

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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June 19 is "OCC DAY"

In our continuing effort to keep the congregation apprised of our various ministries around the world, the Missions Ministry Team has invited Woody Wilkinson to represent our mission work on the Joplin, MO campus of Ozark Christian College. The college, born in Bentonville, AR in the late 1950's, has been producing faithful preachers, missionaries and church leaders ever since. Among them are our own Eric and Sarah Dwyer. Other alumni from whom our congregation has benefited include Titus and Lesli Neuenschwander, Michael Lockhart, Brett Schmeski and several previous youth ministers.

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Children's Ministry

Exciting Plans by Vanessa Peglar

Wow! Words cannot express how excited I am about this opportunity to coordinate the children's ministry of Christian Church of Mountain Home. Thank You! One of the most influential Bible verses from my time in youth at this very church was 1 Timothy 4:12.

"Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe." I pray it will be an important and meaningful verse to this generation as well.

Thanks to Amy McKay for her service and her heart for children in this ministry. She has helped this be a great transition. I'm so excited to see what God accomplishes through this ministry.

Let me share with you what's coming up. In June, Kid's Praise will be all new. "Life is a Highway" will be our theme.

This is a nine-week Children's Church series taking kids down the Highway to Heaven by learning from the "signs of life." Each week we'll tackle a road sign. For example the first week we'll discuss "one way" and how it applies to what God desires for our lives. Jesus is the One Way to Heaven. The lesson from the "stop" sign is to stop sin in its tracks. Well, you get the idea. I think the kids are going to have a great time learning God's Word. and I will too! The study concludes with the "Dead End" sign, which will offer the opportunity for those who are ready to accept Jesus' free gift of salvation!

June is a big month for us, because that's the beginning of an exciting change for mid-week. Get ready for Summer Camp 2011! Each week we will dive into God's Word, memorize scripture, learn new *continued on p. 3*



Parishioner's Pen

by Ken Rhoads

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

Baptisms

Roland "Rollie" Ray, Jr.

was baptized on Tuesday, May 3.

Death

Michael Kenneth "Ken" Xanders

departed this life on Saturday, April 30.



conGRADulations

Jason Hayward
from Johnson Bible College

Carissa Hayward
from Ukarumpa International School

Zachary Jamison
from Willow Springs, MO High School

Disciples Among Us Span Generations He Blesses Us With Youth Ministries Everywhere

Years ago Joyce and I enjoyed the loving care of our church family at East Grand Church of Christ in Springfield, Mo. There we grew to adore the youth minister and his wife, Aaron and Carolyn Walling. Aaron was a graduate of Lubbock Christian. Recently Aaron earned the Doctor of Divinity degree. Aaron led many teens to Christ through baptism. He instilled a missions service leadership. We watched him mature in his ministry. Aaron would become East Grand's pulpit evangelist. We and the congregation grew to love and respect him as an adult evangelist. Just when we moved to Mountain Home, he accepted an evangelist's position at Cinco Ranch Church of Christ in Katy, TX, to be near his family in Houston. His departure broke our hearts in joy for his. After a five year absence, this past April 16, he returned as a guest of his former Springfield church at their Branson retreat. We happily reunited with them there and enjoyed seeing this grown man. CCMH friends can become acquainted with this disciple's ministry at www.crcoc.org. *But the good Lord has followed us to Arkansas!*

From OCC *He sent us Titus and Lesli Neuenschwander*. Then along came Eric. In the three short years we have attended Memorial/CCMH we have watched the development of our youth ministry under his leadership, and have also been rewarded with his maturity in the pulpit. Eric's messages have been point on scripture. And the Holy Spirit has ministered to us as a result. His chosen message at last month's Vespers at Calvary was epic in the celebration of the death and resurrection. We are fortunate to have known Aaron of Springfield, and now Eric and Sarah of Mountain Home.

Our young children have been blessed with the leadership of *Amy and Walt McKay*. Now they leave to expand their discipleship. Then God sends us *Vanessa Peglar* to joyfully continue the development of our children's ministry. We must also acknowledge with gratitude *Louise Addington, Vicky Wolf* and the many volunteers that have helped the kids all along and pray they will continue their ministry work.

Praise God for His disciples among us. Thank God for our CCMH family.

(Ed.: Before the Neuenschwanders, God provided John and Trish Nappo, who also served the Lord and us very well. They now minister in New Bern, NC.)

Communication Tips by Gene McCoy

A preacher recently related to me the number of verbal messages he received from people as they shook his hand on the way out of church. He realized that none of the people could know how many others had done the same thing, but he said there was no way he could remember all those pieces of information. He expressed frustration knowing each person

expected him to remember their message.

An elder in another congregation recounted how one woman voiced a complaint in the crowded foyer after church. He told me that he surprised even himself when he told her in no uncertain terms that she was to never again pull that stunt.

Many church leaders have expressed to me their frustration when

complainants add a phrase that indicates there are others who feel the same way. But very few are willing to provide the names of the "others." That can come across as a veiled threat and has been used as a form of extortion. It would be best if people would speak for themselves.

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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. Who shares the name of a Roman Caesar?
2. Who wrote a book?
3. Who met his wife in Japan?

Answers to last month's questions

1. Who has a nickname that reflects his emphasis upon accident prevention? "Safety Dave" Bettenhausen
2. Who started a local food bank? Maryln Evans
3. Whose hobby is to restore old trucks and to accessorize newer ones with specialty packages? Larry Buckland

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distress created by an insensitive church member who chooses to drop a complaint or troublesome message in his lap right before church. None can probably appreciate the level of stress preachers have as they are preparing emotionally and spiritually to step into the pulpit. But I can tell you that no preacher needs to deal with any information that could be delivered at some other time. Preachers are people. They are adversely affected and their delivery of God's message is hindered by such untimely communication.

Here is a bullet list recommended for positive and effective communication.

- Feel free to communicate with the preacher and leaders. But right before church or in public is not an appropriate venue to communicate negative messages.
- Representing anyone other than yourself rarely produces positive or effective results. Urge others who share common concerns to represent themselves.
- The "reception line" after church is a good time to exchange brief pleasantries. Longer exchanges are welcomed when the preacher may give you undivided

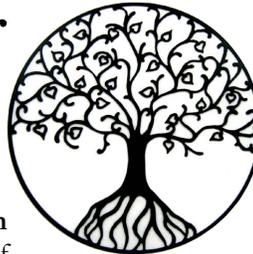
attention, when he is not trying to greet newcomers and numerous people as they exit.

- Messages submitted in writing are much more likely to be remembered.
- Choose an appropriate place and time to communicate. A good principle is to pass negatives up and positives down. Communicate positives in public and negatives in private.

Those who have communicated with the Elders in their monthly meetings can testify to the fact that they have been cordially received and their ideas considered objectively and fairly. In every case they have been thanked and their thoughts recorded and acted upon. 

In Honor

Two Redbud trees planted at the southeast end of the building were lovingly donated by **Norm and Sharon Belicek** in honor of their grandsons, **Brandon and Christian Belicek**. Thank you, Beliceks!



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worship songs, play games, create crafts, make and devour snacks — all designed to reinforce the Bible concept of the week. Can all that fit in an hour? I don't know, but we'll find out! I encourage you to challenge the kids after class to recite their memory verse.

Hey! I'd like to give a

big **THANK YOU** to those of you who have agreed to volunteer to lead a craft or snack object lesson. I can promise you that you will be blessed! At the same time however, if I have not asked you, and you would be willing to love on some kids and lead a snack, craft, or game, please let me know. If you

desire more information about serving in this ministry, please ask.

Once again I am grateful for the opportunity to lead this ministry. I feel blessed and, at times, unqualified. But we all know that God specializes in using people that fall in that category! 

JUNE

MEETINGS

- 1 Finance Ministry Team
- 6 Willing Workers
- 7 Benevolence Ministry Team
- 13 Elders
- 17 Property Ministry Team

Thank You

Thank you so much for allowing the Pregnancy Resource Center to use your facility for our event. Everyone so enjoyed the warm atmosphere.

Mary Collins,
Exec. Director

Cards of thanks for hosting the Lake Area Fellowship on May 1 were received and published in our weekly bulletin. We gratefully acknowledge the following who extended their thanks.

Joan Ely
Becky & Lewis Godby
FCC Elders

Anonymous Benefactor Blesses Church

Serenity, Inc., a local organization committed to promoting domestic peace and protecting victims of domestic violence, has informed us that an anonymous benefactor has made a significant contribution toward the Taste of the Twin Lakes fundraising event they will sponsor on June 14 with the stipulation that it be represented as having been donated by our congregation. As a result, we will be listed along with First National Bank as a signature co-sponsor of this event that will receive a lot of media attention and community involvement. We are most grateful to our anonymous benefactor!



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preacher for various congregations (e.g., Springfield & Eldon, MO). His effervescent personality and preaching style, coupled with his relevant messages, have contributed to his popularity as a sought-after speaker. You will be blessed by Woody's preaching and by the positive report he brings of the effective ministry being conducted at our Bible college in Joplin.

BULLETIN

Joplin, MO — The City Manager of the tornado-ravaged southwest Missouri city issued an appeal for help from our **DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONSE TEAM**. The team of volunteers took ready-to-eat food items, drinking water, and personal hygiene products to distribute and is cutting and clearing downed trees, covering damaged houses with tarps, and providing other services, as needed.



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

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

Meeting Schedule

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

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