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“John appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins” (Mark 1:4-5).

“Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them (Jews gathered in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost), ‘. . . Jesus, the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, . . . you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death. . . . Therefore let all . . . know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ.’ Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said, . . . ‘What shall we do?’ Peter replied, ‘Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.’ And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, ‘Be saved from this perverse generation!’ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:14-41).

Sunday, June 8, has been designated “Pentecost Sunday.” We will observe it in a manner reminiscent of the day the gospel was first preached—the day the church was established. Following the example of John, the one who came immersing, and of the apostles, who preached and baptized thousands, we will proclaim the same message and extend the call to discipleship that compelled thousands to be baptized, according to the instructions of the inspired apostles.

BAPTISM

at the lake Sun., June 8

The opportunity to be cleansed of sin's stains and to be liberated from sin's penalty and power will be publicized in the local media and promoted in other ways. The message proclaimed by the apostles on the day of Pentecost will be repeated along the shores of Lake Norfolk. All who are convicted by the Holy Spirit and who will repent of their practice of sin will be immersed into Jesus to receive forgiveness and God's gift, His blessed Holy Spirit, according to the teaching of the apostles as recorded in the Bible.

All who attend will be given pertinent information from the Bible concerning salvation and service. Those who submit adequate information will receive further teaching and encouragement to enlist for service with us.

Every Christian reading this has a role to play in this effort resulting in God's glory and eternal praise.

PRAYER

1. Ask God to bless us with wisdom in the manner in which we publicize and promote the opportunity.
2. Ask God to help you and others extend a personal appeal to those yet outside of Christ.

PROMOTION

Please talk it up among your associates, offering to accompany them to the lake.

PRAYER

1. Ask God to give success to our effort to evangelize.
2. Pray that people prepared to surrender to Jesus as Lord will come and respond.

ATTENDANCE

1. Your presence will have a positive impact.
2. Your attention will encourage others to listen.

PRAYER

1. Ask God to give boldness to the preacher, that he would speak as he ought.
2. Pray that the message is clear and plain, and that it reaches the heart of listeners.☉



Preacher's Pen by Gene McCoy

I hand the quill to my distinguished colleague from Russellville, AR for this month's missive. Don is an evangelist and a psychologist who provides lifesaving intervention for spiritual, mental, emotional and interpersonal needs within the body of Christ. He established Christian Psychological Resources (CPR) in 1994 to serve the churches and individual Christians. Access his site (drdonott.com) for more information.

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

Death

Brenda Hargis
Tuesday, May 13

Baptism

Riley Peglar

was immersed into Jesus for the forgiveness of sin and the gift of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, May 11.

We Got Mail!

From a reader in KS:

Thank you so much for continuing to send me your monthly newsletter. I enjoy the thoughtful articles and often share them with others.

Enclosed is a donation which you may use wherever you wish. God bless your ministry there and keep up the good work.

Announcing!

Dr. Jennifer Wiseman,
NASA astronomer and astrophysicist, will present
**"Amazing Universe,
Amazing Grace,
Amazing God"**

**7:00 p.m., Sat., June 7
10:30 a.m., Sun., June 8**

First Christian Church

a very special presentation of the universe as seen through modern telescopes

by Mtn. Home native and MHHS graduate (1983)
B.S. in Physics, M.I.T.
Ph.D. in Astronomy,
Harvard (1995)

Hubble Fellow at Johns
Hopkins University

discovered comet
Wiseman-Skiff (1987)

Marriage and Motherhood Mocked!

by Dr. Don Ott

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). That applies to Arkansas and the Bible Belt as surely as to California and New York! Two days before Mother's Day, Circuit Judge Chris Piazza defied 75 percent of Arkansas voters by declaring our 2004 Marriage Amendment "unconstitutional." He was the judge who ruled in 2010 that same-gender couples could be parents. Since the US Constitution did not give Federal government jurisdiction over marriage or the family, both issues were historically understood to be states' rights.

Thirty-one of the 50 states amended their constitutions to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Two days after Mother's Day, Idaho became the eighth state where democratic process and the rule of law were undermined by activist judges. "Marriage equality" emerged as the code word in this frontal assault on marriage and motherhood. Minors do not have "marriage equality." They must have parental consent to obtain a marriage license. Married people do not have "marriage equality." They are adulterers if they have sex with someone other than their spouse. Polygamists do not have "marriage equality." Even in Utah they can have only one marriage license and only one legal spouse.

Jesus expected people to understand human sexuality and marriage: "Haven't you read," he replied, that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?'" (Matthew 19:4-5). God's image is reflected in two distinct manifestations of humanity: male and female. They are "counterparts" (Genesis 1:27; Hebrew "nehgedh"). Marriage creates "unity in diversity," a beautiful synergy only possible when masculinity and femininity are "joined together."

Two people of the same gender obviously cannot procreate. When God

created the first man and woman in his own image, he said: "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28a). Our Creator established marriage as a sacred covenant and an environment where "godly offspring" (Malachi 2:15) could be conceived and nurtured to both physical and spiritual maturity. "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral" (Hebrews 13:4).

Obscenity, indecency, and immorality are celebrated by some in our country! More than 56 million unborn babies have been murdered since 1973. The President of the United States telephoned a professional athlete who flaunts his immoral conduct to congratulate him for being hired by the NFL. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel spoke of permitting those who masquerade as the other gender to serve in the military. "The wicked return to the grave, all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17).

It has become fashionable and politically correct to mock marriage and motherhood. Other opinions are simply not tolerated. Those who dare to embrace and uphold the morality of God and Scripture are ridiculed, marginalized and in many instances persecuted. It has become perfectly acceptable in America today to mock Christ and his church, but: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows" (Galatians 6:7). As Billy Graham once said, "America is not at a crossroads. America is already a long way down the wrong road!" "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness" (Romans 1:18).

Maybe our country has gone too far. It may already be too late for civilization as a whole. But for you personally, "I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2b). Christ will return soon for his bride the church! Are you ready?



Upcoming Special Presentations



Begun in 1967, Show-Me Christian Youth Home is a faith-based organization dedicated to improving the lives of children struggling because of circumstances in their current home environment. *We believe every child deserves a home, a family, the opportunity for a better future and an excellent eternity.*

We seek to partner with others ready to put their compassion into action to impact children, families and break the cycle for future generations.

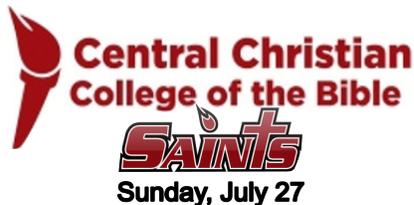
A significant portion of the 29% of all undesignated offerings allocated to the Missions Ministry Team is given to the mission of providing a Christian home and family for children who are not able, for whatever reason, to live with their biological parents.

Representatives of this ministry we have supported for decades will be present at our meeting on Sunday, June 22, to provide an update of their work. We urge you to attend and to rejoice in the privilege we have to be their partners in ministry.



If God is good, why does He allow so much pain in the world? Acts of God lays this subject bare as six hurting souls are brought together through the tragic death of a child. Acts of God offers insight and hope as it explores how, in the face of personal pain, we can trust in the Lord at all times.

Shown in our Worship Center.



Dr. David Fincher, President, will present the morning message on Sunday, July 27. He will also provide an update on this ministry we have supported for many years.

No Time for God? by Gene McCoy

He hadn't "darkened the doors of the church house" for many months. He hadn't been heard from during that entire period, either, until he needed some help. Throughout his life the church has always made time and sacrificed to make material provisions for him and his family. And it was no different on this occasion. This time, however, he was asked about his walk with the Lord. His answer revealed a woeful lack of understanding on two levels. He said, "I can't go to church because I don't have time. I have to work on Sundays."

On one level he has the mistaken idea that one's walk with the Lord is all wrapped up in faithfully attending the meetings of the church with the Lord on Sunday. Not that the weekly supper appointment can be neglected when walking with the Lord, but there is much more involved than that. He, like many other negligent Christians, will argue that it isn't that he doesn't have time for God but that he doesn't have time to meet with the church on Sunday. This reveals erroneous thinking on another level, specifically that one can separate the Lord from His family, the Head from the body; that fellowship with the Lord is possible while neglecting the body He purchased with His life's blood.

Were he pressed further, he would acknowledge that he has been neglecting the Lord in every area of his life, not merely the Sunday meetings of the church. He isn't studying, much less reading the Bible. He isn't fulfilling his responsibilities to the body (i.e., building it up in love, etc.). He is also robbing from God (Mal. 3:8-10).

Here are some probing and provocative questions that should challenge him.

1. How is it that you have time for that job? Or for recreation? Or for pleasure?
2. What if God no longer had time for you? How would you fare if the Lord and His church didn't come to your assistance? How do you think it is that we have time to help you?
3. If you agree that God has blessed you with that job, isn't neglecting Him a strange way to express appreciation?
4. There is coming a day when you really will not have any time. Time will have expired. What will you do then? Where will you go for help then?

JUNE MEETINGS

- 1 *Worship Ministry Team*
- 2 *Willing Workers*
- 3 *Benevolence Ministry Team*
- 9 *Elders*
- 19 *Property Ministry Team*

Congratulations!

Michael Potter

won second place in a recent art show.

Joseph May

one of four county finalists to qualify for state dairy cooking competition.

First Christian Church

is celebrating its 150th anniversary on Sunday, June 8.

Graduate!

Tamara Pickett 

ASU-MH
Bachelor of Science
in Education

Dollar\$Day

Sunday, June 29

Every one dollar bill in the offering plate will be removed and given to a person in need.

Recipients are selected by the Benevolence Ministry Team from among nominees submitted by people in the congregation, who can verify the validity of need. The money will be given to the person in our congregation who submitted the nomination, who will, in turn, deliver it to the recipient with expressions of our loving concern in the name of Jesus.

24-Hour Prayer Event Preview



PARTNERING IN PRAYER

By Louise Addington

Jesus made it clear in speaking to Peter in the 21st chapter of John that he wants those who are leaders of his flock to take care of their spiritual needs. We are told in James 5:14 to call for the elders to pray for us when we are sick. Then, in 1 Peter 5:2, they are specifically tasked with watching over you. How can they do a good job of watching over you if they are not made aware of your concerns? An opportunity to do that is not far ahead.

You probably know by now that our church will have a 24 Hour Prayer Event on Friday and Saturday, September 12th and 13th. A wonderful part of that is that we will have the opportunity for a special time to have an elder, staff member or other leaders pray with us.

Sometime next month you will receive a call from Elaine Leu giving you the opportunity to select a leader you would like to meet with for your special prayers. Using the schedule (adjacent column), Elaine will set up an appointment time for you. Please keep this article so you can be prepared to tell her who you would like to meet for prayer.

Friday September 12:

7:00-8:45 p.m.
9:00-10:45 p.m.
11:00 p.m.

Vanessa Peglar
Don and Judy Truitt
Gordon and Louise Addington

Saturday 9/13/14

12:00-1:45 a.m.
2:00-5:45 a.m.
6:00- 8:45 a.m.
9:00-11:45 a.m.
12:00-1:45 p.m.
2:00-3:45 p.m.

Gordon and Louise Addington
Bruce Wolf and Rick Schmeski
Arlene Dixon
Gene and Becky McCoy
Eric Dwyer
David Benedict

Once your appointment is set, you have two to three months to make a list of those people that you want to pray for with your leader, including family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or peers, relatives, supervisors or employees, and yourself. Remember to ask for prayer not only for physical needs, but also for mental, emotional and spiritual concerns. Each family member is encouraged to bring their own list to their prayer appointment with one of our church leaders.

Please take the opportunity to make an appointment. How important it is for leaders and people to share the deep needs and important concerns that affect us all, and together take them to the Lord in prayer! 

Please reserve Fri. & Sat., Sept. 12 & 13 for PRAYER

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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