

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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Prayer Clinic November 4 & 5

November 4 and 5 are the dates for our 2011 Prayer Clinic, which will develop the theme, "Open Hearts, Lifted Hands."

The speakers for the worship sessions, Dave Bettenhausen and Bruce Wolf, will focus our attention on these two concepts that are involved in prayer.



The Clinic will also feature workshops on various aspects of prayer and a 24-hour chain of prayer and fasting. A concert of prayer will close the Clinic again this year.

The theme was selected to focus on the intimacy of prayer, an aspect of our relationship with God that we long to develop and nurture.

Visiting Missionaries

We anticipate the visit of our missionaries from Rio Bravo Ministries in Piedras Negras, Mexico on Sunday, November 13. Brad and Linda Berg plan to worship with us and to meet with our Missions Ministry Team at its luncheon meeting at noon. We have asked them to

provide a brief update during the worship service of our ministry in Mexico.

Anyone may participate in the noon luncheon meeting by contributing food for the potluck meal.

Welcome "home" this part of our ministry family by meeting and visiting with Brad and Linda.



Linda & Brad Berg

INGATHERING



Wednesday, November 16

This hour of worship sponsored by the Benevolence Ministry Team each year provides everyone the opportunity

to express gratitude and praise to God for our bountiful blessings.

Prepare to make a cash contribution that will be added with others to provide food and other necessities for needy people during the holidays. Scriptures will be read, poems recited and songs sung recite on the

theme of giving thanks to God for His provisions. A testimony of God's faithfulness and goodness to you would also be an appropriate contribution to the worship period.

Ingathering is the final midweek meeting before Thanksgiving and is preceded by the weekly midweek meal at 5:30. The meal is a potluck, so bring a dish to share.



Preacher's Pen by Eric Dwyer, Youth Minister

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

Baptisms

Jim Day

was immersed into Jesus on Monday, September 26. We welcome Jim and his wife, **Elloise**, who was previously immersed into Christ.

Sympathy

to the family of **Robin Klos**, who departed this life on Thursday, October 13

Thank You

We are grateful for the cards and other expressions of appreciation for our ministry among you. We are very happy for the privilege of working with this congregation.
Gene & Becky McCoy

A few weeks ago, our youth group walked through a lesson about service. We started by asking the students to assign people in the church different roles in a list of scenarios. The options to fill roles were Jesus, the elders, the preacher, and the congregation. One scenario was that of a football team. The kids assigned Jesus the role of team owner, the elders were the coaches, the preacher was the quarterback, and the congregation was the crowd in the stands. Another scenario was that of a construction work crew. Jesus owned the company, the elders became the foremen, the preacher was a contractor, and the congregation took on the role of the people for whom the building was being built. In yet another scenario, that of a business, the kids said Jesus founded the business, the elders were the board of directors, the preacher was the CEO, and the congregation was assigned the role of the consumers.

Did you notice a pattern? I was very pleased to see the students assign Jesus supreme authority in each case and they also understood the elders are next in line. They also do not underestimate the role of our preacher Gene (recently, one student even called him "cool"). All seemed to be going well...until they got to "the congregation." In each example the students assigned the congregation a passive role. They had a bunch of people saying, "This is how we should build the building." But they had no one actually driving the nails! They had people in charge of a company, but no one doing the work! Many of our students play football. They did not even realize they stuck a quarterback on the field with no linemen! I asked them, "How do you think this coach and quarterback only team will do in the game?" They correctly responded, "That team will lose." Our youth sponsors were then able to teach these kids there is no such thing as a sideline Christian. There is no such thing as a consumer Christian. There is no such thing as a Christian who sits back and watches everyone ELSE do the work. Some of them looked like this

was the first time they had heard such a concept.

The lesson went on to teach that our culture is very self-centered. This me first mentality tends to creep into the mind of the average church attendee. We encouraged them to be different and to get involved now! Yes NOW! Even though they are teens, they can still serve the Lord in mighty ways. James 2:18 says, "Show me your faith without deeds and I will show you my faith by what I do." Very few

Know Your Role

people would come right out and say, "The Church exists

for ME!" So let us not look at our words, let us look at our actions. These same people, who would never claim the church existed for their own gain, do not actively get involved in the service of our Savior. Their actions seem to suggest they believe the church is there to provide them entertainment.

When I was in college, I learned about the "80/20 Rule." This rule states that, "80% of the work in the church is done by 20% of the people." I don't know who said this was a "rule" but I believe that we can achieve far greater numbers than this. From the moment people become a part of our fellowship and sit through our "Welcome to CCMH" presentations they know where we stand on the issue of service. Our quarterback says, "We believe what the Bible says. EVERY Christian is a priest unto God."

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Hopefully with proper teaching and proper examples to follow, our students will not grow up acting like they can sit by and not serve in the Lord's church. As we try to change a generation of church leaders, let us examine our own lives. Are we on the field or are we sitting in the stands?

I will close with a line from that night's lesson. "If you graduate from this youth ministry and do NOT serve in the Church, don't you DARE tell anyone it was because your youth leaders said you didn't have to. That would be a lie. We are called to serve." And serve we must.

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. Whose brother was the last person born in the old hospital at Gassville?
2. Who worked as a waitress at Scott Valley Dude Ranch?
3. Who didn't know he was pregnant until the day his mule delivered a donkey?

Answers to last month's questions

1. Who sings in a women's barbershop chorus? Dixie Adams
2. Who received a new riding lawn mower as a Mother's Day gift — and likes it? Paula Mittermeyer
3. Who is a massage therapist? Pam Lynch

Church Library

The church library is now open and available for your use. We are grateful to Arlene Dixon, Fern Frazier and Mary Douglas who unloaded the many boxes and put the books on the shelves. The library is located in the front office just off the

foyer in the building's main entrance.

Gene and Becky McCoy recently purchased several books from the library of a retiring preacher. Among those donated to the church library are all the books written by Max Lucado, most of the "What the Bible Says" series

published by College Press, and three books relating to virtues and morality by William Bennett.

Feel free to drop by during office hours and peruse the many volumes that are available for your reading pleasure and Bible study. 

Writing Your Own Epitaph



The October sermon series featured the epitaphs of various Old Testament characters with the purpose of causing us to consider what epitaph God may chisel into our tombstone. The theme of the messages was the fact that we are writing our own epitaphs by the lives we lead.

The biblical epitaph for Abraham is that "He Believed God." He trusted God with his destiny and his progeny. The Hebrew writer testifies (11:17-19) that his faith was displayed by leaving his home for a destination known only to

God. By faith he also offered up Isaac.

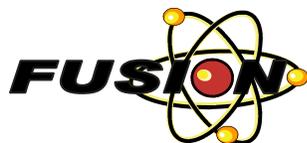
Noah found favor in God's eyes. Despite the fact that he lived in a culture of unparalleled wickedness Noah was a man of righteousness, faithfulness and obedience. He did what God commanded even though it made no sense historically or culturally. He persevered in his pursuit of pleasing God in the face of public ridicule and rejection.

Moses chose the reproach of Christ over the riches of Egypt, forfeiting pleasure, prosperity, power and position to lead God's people out of bondage. His example of faithfulness is an inspiration to leaders of every era to endure the frustrations and

disappointments that accompany leadership.

God's epitaph for David produces hope for every sinner. If David could be a man after God's own heart, we have every reason to take heart in God's mercy and grace. It isn't that God overlooked David's many sins, but that He looked upon David's heart that wanted to do God's will (Acts 13:22). David's epitaph confirms the fact that God can give us a new heart and use sinful people.

In our earthly sojourn our ambition is to have it said of us, as it was of Enoch, that "he walked with God." May we do justly, love kindness and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). 



6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sundays

Combining an OLDER nucleus with a YOUNGER nucleus to create an EXPLOSION of energy

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

- 1 Benevolence Ministry Team
- 2 Finance Ministry Team
- 7 Willing Workers
- 10 Outreach Ministry Team
- 13 Missions Ministry Team
- 14 Elders
- 17 Property Ministry Team
- 20 Education Ministry Team

Gifts

Several books have been donated to the church library by

Gene & Becky McCoy.

The library is located in the main office.

WOW

WOMEN OF WORTH

a Bible study for all women

Wednesdays
9:30—11:30

Psalms & Proverbs

Praise to Whom Praise is Due by Louise Addington

Many visitors have commented on how warm, friendly and welcoming our congregation has been in receiving them as guests. Perhaps this good attribute, that reflects well on our elders and ministers, comes from a deliberate effort by some among us to be a blessing to others. It fits in with the description of a family that is seeking to give affirmation and encouragement to others, as noted in the book The Blessing by Gary Smalley & John Trent, Ph. D. They write, "God has equipped the church, the local body of believers, to provide each aspect of the blessing to people in need. Where churches are growing and thriving anywhere in the country, you will find a body of believers who are practicing these five elements of the

blessing. These are also the churches that are drawing in the unsaved, not simply luring other believers away from the church down the street."

The five elements of the blessing are:

- ⇒Meaningful touching ⇒Picturing a special future
- ⇒A spoken message ⇒Active commitment to see
- ⇒Attaching high value the blessing come to pass

Although the focus of the book is interpersonal relationships between individuals and their physical family members, its principles can and do apply to the spiritual body and it's members, as well.

Congratulations, Christian Church of Mountain Home, for creating and sustaining a reputation for being hospitable.



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

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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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