

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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First Special Event in our New Building

It is appropriate that the inaugural event in our new building will be a clinic on, of and about prayer. Prayer is foundational in our relationship with God, not only as individuals, but also as a congregation. Our prayer clinic is designed to be instructional, inspirational and practical. The four breakout sessions and two main sessions will not only provide basic instruction regarding prayer, but they will also provide practical applications of prayer. The Clinic will also include a 24-hour period of continuous prayer at the church building. This chain of prayer will be broken down into small periods of time that will allow everyone to be involved. (See article below)

Everyone who desires a deeper, richer, and more intimate relationship with God should participate in this clinic. There will be something of value for all, regardless of their level of spiritual maturity.



November 5 & 6

Next month's CONTACT will provide more details with regard to the program. For now, please reserve the evenings (6:00—9:00) of Friday and Saturday, November 5 and 6 for this important event.



Prayer and Fasting Around the Clock

Those who participated in last year's day of prayer in connection with our capital campaign were blessed beyond expectation and expressed their desire to do it again. Plans for the first Prayer Clinic were already being formulated, so it was natural to incorporate the day of prayer into this emphasis on prayer.

Some of the same features that made last year's event so good will be incorporated in the upcoming clinic. One primary difference between last year's time in prayer and current plans, however, will be the venue. Since construction had just begun when we conducted the first prayer meeting, we met to pray in a tent that was erected on the property. This year, however, will find us in the comfortable and beautiful new facilities.

The periods of continuous prayer will begin at the conclusion of the Friday evening session. The conclusion of the 24-hour period of prayer and fasting will comprise the Saturday evening session, as all who gather will be engaged in prayer. The participation of everyone is encouraged. Be prepared to commit to

a period of time when you will gather with others in our new church building to inaugurate it as a house of prayer.

In conjunction with the prayers we urge everyone to participate in some level of fasting. It may be a complete fast, in which no food is eaten, or a partial fast of some kind. In this way everyone will be participating throughout the entire 24-hour period, even while at home.





Preacher's Pen by Gene McCoy

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

* Glossary

1. *dissing someone is showing disrespect to them* 2. *being dissed is the act of being disconnected, by voice or by modem, from another party.* —*urbandictionary.com*

Baptism

Brenda Hargis made the good confession before witnesses and was immersed into Christ for the forgiveness of sin on Sunday, October 3. She expressed her desire to work and worship with us.

Condolences

To the family of **Phil Zoeller**, friend and former Elder in our congregation, who passed from this life on Monday, August 30.

To the family of **Jean Posey**, who departed this life one day shy of her 84th birthday on Wednesday, September 8. Memorial gifts to our building fund have been received from M/M Bill Posey and the Elkettes Aux. #1714.

The music war that has been waged in churches has played right into the hands of Satan. In a strangely similar way that men were scattered when God confused the languages at Babel, we have seen a great dispersion as a result of the divergent tastes among people with little tolerance for cultural and generational evolution.

Churches have contributed to and facilitated the division and factions by playing the role of an enabler. Despite their attempts to remedy the problem, churches have actually accentuated and perpetuated the underlying disease of selfish pride, among others. Instead of dealing with the illness, they have addressed only the symptoms.

The trend has been the deliberate fracturing of the body along lines of musical preference. Churches offer two distinct formats, one that is customarily identified as "contemporary" and the other identified as "traditional." While it may not be a significant observation, this seems to be something that occurs only in the United States and maybe Canada.

Whatever became of the attitude Paul expressed that he was willing to forfeit his liberties so as to promote unity and remove obstacles to the salvation

of those who were not like him (1 Cor. 9:22)? Can we say that we prefer and bear with one another in love (Rom. 12:10; Eph. 4:2)? And where is the attitude of Christ displayed in such squabbles (Phil. 2:1-10)?

"DISSED" by babel sounds



DISsonance DISharmony DISfellowship

The application of these Scriptures cuts both ways. To the ear of many older Christians, the chord progressions and accompaniment by percussion and electronic instruments sounds like confusion. At the other end of the age spectrum, however, are ears that are not attuned to the hymns accompanied by an organ. But the fact is that neither is dissonant, either musically or in the ear of God. Both, when done well, are equal in terms of music theory, artistic beauty, biblical accuracy, and spiritual integrity. The impasse is completely cultural. And unnecessary. Even inexcusable!

The remedy resides in the heart of each

Christian. We must first reconcile ourselves to the fact that worship is not about us. Ben Merold tells the account of a woman who stomped out of the CA church where he preached because she didn't like the music being performed by visiting musicians. Minutes later she returned to her front row seat, explaining to Ben on her way that she realized it didn't really matter whether she liked it or not.

This relates not only to our personal preferences, but also to the mistaken notion that the assembly of the church is to somehow appeal to and entertain non-Christians; that we must tailor the music to the tastes of the worldly people who visit.

Rather than allowing Satan to succeed in his persistent plotting to create dissonance and disharmony, resulting in disfellowship, we should celebrate the unity of cultures and classes that results when we put Christ first. The same gospel that broke down the dividing wall between Jew and Gentile is no less powerful to remove the barriers created by our selfish obstinacy over such petty concerns as musical style.

Don't allow the sly ol' Devil to co-opt our praise to accomplish his evil ends. Cease and desist all dissing and being dissed. *Upcoming: "The Perfect Song Service"*

Meet interesting people at church!

Increase your appreciation of the people at church. If you know an interesting fact about someone at church, please provide that information to Gene McCoy for inclusion in this monthly feature.

How well do you know the people with whom you share a pew?

This month's questions

1. Who used to be a chef?
2. Who was a dairy farmer and a preacher?
3. Who wrote a play that was performed in a prestigious Texas theatre?

Answers to last month's questions

What Phoenix, AZ police officer also worked for the ATF? Jay Lanning

Who was a career police officer in Aurora, CO? Gordon Addington

Who was a murder investigator in the Chicago, IL police department? Barbara Cline

Sponsored by Our Children's and Youth Ministries All-Church Outreach

Everyone in our congregation may participate in some way to welcome the community to our facilities through this fun and wholesome activity for the entire family. We ask you to consider a role in promoting, planning, and presenting this to the community.

Ideally, our parking lot will be lined with cars and trucks that are decorated in autumn colors and trunks (or beds) that are "filled" with goodies for the children who come. At each trunk the children will be given tickets that may be redeemed inside our building, where various fun games will occupy them in safe and wholesome activity. We will also be offering food and beverages to all who come.



This event presents all of us with the opportunity to introduce the community to our facilities and our people before our November 14 Grand Opening

Celebration. It will also give us the opportunity to advertise the upcoming Sunday evening format, in which the entire congregation will be involved in ministering to

the young people in our town. We will provide more information on that new opportunity in next month's CONTACT.

Please offer your services and ministry in some aspect of this outreach endeavor. It will be effective and successful only to the extent that each of us participates!

Don't wait to be recruited. Volunteer your service by contacting Eric or Amy today.

OCTOBER MEETINGS

- 4 Willing Workers
- 5 Benevolence Ministry Team
- 10 Family Life Ministry Team
- 11 Elders
- 24 Missions Ministry Team

Circle this date!



Plan to attend the official or ceremonial opening of our new building.

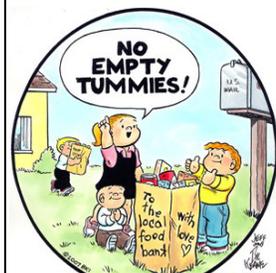
New Logo

After much collaboration we have arrived at the logo that reflects our new name. We wanted it to be simple, clean, and appealing to the eye so that it would easily and readily identify us. We are very grateful to Russ McCoy, who donated his time and expertise in taking the rough concept and creating a



very appealing logo for us. Please employ his services in

web and graphic design by contacting him at russ@anm8.com. You may see his work at www.nationalpearl.com. Forgive the writer, his father, for this gratuitous plug. But his retirement plans hang in the balance!!



annual food drive throughout October
sponsored by our Benevolence Ministry Team

Building Update *by Jim Darr*

The building is nearing completion. I anticipate October 15th as our completion date. The next few weeks will be busy as all trades will be finishing their portions of the job.

Cabinets and counter tops have been installed, as well as the commercial kitchen equipment and the bathroom fixtures. Light fixtures and finish heating and air vent grills are all in place.

We are still installing floor tile in the dining area ("Community Room") and the large multi-purpose room ("Worship Center"). Carpet will be installed the week of October 11.

There is always work for volunteers to do, such as cleaning windows, cleaning doors and door frames, vacuuming and general clean up and trash removal.

On the outside the parking lot is nearing completion. It should be surfaced with asphalt by October 9, weather permitting.

We are looking for someone to donate 75 yards of sod to finish the entrance area of the building. If you can help in this manner please contact me at 870-405-9095. 

P.S. The first worship service in the new building will likely occur on Sunday, October 31!

See pictures of construction progress on our website.



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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