

*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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Lake Area Fellowship / BCRTL Fundraiser

Two Birds, One Stone

Branson area musicians, some of whom have played for such notables as Crystal Gayle, Kenny Price, and Loretta Lynn, will present a program of bluegrass and country gospel music at the Lake Area Fellowship in our auditorium on Sunday evening, July 29. It will also serve as a fundraiser for Baxter County Right to Life.

"G'men" recordings will be available for purchase, but the offering will be devoted entirely to the pro-life educational work of Baxter County Right to Life in the community and public schools.

Invite your associates to enjoy this **FREE!** concert and Christian fellowship. ■

Phil McKinley and the G'men



6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 29

An offering will be received for Baxter County Right to Life.

Building Committee Recommendation

Proposed Building Site

At their meeting on June 11, the elders formally accepted the proposal of the Building Committee that we purchase a 7+ acre tract of land that is visible from a very highly traveled thoroughfare. An adjacent property that would provide access from an additional street is part of the proposal. The second property has a sizeable building on it.

An offer to purchase the smaller property is contingent upon an engineer's study as to the feasibility of building a private street to provide access to the acreage where the church building would be built.

The proposal was presented to the congregation at the conclusion of the worship service on Sunday, June 17. Pictures of both properties and the plat showing the layout were projected on the screen.

Questions and comments regarding this proposal are being welcomed by the Elders. The offer to purchase the smaller property expires the second week of July, so please express your thoughts soon.

The Building Committee, chaired by Jim Darr, is comprised of a good cross-section of the congregation's members. ■



Pastor's Pen

by Bruce Wolf, Pastor

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

Additions

Immersed believers, **Ray & Connie Johnston** formally became a part of our congregation in June.

Decisions

Michael McQueen publicly affirmed his renewed commitment to Christ at the conclusion of a week at church camp.



Memorial
Noon luncheon
Sunday, July 22

On Sunday, June 17, 2007, Chairman Bill Sites announced to the congregation that the Building Committee had presented for approval a site for our new church building. Accepting that recommendation, the Elders presented the proposed purchase to the congregation. The recommendation involves the purchase of two pieces of real estate.

The first property consists of 7+ acres of land located on Highway 62 East in the area known as East Side Center. The land lies on the north side of Highway 62E behind Kent Chevrolet and is accessible by a cul-de-sac. The north and west boundaries of the property are bordered by residential homes and condominiums. There are commercial businesses along the southern boundary, including Kevin and Tamara Cotter's West Star Fitness Center.

The land is being offered to Memorial Christian Church for \$150,000.00.

The second piece of property is almost one acre on which a 6,500 square foot metal building exists. This property touches the southwest corner of the first property. It is recommended for

purchase to allow for a private street to be built between Commerce Drive and the building site. This is essential to allow church traffic to enter or exit by way of the Highway 62 East and Commerce Drive intersection, where there is a traffic light.

Congregational Meeting
10:45 a.m.
Sunday, July 8

Agenda: Decide on property purchase

The metal building has the potential to be used by the church for various purposes. But it could also be sold separately from the private drive. The cost of this property is \$185,000.00. The estimated cost to install the private drive could be \$30,000.00 to \$45,000.00.

As Bill Sites stated, a feasibility study is being conducted to ensure that we may use these properties as we intend.

The elders seek input, comments, or questions from the congregation concerning these matters. We especially ask for all to pray as we, God's people, seek to do His will in Mountain Home. Current members

will soon receive a letter from the elders regarding this matter. A meeting of the congregation is scheduled for Sunday, July 8, to allow each member to express his will by way of a vote.

We live in exciting times. The Building Committee, led by Jim Darr, is to be praised for diligently scouring the Mountain Home area for suitable and affordable building sites. As it has turned out, this site was the first one considered almost a year ago, but it was "back-burnered" due to limited access.

The Lord works in subtle ways. He inspired one of our own to find the access we needed and to make it available for our use!

Respectfully,
Bruce Wolf ■

Note: A second verbal explanation regarding this proposal and the congregational meeting was made at the conclusion of the worship service on Sunday, June 24.

Financial Peace University
Enrollment begins in July. See p. 4 for information.



What Children Learn by Gene McCoy

Our worship service concludes each week with the Harvest Prayer. The leader begins by reciting Matthew 9:36. The congregation responds with the prayer Jesus taught, as recorded in verses 37 and 38. The prayer then focuses on a specific missionary or evangelistic concern.

Some may wonder about the value of this weekly recitation of Scripture. But the impact

of this practice and prayer was illustrated by one of our youngest people, Clint Hinds. His mother, Gail, called from their home in West Plains, MO to relate the incident that warms the heart and confirms the practice.

Gail reports that Clint launched into the Harvest Prayer one day, reciting the Scripture flawlessly. If a three-year-old is impacted in this way,

consider what affect it must have upon our older young people and adults.

Our Father in Heaven must be pleased and blessed by this prayer from the lips of His little lambs. Our children are learning the heart of God and growing in appreciation for worldwide evangelism through the weekly recitation of the Harvest Prayer.

Ezekiel in Eureka Preacher as Prophet

by Gene McCoy

The preacher plays various roles, among which are counselor, teacher, and preacher. He also plays the role of a prophet, a spokesman for God. To function as a prophet, one must stand on his feet and have a forehead of flint (Ezekiel 2:1; 3:8, 9). In other words, it requires a *holy conviction* and a *hearty constitution*.

This function rarely wins popularity, but does earn notoriety. Ezekiel experienced prophetic frustration and futility

that results when those being warned of doom and destruction refuse to listen. Regardless, the watchman's duty is to sound the alarm (Ezek. 3:17 ff).

A modern-day Ezekiel resides in the quaint Northwest Arkansas town of Eureka Springs. Known as the home of The Great Passion Play and the 7-story Christ of the Ozarks statue, its new distinction is the first Arkansas city to recognize relationships between unmarried

couples — including homosexuals. Our preacher in Eureka Springs, Phil Wilson, has led the charge to prevent this measure by twice initiating a petition that would allow the citizens to vote on the issue. Despite his success in securing more than enough signatures, the city officials, most of whom are homosexuals, have twice rejected the petition and proceeded to confer official certificates to gay and

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Thank You

To the congregation of Memorial Christian Church,

Thank you very much for your generous contribution of \$855.93 to our baby bottle campaign to assist mothers of newborns. We are deeply

grateful for your thoughtfulness. Thank you for your generosity on behalf of life.

Yours in Christ,
Ted Osoba, Treasurer
Baxter County Right to Life

JULY MEETINGS

- 2 *Willing Workers Worship Ministry Team*
- 9 *Elders*
- 17 *Benevolence Ministry Team*
- 22 *Welcome to Memorial*
- 25 *Missions Ministry Team*

Church Picnic

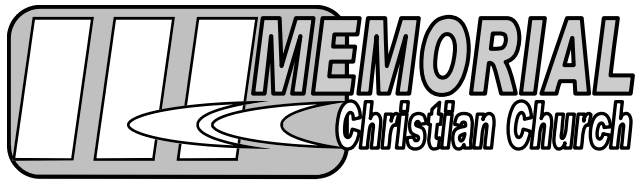


Sunday, July 1
Cranfield

NewsFlash!

Jay & Romola Henry and Ernest & Numreta McFarland's family are coming to visit and minister among us!

They will arrive on Thursday, June 28, and be with us through Sunday afternoon, July 1.



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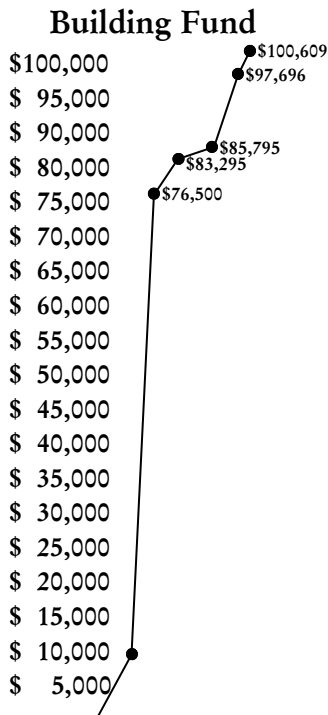
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Meeting Schedule

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



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FREE! introductory orientation
at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 5

The class will meet from
3:30—5:30 p.m. every Sunday
for thirteen weeks beginning
August 19.

Another session of Financial Peace University will begin next month, but those who attend our congregation will be given the opportunity to enroll starting July 15. The \$100 enrollment fee reserves a seat in the class and the kit containing all necessary materials to complete the course.

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lesbian couples giving them privileges heretofore reserved for married heterosexuals. For \$35, homosexual and unmarried heterosexuals are added to the Domestic Partnership Registry.

Ezekiel's prophetic preaching was talked about (33:30), but was not heeded. Phil Wilson's name has appeared in every article our newspaper has published about this story, gaining for him unsolicited notoriety. The message has been heralded but not yet heeded.

If there is any part of the preacher's job that he wishes to avoid, it is the role of a prophet — especially when that involves telling people what they *need* to hear contrary to what they *want* to hear. Prayer support is needed

most when the preacher must be a prophet. We encourage you to pray for Phil and Sherry Wilson, as well as the First Christian Church congregation in Eureka Springs.

Pray, too, for more prophetic preaching. A *prophet in the pulpit* is what every congregation needs. These are men who boldly proclaim God's message without regard for popularity or profit; men who will stand on their feet and say, "Thus says the Lord God" (Ezek. 2:4).

Needed, as well, are Christians who do not merely tolerate, but rather welcome prophetic

preaching. The tendency too often is to kill the messenger (read: fire the preacher) when he dares to be bold and direct. I am grateful for congregations like ours that support and encourage prophetic preaching.

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