

*A monthly publication of Memorial Christian Church
in the interest of promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and goodwill among His people, our friends.*

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Missions Ministry Team Update

by Fern Frazier and Gail Bettenhausen

Memorial Christian Church has once again stepped up and come to the aid of our fellow missionaries.

We were able to assist Salonique Adolphe, a missionary in Haiti, by sending a special gift of \$2,000 in their time of need, after two hurricanes extensively damaged their church, school, library, and home. Please continue to pray for them as they rebuild.

The McFarlands and Henrys in India have been faced by many trials with the Christians being hurt and killed by militants. They desperately need our prayers and support.

We are happy to say that the Haywards are back in Papua New Guinea. Jason, their son, remains in the states to pursue his college education at Johnson Bible College.

The Mission Ministry Team decided a couple of years ago to extend our Bible college scholarships to the children of our regular missionaries. Scholarship recipients this year include:

- Sabreena Massey** and our own **Brandon Bausano** at Ozark Christian College, Joplin, MO
- Jason Hayward** at Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, TN
- Kaden Berg** at Central Christian College of the Bible, Moberly, MO.

This month a group from our church will be traveling to Slidell, LA for a week to help rebuild homes after Hurricane Katrina. This is their second trip within the last three years to help with this project. So far, different groups from all over the U.S. have built

33 homes. Our church, through the Mission's budget, will buy fuel for the van and most of the groceries for our team of volunteers.

The Good Twins presented a concert for the Lake Area Fellowship, the entire offering from which went to the Show-Me Christian Youth Homes. The concert raised just over \$1,000 towards this worthwhile endeavor.

We have also had distressing reports from Pakistan where our missionary, Saleem Massey serves. The Masseys are back in Pakistan after an extended visit with us this summer. We enjoyed having their daughter, Sabreena as a summer intern in our Children's Ministry.

In June, we enjoyed a visit from the Bergs at Rio Bravo Christian Ministry down on the border at Quemado, TX. They are doing a wonderful ministry that includes feeding hungry children.

None of this could have been done without your generous support of missions. This year, 23% of all money collected in offerings is sent directly to missionaries. Thank you, from each of us on the Missions Ministry Team. ■

**semi-annual
FOOD DRIVE**

**Throughout
October**
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sponsored by the Benevolence Ministry Team



Synopsis of a recent sermon posted on our website

Preacher's Pen by Gene McCoy

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

Additions

Julian Armijo was immersed into Christ on Sunday, September 14.

Births

Congratulations to **Kevin and Tamara Cotter**, who welcomed **Khloe Madison** into the world on Wednesday, September 3. Paternal grandparents, Forrest and Ivadel Cotter, and maternal grandparents, Hubert and Janet Pickett, are also to be congratulated.

Laney Jane Lueck entered the world on Wednesday, September 24, the daughter of **Nathan and Monica Lueck** and granddaughter of Norman and Kathy Lueck. Congratulations to all!



VOTE

In the opening words of His great sermon on the mount, Jesus outlined the character of the citizens of the heavenly kingdom. Character is essential, but it must be accompanied by conduct that is consistent with the nature and mission of Christ. To emphasize the impact Kingdom citizens are to have upon the decadent and dark earthly kingdom, Jesus utilizes two metaphors everyone in His audience readily understood — the effect of salt and light.

Our influence is diminished when we downplay and deny our distinctness — when we hide our light and withhold the preserving salt of truth and holiness.

Jesus says we ARE salt and light. We cannot escape this responsibility. Many *shirk* it, but none can *shake* it. Consider, then, the primary action associated with salt and light — **SHAKE** and **SHINE**.

Mark 9:50 records the words of Jesus this way: “Have salt in yourselves.” The preserving principle of salt should be within us. It should run to the core of our being. Adam Clarke suggests this involves the principles of denying yourself; of suppressing things like pride, ambition, and contention. Jesus also said (Matthew 15:18) that “the

things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile a man.” Our speech reveals if we have salt in ourselves. In Colossians 4:6 Paul says our words or speech should be seasoned as it were with salt.

If we possess the character that is outlined in the beatitudes, our

When exposing darkness, light pierces and dispels it. This can be blinding and is unwelcome. Jesus said those in darkness hate light because their deeds are evil. The world does not often appreciate the visibility and direction light provides, regarding it as too restrictive. But the ship's captain would be foolish to ignore or resent the light



YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH AND THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. THEREFORE SHAKE & SHINE

conduct will reveal that we have salt within ourselves.

Our function as salt is both to *prevent* and to *preserve*. It is the nature of meat to spoil. Putrefaction must be arrested by the application of salt. The *putrefied* must be *purified*.

The effect of salt is conditioned upon its retention of saltiness and upon its application. Being contaminated by admixture with other substances renders it useless. Our usefulness as the preserving agent depends upon our purity and authenticity. But then we must rub shoulders with secular society if we are to preserve it. The salt is no good if it never leaves the salt shaker. So shake, Christian, shake!

provided by a lighthouse! Regardless the attitude of darkness toward the light, we are yet to shine as the light of the world. The salvation of souls now lost depends upon the brightness of your light. So shine, Christian, shine! *Let the lower lights be burning, send a gleam across the wave! Some poor fainting, struggling seaman you may rescue, you may save!*

— Philip P. Bliss

When you despair that this ol' world is decaying beyond preservation, it isn't an occasion in fear to quake, but to shake, Christian, shake! When in utter darkness you think this world has plunged, it does no good to whine. Instead, shine, Christian, shine! You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Therefore, shake and shine.



for each of us to participate in the new church building or by ministry undertaken by our congregation, namely, Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART). The gifts that are needed to outfit our DART trailer are described on the envelopes attached to the limbs. You may participate by either purchasing the item and bringing it to the church building or by submitting a check made payable to MCC in the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) envelope. That money will be used to purchase the item for which you supply the money. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave or Jeanette McQueen.

The tree in the foyer presents an opportunity

You may participate by either purchasing the item

The list of needed supplies is listed in the Info Center on our website. Mail a check to the church address to purchase items. Please specify the item(s).

Building Committee

Update by Jim Darr, Deacon

The Building expansion for the Committee met with sanctuary.

the architect, Elton The committee Roe, on Thursday, made some changes, September 18th. Mr. such as enlarging the Roe presented his first platform, enlarging draft of the design for storage area, and the new building. adding a control room.

The design was a The planning stage master plan of a multi- purpose sanctuary style is moving ahead. The building, with a phase committee will meet two sanctuary with the architect again expansion having a on October 6th to seating capacity of 560. review the changes

The committee that were made at our reviewed the plans and last meeting and to found many things they make other changes if liked — the traffic needed.

flow, the size and Your continued access of the kitchen to prayers and support for serve different areas, the committee and the the nursery with church body are greatly limited access and needed as we make washroom facilities, decisions that will and the planned affect our future. ■

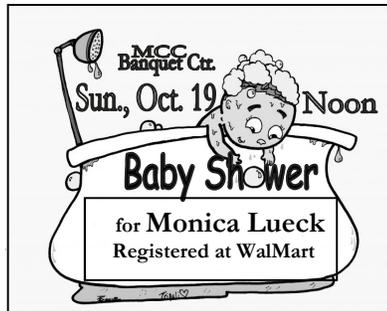


Be a Link for Life. Spend an hour, save a life.

Sunday, October 5 2:00—3:00

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The Willing Workers group is once again gearing up for the annual Show-Me Christmas project. We collect cash gifts during October with which we purchase clothing and other gifts



for the children at one of the Show-Me Christian Youth Homes. This year we are gifting to the new Home at Emerald Bay, MO. Please give any donation that you want to make to Elaine Leu, Kay Bolinger or Louise Calloway.

OCTOBER MEETINGS

- 6 Willing Workers
- 6 Building Committee
- 6 Worship Ministry Team
- 7 Benevolence Ministry Team
- 13 Elders
- 23 Outreach Ministry Team

Sincere GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for your \$50.00 donation. It will be put to good use, I assure you! Thanks for thinking of us.

Your Friends at Serenity

Thank you for helping me to have a wonderful 99th birthday. You are dear friends and I love each one with all my heart. I pray that God will bless you always.

Wanda Watson

The Board of Directors and volunteer staff of Mtn. Home Christian Clinic wish to express appreciation for the meal your church members so generously provided for the August 21st clinic. We all enjoyed the food and the fellowship. May God bless you in this Christian outreach.



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Meeting Schedule

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

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Matthew 28:19-20

China Trip by Gene McCoy

Four members of our congregation are scheduled to participate in a mission trip to China the last ten days of the month. Bruce Wolf, Gene & Becky McCoy, and Dave Bettenhausen will travel with the Preachers Quartet and several other Christians from southern Missouri to the Beijing area, where they will encourage the underground church and distribute Bibles.



Bruce and Dave will travel with one group. They will bear testimony to God's power and grace in their lives.

Gene and Becky will travel with the quartet, which will be involved in preaching and singing. Becky's primary role will be to capture the adventure through photography.

The itinerary includes a visit to the Great Wall and perhaps another site of interest. ■

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