinic.

Near and far, at home and away, we have been faithful in spreading the love and gospel of Jesus Christ to as many as would receive Him; even to many who never will.

The above does not include the countless hours of volunteer work done by individuals in our congregation for various other ministries and benevolent agencies.

Resurrection Celebrations

Presentations of drama, music and Scripture will relate the events that provided atonement for sinners. The Vespers will conclude by 7:00.

Vespers at Calvary

**Friday, April 6
6:00 p.m.**

The Scriptures relating the events in Bethany and the upper room in Jerusalem during the days leading up to the crucifixion provide the basis for the dramatic presentation that highlights the twin aspects of sacrifice and service.

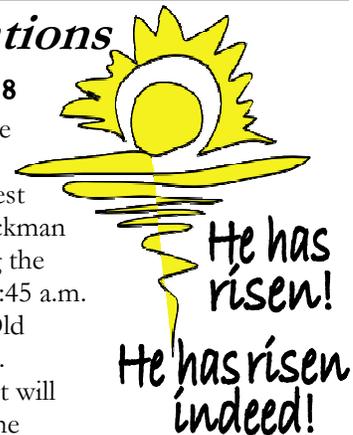
This is an excellent opportunity to invite people from the community to hear the gospel message and to be introduced to our congregation.

Sunday, April 8

The apostle Peter will be the special guest and Casey Hickman will be leading the music at the 6:45 a.m. gathering at Old Hickory Park.

A breakfast will be served in the Community Room at the church building at 7:30 a.m.

The church will gather for the weekly observance of the Lord's Supper at 9:30 a.m.



Other than some special musical presentations, the worship hour will be very similar to every other Sunday.

FUSION will not meet that evening.



Preacher's Pen *by Gene McCoy*

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



Brayton Watson
on Wed., Feb. 29
Virginia Morris
on Wed., March 7

Lake Area FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, April 29
Christian Church of
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not a fan feedback

[We] have both enjoyed not only the series but the small group atmosphere. We get so much from the personal interaction as well as the ability to make stronger bonds with those in church.

There was a day in the not too distant past when people of all ages sat together throughout an entire church service. My earliest memory of a segregated worship format for children was after I was in college, in fact. Up until then, children were somehow able to grasp enough of the message being preached to respond intelligently and sincerely to the invitation of Jesus. They definitely understood what it meant to behave in a respectful manner. Of course, our entire society and culture has deteriorated in every quarter, so I realize the challenge of working with children is greater today.

Our purpose is not to discuss the age-segregated church but to call attention to the fact that a child can understand an adult presentation of the gospel, even when the presenter is one who is not afraid to use multisyllabic words and correct grammar.

We now turn our attention to an eight-year-old young man whose thought processes may go deeper and be more serious than that of many adults. He is precocious, but not in a way that anyone would consider him to be odd. He is a normal child in every respect. He does have the distinct advantage of having parents who nurture respectful behavior and spiritual thought.

This young man wrote a hand-printed note which read (misspellings retained)

Dear Gene,
I want to ask you some questions. What does it feel like to be batised? What does it feel like to be a follwer of Jesus? I want you to answer those questions because I want to plan ahead.

My reply: Thank you so much for your note that asks for my thoughts. Your questions have encouraged me a lot. It is so good to know that you are thinking about these things.

When I was baptized, the feeling I had was one of great satisfaction of knowing I

was doing what God desires. But I also felt very good, knowing that all my sins were forgiven. The feeling good was not something I felt in my body, but it was something I knew in my mind. I knew God always keeps His promises. He promised to wash away all my sin when I was baptized. So I felt good, knowing God had kept His promise and that I became a forgiven person. By the way, I was eleven or twelve years old when I was baptized.

Following Jesus usually feels good. But not always. Following Jesus means that you sometimes go through difficult situations when people say bad things about you or mistreat you. I don't like that feeling. But I know that God always loves me and is happy when I follow Him. It is more important to me for God to be pleased with me than for people to be pleased with me. Following God also feels good because I know it will lead me to be with God for ever and ever. That is the most important thing in life.

I am very happy you are planning ahead. So many people do not. I will be very happy to help you any way I can. One thing you may want to do is to complete the little study you will find at this website:

<http://www.abarc.org/Resources/So%20Your%20Child%20Wants%20To%20Be%20Baptized.pdf>

Your mom and dad will probably want to work through this with you. I think it will help you in your understanding.

You have really encouraged me. Thank you for letting me be a part of your life.

Your friend,
Gene McCoy, Preacher

If a young person persists in completing the lessons without parental urging, and if the child demonstrates understanding, it is an indicator that the child may be prepared to make a commitment to Christ.

My anticipation is that my young inquirer will pursue this course and will be a committed Christian.

Note: The resource cited, "So Your Child Wants to Be Baptized," is posted on the A.R.M. website (www.arm.org). Rod Farthing is one of the authors. 

Meet interesting people at church

Increase your appreciation for the people at church. How well do you know the people with whom you share a pew?

This month's questions

1. In whose ancestry is Alexander Hamilton, first U.S. Treas. Sec. and author of most of the Federalist Papers?
2. Who sees everything in black and white (sees no colors)?
3. What man donates his hair to the Locks of Love organization?

Answers to last month's questions

1. Who designed the landing gear emergency systems on the Citation III business jet aircraft?
Ted Tigard
2. Who was a party clown, making balloon animals, etc.?
Charlene Linamanmoyer
3. Who was involved in the exchange of POWs at the end of the Korean War?
Bernie Hill

A lot of prayer, planning, hard work and faith go into the work of Christian Church of Mountain Home.

Everything from the music ministry to the family life fellowships of the congregation are organized and set in place by willing workers. They walk a fine line between planning and trusting. And they do it all for one reason. They want to.

Sometimes volunteers do not get the thanks they deserve. Please do not misunderstand. These silent soldiers are not looking for recognition. They take Luke 17:10 to heart and say, "We are only doing our duty. We do not deserve extra praise." Neither are they trying to script out every possible scenario and rehearse the Holy Spirit out of their ministry. They simply see a need, realize they have two capable hands and trust that the

Blood, Sweat &



by Eric Dwyer

Lord will work through them to fill that need.

The ministry of CCMH to the body, the community, and the world would not be possible (or, at the very best, not as effective) without these volunteers.

Look at the serving schedule for our congregation. If you are not already aware, it is on our church website (ccmhar.com) in the "Info Center" tab. If you click on that link, you can view many of the volunteers in our congregation. We are blessed with quite a few! Also on the website you can find a list of elders, ministry leaders, and missions groups such as D.A.R.T.

If you are on one or more of these lists, I thank you for your service and

encourage you to continue being a Kingdom worker. If you are not currently involved in some form of ministry, I ask you to consider getting involved.

You will not only make friends and have fun, but you will be making a lasting impact on this world for your Savior. Sitting on the sidelines is not an option. We're not going to guilt you into serving. That is horrible motivation for a volunteer. We want your service to be an overflow of the love and joy you experience from our Heavenly Father. It should be an expression of gratitude. And did I mention it is FUN!?

So join in and find a ministry into which you feel you could fit or step out into uncharted waters and learn something new. The very least you could do is pray for and encourage those who are shedding their blood, sweat, and... well...you get it.



Children's Ministry News by Vanessa Peglar



Kids!!! Please join us as we celebrate the empty tomb on **Saturday, April 7**. It's an **"Easter Sidewalk Celebration"**. Meet at the church building at **11:00 a.m.** We will walk to Highway 62, where we will proudly line the sidewalk holding our home-made signs demonstrating our love for Jesus and what He accomplished at the cross!!! Of course, it's the American way to follow that with a pizza party. Questions? **Call 404-2773**

APRIL

MEETINGS

- 2 Willing Workers
- 3 Benevolence Ministry Team
- 4 Finance Ministry Team
- 6 Vespers at Calvary
- 9 Elders
- 17 HillToppers
- 19 Property Ministry Team
- 19 Outreach Ministry Team
- 29 Lake Area Fellowship



Conference
April 13 & 14
Fort Smith

Report

The amount contributed to the Pregnancy Resource Center by individuals in our congregation who participated in the recent baby bottle campaign was **\$740.04**.

Pre-season Camp Rally

Every April Rock Garden Christian Camp hosts a rally to which all area congregations are invited to kick off the camp year with good food, fellowship and a program that generates excitement for the upcoming summer programming. The deans for each week of camp will highlight their plans and unveil the theme and special events for the respective age groups.

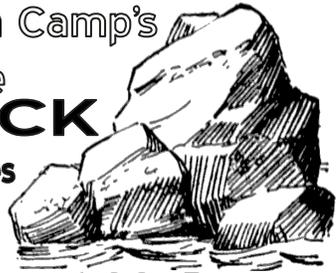
Our hope is to have a large contingent on hand to celebrate the beginning of another year of church camp. We have encouraged adults or couples to personally invite a young person to be their guest for the evening.

Music for the event will be provided and led by a worship

band from Central Christian College of the Bible. The message will be presented by the Youth Ministry professor at CCCB, Mr. Rory Christensen. Contact Eric Dwyer for more information.

Rock Garden Camp's rally at the **ROCK**

a rally for ALL ages
Saturday, April 21



5:30 Dinner 6:00 Program

Rory Christensen, speaker & band from CCCB



Forward in Faith

Contact Rick & Jan Schmeski if you want to participate in the joy of victory in this capital campaign.

Not equal gifts but equal sacrifice

\$850 K	celebration goal
\$725 K	sacrifice goal
\$611,433	committed
\$600 K	challenge goal

\$456,840
received

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

Meeting Schedule

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

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