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Staff Member Added Elementary Education Coordinator

We are thrilled to report that Ashton Schmeski has agreed to serve on our staff as the coordinator of our Sunday morning Kids' Praise and the Wednesday evening Youth Jam formats. Her duties entail the planning of the lessons and activities, as well as managing our volunteer workers.



Mrs. Ashton Schmeski

This task is a very critical one, in view of the fact that many of the children who come to the midweek event do not live in a Christian environment. The only Bible instruction they receive comes from our educational ministries.

Except for the summer months, when Sabreena Saleem served in that capacity, the ministry this year

has been in the capable hands of volunteers under the direction and primary leadership of Amy McKay. Amy and those who have helped her, including Becky McCoy, will continue in supporting roles under Ashton's leadership.

Ashton is a nursing student at ASU-MH who has had extensive experience in the child care field, including employment with the local Montessori School. She is a sought-after babysitter who loves children and who is loved by children. She is married to Brett, who grew up in this congregation and serves as a volunteer with Eric in our ministry to older young people.

We welcome Ashton to the team of fine workers in our youth ministry. Please offer her your assistance and support. ■

The annual worship service devoted to recounting our blessings by sharing our testimonies of God's goodness and our financial bounty has been announced by the Benevolence Ministry Team. Anyone wanting to participate (e.g., sing a song, read Scripture or poem, etc.) should contact a member of the Benevolence Ministry Team (James Evans, Deacon).

Cash gifts contributed in thanks to God for His bountiful care will be given to the Charles and Kim Monahan Family to help reduce their tremendous debt incurred by the medical costs associated with the birth of their son, Killian. It was necessary to life flight him to Little Rock's Children's Hospital, where he spent several days in an intensive care unit. Please share financially and in the fellowship. ■





Preacher's Pen by Gene McCoy

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

Additions



Steve & LaDonna Mendleski

were baptized into Christ for the remission of sins on Tuesday, October 7. We welcome them to the MCC family!



To the family of **Wanda Watson**, who was graduated to Glory by the grace and mercy of God on Monday, October 6.

On a scale of most important decisions a congregation is called upon to make, selecting a preacher ranks fairly high. But there is a decision that ranks even higher. It is the decision relating to the selection of Elders. It is arguably the most important thing a congregation does.

When it comes time to select men to serve as Elders, it is good for both the congregation and the prospective Elders to understand the expectations each has of the other.

What are some reasonable expectations of those who serve as Elders in the local congregation? Although they hold different offices, preachers and elders should probably satisfy many of the same expectations.

What congregation would be satisfied with a preacher who does not know the Bible well enough to know the difference between sound doctrine and that which is false? And, having recognized false teaching, to be effective in squelching it and dealing in a responsible and Biblical manner with its negative effects?

Most congregations expect the preacher's wife and children to attend the services and activities sponsored by the

congregation, including the youth events. The leaders of no fewer than three congregations have expressed to me their chagrin that the sporadic Sunday morning attendance of the youth minister's wife is about the only time she is seen at church. Of course, it goes without saying that every congregation expects the preacher to be present for every regularly

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scheduled meeting of the church. Is it reasonable to expect the same of Elders?

Should a congregation expect the Elders to share with the preacher the ministry of visitation upon the sheep in the flock, including in the hospitals and nursing homes? Is it a reasonable expectation that the Elders should conduct their personal and business affairs in such a way as to enhance the reputation of the congregation?

Congregations do and should expect much of the Elders. But let us look at the other side of that coin. Elders, variously referred to in Scripture as Pastors and Shepherds, need the support and cooperation of the sheep given to their charge.

Elders may expect the congregation to prayerfully support them in their work, both by giving thanks to God for their service and by seeking God's wisdom on their behalf. It is reasonable that the congregation would be expected to follow the lead of the Elders and to give honor to those who faithfully fulfill their duties.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We are fortunate to have men serving us in this capacity whose dedication, integrity, and sincerity make it not only easy, but also a delight to follow and honor them.

Perhaps the greatest honor a congregation can bestow upon the Elders is trust. A congregation that selects Elders and then is unwilling to trust their leadership is not only dishonoring the Elders, but also commenting negatively about its apparent inability to select honorable leaders.

When considering the matter of selecting Elders, the Scriptures enjoin us to be discerning and deliberate. Having selected them, however, we are instructed to follow them, pray for them, and to honor them with respect and gratitude.

Read Hebrews 13:17. Then do as it instructs. ■

Building Committee Update *by Jim Darr, Chmn.*

The planning of the new building's basic floor plan is nearing its final stages. The Committee has made many changes and has also requested and received input from all ministry areas in the church and from the Elders and Ministers.

Mr. Elton Roe, the

architect, will have prepared by November 17th a confirmed floor plan and a color rendering of the new building's exterior. A display will be placed in the entrance of the church building for the congregation to study.

At the annual meeting the Elders will be asking

the congregation for their approval to continue to the next step of having the blueprints for the new building started.

If anyone has questions regarding the plans, please direct them to Jim Darr at 870-436-4597 or e-mail jadarr@ozarkmountains.com

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

- 2 Education Ministry Team
- 3 Willing Workers
- 4 Benevolence Ministry Team
- 6 Property Ministry Team
- 10 Elders
- 13 Missions Ministry Team

MCC Member

On the Main Stage!

by Gene McCoy

It is confirmed. One of our members, David Benedict, is truly a celebrity. At least he is being recognized for his talent as a gifted playwright.

The Foster Father, a one-act play David wrote, will run from November 21 to the end of the year in one of the nation's more prestigious theatres. It is being produced and performed by a renowned theatre company.

The A. D. Players, founded in 1967 by Jeannette Clift George, pioneered a unique style of theater committed to producing plays and programs that uphold human value, offer creativity, and

promote literacy and education. From a small group of part-time actors, the company has increased in size to one of Houston's largest resident theaters, impacting more than nine million people.

We are happy to congratulate David upon this recognition. And we are proud that his work that upholds Christian values and communicates the Christian message is gaining a broader audience.

If you would like to learn more about this venue and the A.D. Players, or if you would like to purchase tickets for the production, please go to

<http://www.adplayers.org/mainstage.html>

Where Do They GET This Stuff?!?!?

by Eric Dwyer, Youth Minister

Last night, I found myself watching a two part series on the life of Jesus. The show was called, "Jesus." It aired on CBS in 1999. I remembered watching the show back then and but watching the series now actually started to upset me! There were many things which were completely inaccurate! Hollywood took some major leaps to make connections not even alluded to in the Biblical text. Before CBS got a hold of the series, TNT wanted to put a bunch of magical scenes in it. One of their own executives said, "We wanted something different from just another miniseries with actors in togas walking endlessly through the sands."

David was a man after God's on heart. His son Solomon was blessed by God with unparalleled wisdom. And yet, it was in the very next generation the kingdom of Israel was torn in two. Without sound teaching to youth, it doesn't take long for one generation's history to become "just another story." God commanded the people of Israel in Deuteronomy chapter six to teach future generations about Him so they would not stray.

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Saturday, November 1



Sunday, November 30

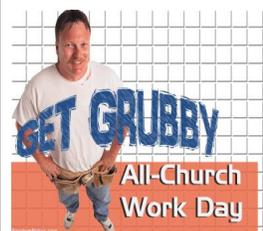
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Breads Vegetable

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Meeting Schedule

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

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

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Where Do They Get This Stuff?

“These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. *You shall teach them diligently* to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up...When your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What do the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments mean which the LORD our God commanded you?’ then you shall say to your son...‘the LORD brought us from Egypt with a mighty hand...So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our survival, as it is today.”

I would encourage us all to be faithful in our task to model the life of Jesus and pass down the truth to our youth so they are not confused by that which is aimed at ratings and not accuracy. When this generation asks YOU, will you hold to statutes or dish out CBS?

November 4 Election Day OTE

It is the duty and responsibility of every Christian to vote and to vote for leaders who promote Christian principles. . . Candidates or proposals that violate the Bible’s commands for life, family, marriage, or faith should never be supported

In the United States, in the 2000 presidential election, about 2 of every 5 self-professed Christians took that right for granted. But about 1 in 5 self-professed, eligible Christians are not even registered to vote.

In our day and age, there are many who want to drive the name and message of Christ completely out of the

public eye. Voting is an opportunity to promote, protect, and preserve godly government. Passing up that opportunity means letting those who would denigrate the name of Christ have their way in our lives. The leaders we elect—or do nothing to remove—have great influence on our freedoms. They can choose to protect our right to worship and spread the Gospel, or they can restrict those rights. They can lead our nation towards righteousness or towards moral disaster. Christians in the United States, and Christians in other democratic nations, must stand up and follow our command to fulfill our civic duties (Matthew 22:21).

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