

*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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Gene McCoy

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Vanessa Peglar

***In Concert May 22***

Ron and Haven met at Manhattan Christian College and married while students there. They had both been involved in music all their lives and both had the desire to use their talents for the Lord.

Their music ministry has taken them all across the United States as well as New Zealand and Jamaica, W.I.

A blend of traditional, praise & worship, patriotic and thought provoking songs, many of which Ron



**Ron & Haven Howard**

has composed, comprises their repertoire. Ron plays trumpet & guitar and Haven plays piano & keyboard. Each of their seven recordings will be available for purchase at the concert.

Long-time friends, David and Patsy Benedict, are excited to welcome Ron & Haven for the 6:00 p.m. concert, as are we.

Read Gene McCoy's review at [www.ronandhaven.com/bio.htm](http://www.ronandhaven.com/bio.htm).



***Be a Food Basket "Fairy" by Louise Addington***

When I was in college it was a popular fad to do something nice for someone anonymously and leave a note saying, "The Helping Fairy was here". Sometimes it was specific like, "the bed making fairy" or the "cleaning fairy" or the "sweeping fairy". Other times there was no note at all, but everyone would comment "Oh, the Kindness fairy has been here!" This may have been a result of students trying to obey the commands to do works of



charity and not let the right hand know what the left hand is doing, or try to "out do" one another in good works.

This time of year is not only a hard time for the birds to find food, but a hard time to find the shelves of the Food Basket filled. God will take care of the birds, but the Food Basket is one way we can help God in taking care of our community. Everyone is generous around the holidays, but this is a lean time of year for those who have nothing. The Food Basket supplies food to hundreds every month. *cont. on p. 3*



Allow me to provide a little background on the Food Basket. Since July of 2010 we have been serving well over one

***by Deb Madgiak***

thousand people per month. That number keeps growing. No matter how the "spin doctors" put it, we don't see any improvement with the economy here. The middle class and below that level are still struggling just to keep up with everyday needs. In this county alone, there are a whole lot of grandparents dealing with great difficulties trying to raise their grandchildren. Everyone has their own story, but I truly feel sorry for these grandparents barely meeting their own needs and yet sacrificing for the needs of their grandkids.

With permission, Kay, our president, has been putting boxes in her church foyer with the Food Basket name on it. After church every Sunday, *cont. on p. 3*



## Preacher's Pen *by Gene McCoy*

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

### Baptisms

**Amy & Owen Kraft**

were immersed into Christ for the forgiveness of sin after Bible classes on Sunday, April 24.

### Births

**Analise Lee Wolf**

to  
**Nathan & Amber Wolf**  
on Tuesday, March 29  
7 lb. 11.8 oz.  
20.25"

Proud grandparents are  
Bruce & Vicky Wolf.

### Sympathy

To the family of  
**Vic Valeika**,  
who was transferred to his eternal dwelling in late February. We sincerely regret the oversight to acknowledge this in our previous issue.

Monsoon miseries plague the region as a record rainfall wreaks havoc. As I write this column I am well into day number two of round-the-clock work that has included digging, drilling, crawling, rigging, monitoring and praying.

The song recorded by Credence Clearwater Revival when I was in High School keeps running through my mind. It asks, "Who'll Stop the Rain?" The answer to that question is the One to whom I have been praying, asking that He do just that. "Lord, please stop the rain!"

Ol' Noah has been on my mind a lot, also. I have been preaching his sermon to myself. You know the one about making preparation for the coming flood. How many times I have related to Noah's certain frustration that people did not heed God's warnings to their own doom. Now I am on the other end, disappointed in myself for not having made adequate preparation despite the forecast of three consecutive days of thunderstorms.

Oh, it isn't that I failed to make some preparation. But the preparations I had made were admittedly incomplete. I had done enough months ago to get me through for the time being. But I did not have the time then — so I thought — to finish the job properly. I would get back to it "at a more convenient time." Now I am recalling my sermon based upon the words of Governor Felix (Acts 24:25). Well, now I'm back at it. But there isn't anything convenient about the timing! How I would enjoy my comfortable bed right now.

My prayers to God have also included thanksgiving that my circumstances are temporary. Even if my basement flooded, the damages could be repaired and my loss would be insignificant when compared to the

plight of many people I know.

My thoughts turn to those who are inundated by cares and concerns — both physical and spiritual — and whose minds are dominated by regrets that they did not heed multiple

warnings. Some of my acquaintances are battling physical challenges that are life threatening. Others are facing eternal death as a result of their negligence to heed God's warnings and to

accept His offer of life.

The loss of sleep due to my round-the-clock vigil and the regret that I did not adequately tend to business at what was actually a more convenient time could have been avoided had I made prudent preparation. Likewise, there is no need for people to live in anxiety and with regret as they face eternity. The lesson Jesus illustrated by the two builders (Matt. 7:24-27) should be heralded and heeded.

Christian, don't leave undone your responsibility to sound the warning (read Ezek. 3:16-21) about the coming flood. Dear friend outside of Christ, please heed the warnings and make preparation today. Take it from me when I say it will not be more convenient when the flood waters are rising and closing in around you! Submit to the Lord today and be submerged in the waters that will save you (1 Pet. 3:21) — the crimson flow that will make you white as snow.

Now please excuse me while I go back to babysitting my sump pump.

P.S. Thank You, Lord, for the rain. But thank You, too, for making it stop! Oh, and thank You for the lessons that can be learned only when it rains. 



**Read  
Job 27:7-23**

## 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 has a nickname that reflects his emphasis upon accident prevention?
2. Who started a local food bank?
3. Whose hobby is to restore old trucks and to accessorize newer ones with specialty packages?

### Answers to last month's questions

1. Whose husband was a railroad criminal investigator? Jean Scott
2. What woman built a house out of cut logs? Rhonda Rust
3. Who adopted her mother? Ellen Buckland

## Midweek Meeting

Wednesday evenings are a highlight in the middle of the week as half of the Sunday morning crowd assembles for a meal (5:30) and fellowship in the Word. More than a meal and a Bible lesson, the midweek gathering is also an opportunity for social interaction where relationships are established and strengthened.

The midweek venue also offers a great opportunity to interact with the young people, for this is the focal point



of our youth ministries with classes and activities for all the kids.

The adults have a varied format, sometimes utilizing DVD presentations and at others engaging in a classic Bible study. The adults are currently studying twelve commands of the New Testament that emphasize our responsibility to "one another." Come and consider how you may contribute to building up the body.

Your mere presence will build up the body, and you will be built up in the process.



*cont. from p. 1* You can help by dropping off donations of food during their operating hours 10:00 to 2:00 Monday through Saturday, offering to be a volunteer, or writing them a check. They are not a ministry per se, but they would certainly appreciate your prayers for the good work they do. If the operating hours are not convenient for you to drop off food, you can bring it to the church building and put it in boxes marked: "For the Food Basket" and we have those who would be willing to take it over for you at

the appropriate time. Anything that comes in a can, box or bag is always welcome. Fresh or frozen items may take a bit of arranging to accommodate, but it can be done.

There is a small church in the area with only thirty-three members who give 1,000 pounds of food every month. Surely we can follow their example and also be known for our contributions. After all we are entreated in I Timothy 6:18 to "...do good, to be rich in good deeds, liberal and generous."



*cont. from p. 1* she takes whatever is collected and delivers it to the Food Basket. Some weeks she gets a lot. Sometimes she doesn't. Whatever is gathered certainly helps immensely.

As far as needs, we can

use ANYTHING and EVERYTHING. Some of the basic needs that we always run out of are cereal, peanut butter, pasta, dried beans, rice, crackers, any kind of meat (either frozen or canned). Toilet paper is always welcomed. The list

could go on and on. But these are what we can use no matter what the time of year.

I am willing to take on the responsibility of getting any donations to the Food Basket from our congregation any time you want to bring them.

## MAY

### MEETINGS

- 2 Willing Workers
- 3 Benevolence Ministry Team
- 4 Finance Ministry Team
- 9 Elders
- 15 Family Life Ministry Team
- 19 Property Ministry Team
- 19 Outreach Ministry Team
- 22 Education Ministry Team

**National**  
day of  
**PRAYER**  
first Thursday of May

**Lake Area FELLOWSHIP**  
Sunday, May 1

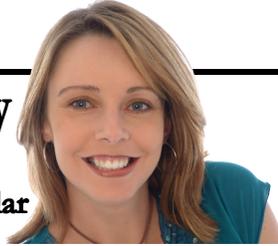
**Christian Church of Mountain Home**  
WORSHIP - BBQ - RECREATION

Other congregations we hope to see represented are:

- First Christian Church Mtn. Home
- Flippin Christian Church
- Riverside Church of Christ — Gassville
- Lakeside Christian Church — Henderson
- Main St. Church of Christ — Yellville

# Children's Ministry Coordinator

Mrs. Vanessa Peglar



We are pleased to announce the addition of Vanessa Peglar to our ministry team. The mother of four boys currently in our children's ministry, Vanessa has been a part of the volunteer support staff. She possesses the same passion for ministry to children as have our previous leaders in this role.

Vanessa has a life-long association with our congregation, herself a product of our youth ministries. She is a professional hair stylist and licensed cosmetologist. Her husband, Joey, is our Family Life Ministry Team Manager.

We thank Amy McKay, who served faithfully in this role during the past year. We again express our appreciation for the volunteers who assist in this ministry.

# Summer Church Camp at Rock Garden

**Rally at the ROCK**

6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 30



- June 5-10 Sr. High Week
- June 12-17 Intermediate Week
- June 26-July 2 Base Camp
- July 10-15 Jr. High Week
- July 17-20 Pee Wee Camp
- July 20-21 First Chance Camp



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

*Not equal gifts but equal sacrifice*

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

### Meeting Schedule

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

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