

*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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## Why Church Camp?

by Gene McCoy

Every summer we urge young people to participate in church camp. Every summer we are disappointed when some parents allow their children to participate in every other kind of camp program (sports, 4H, cheerleading, etc.) to the exclusion of church camp. Why should church camp be at the top of the list of summer activities?

1. It communicates in real terms to your child that you really do mean it when you say that the Lord and His church are more important than anything else.
2. Your child will be in an environment where the Bible and its prescribed attitudes, behaviors, and disciplines are reinforced in every activity.
3. Bible memorization and knowledge gained there will forever influence your child's life.
4. Lifelong friends are sometimes made that may result in marriage, and will extend into eternity.
5. Many Bible college

- students make their decision at church camp to serve the Lord.
6. Personal interaction with missionaries gives young people a real appreciation for other cultures, for Christians who

- sacrificially serve there, and for worldwide evangelism in general.
7. There is no better value for your money than to send your child to church camp.

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## FPU in Review

The recent Financial Peace University class was the best in every category. More telling than the record number of enrollees are the results.

- Over 170 credit cards cut up
- \$250,000 of debt paid!
- \$80,000 saved!
- 1/3 of a million dollar turnaround!!!
- \$24,000,000 of offered credit declined!

The greatest value of FPU is assessed in terms other than dollars, however.

What was the greatest benefit of FPU?

Titus: "...positive impact on marriages. Many couples left FPU with a new openness, a mutual agreement on

finances, and an overall stronger relationship." Becky: "...improved relationships due to the ability to look at personal finance in a new way, and devising a plan that was workable to both people in the relationship."

Gail: "FPU is working through God to give HOPE to people who never thought they could be out of debt!"

Dave: "The greatest benefit of FPU to this class, based upon the testimonials, seems to have been seeing friends establish goals, make a plan, and implement their plan."

**BOTTOM LINE:**  
FPU was most profitable!!



## Pastor's Pen

by Bill Sites, Pastor

For other articles and information about our congregation, see [www.memorialchristian.com](http://www.memorialchristian.com)

### Additions

**Rhonda Rust**, an immersed believer, has been welcomed into our congregation.



In memory of **Rose Holub**, who died on Monday, May 7



A final salute to **John Leu**, who died on Sunday, May 13

Our Building Committee, chaired by Jim Darr, continues to seek out property for our anticipated relocation. To date, the committee has considered numerous pieces of property in and around Mountain Home. All but one of them has highway frontage or access. The other was near a school complex. Each property has had some positive aspects to it, and each has had negatives. It is felt that we have not yet found the piece of property that

God intends for us. I recently read of a church within our brotherhood that spent three years looking before being led to the property they eventually acquired and built on. It is our prayer that it will not take us that long, but we do want to ensure that we find the best location for our growing ministry to this community. We continue to ask that you remain in earnest prayer concerning this venture. Your loving generosity in response to

our building fund is nearly overwhelming. To grow from nothing to nearly \$100,000 in such a short period of time is amazing. If this kind of giving were to continue, it is within the realm of possibility that we might come close to being able to purchase land for cash, depending on location and size. What a blessing that would be to all of us! Please continue praying for God's will in this effort! ■

## Properties Considered

Numerous sites have been considered by the Building Committee, including properties of various size on the bypass, in town near schools and retail centers, and several in every direction just outside the

city on the primary roads (Hwy. 5, 62/412, 201). Some offer inadequate access. Others are simply too costly to purchase or to develop. The least expensive acreage has been \$16,000/acre. But the location did not suit

the committee. The average cost among the properties considered so far is in the range of \$20,000 to \$37,000 per acre. The more desirable pieces, however, are much more expensive! ■

## Family Life Ministry Team



Dave McQueen has been appointed as the Deacon to oversee the work and ministry of the Family Life Ministry Team. We thank Walt McKay, who previously served in that capacity.

The purpose of this ministry team is "to nurture a family atmosphere among those attending our congregation through social interaction and communication." Specific duties charged to this team include

- Maintaining the family records, such as the membership roll and family directory

- Planning and providing opportunities for fellowship and socializing, such as the church dinners and special events
- Overseeing the age-based social groups
- Overseeing the gender-based spiritual groups, such as Willing Workers and Women of Worth for the ladies and the Memorial Christian Men's Club for the men

If you would like to be a part of this ministry team, please contact Dave McQueen. He will find a place for you to utilize your gifts in serving the body. ■

# Who We Are

by Gene McCoy

## OUR HERITAGE

The church of which we are a part was established by the apostles on the day of Pentecost by the authority of Jesus Christ (Acts 2).

After centuries of denominating due to human creeds and statements of faith, people from these sects, both in Europe and America, initiated a movement at the turn of the nineteenth century to restore the church to its

original form and function, as described in the New Testament. Sharing that conviction and determination to be the church of Christ, we continue to call all believers back to the Bible.

## OUR PLEA

• That all those wearing the name of Christ would discard any designations that divide or denominate and be known simply as Christians (Acts 11:26)  
• That the Bible alone be the basis for doctrine and

practice

• That Bible terminology be used, and only as the Bible employs it

## OUR PURPOSE

• To unite all people under the banner of Jesus Christ as free Christians  
• To be Christians — nothing more and nothing less  
• To fulfill the commission of Christ to make disciples throughout the world (Matthew 28:18-20)

# Fellowship Extended

by Gene McCoy

Since the church belongs to Christ, we are pleased to extend fellowship to all who have obeyed the terms He set forth in the Bible for entrance into His covenant. We, therefore, recognize as our brothers and sisters in Christ all who  
• believe that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah), the Son of God Who alone has the authority to forgive sins. (Matthew 16:16; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 16:31)  
• have forsaken the practice of sin in favor of a life characterized by obedience to the Lord and, therefore, of righteousness. (Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30-31)  
• have declared publicly

with their lips and at all times with their lives that Jesus is not only the Savior, but also the Lord. (Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10)  
• have been born into the family through baptism into Jesus for the forgiveness of sin. (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Romans 6:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:27; 1 Peter 3:20-22)  
• are committing their will and way to serving the Lord as faithful stewards of all their resources, including their time, talents, and treasure. (Luke 12:42, 43; 1 Corinthians 4:2; The Revelation 2:10)  
This surrender to the authority and deity of

Jesus is predicated upon the conviction that the Bible is the complete and inerrant revelation of God's will and the ultimate authority in all things pertaining to one's relationship to God. We eagerly join hands and heart with all who esteem the Bible above all writings, as in a class all by itself, it alone being authored by the Holy Spirit of God.

*The articles on this page are included in the packet of information given to newcomers. The entire packet may be accessed on our web site. Go to [www.memorialchristian.com](http://www.memorialchristian.com) and open the Info Center folder. Scroll down and click on New Member Packet. Also see "What Does Your Church Require?" in the Articles file in the same folder.*

## JUNE MEETINGS

- 4 Willing Workers
- 11 Elders
- 19 Benevolence Ministry Team
- 21 Outreach Ministry Team

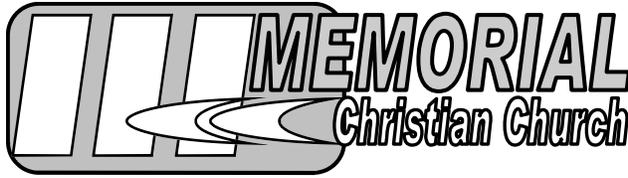
## Church Picnic



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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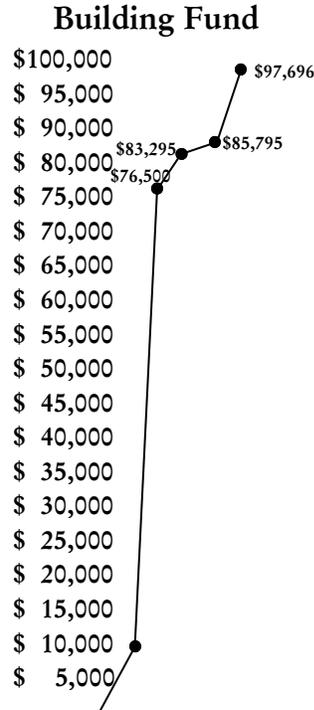
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Meeting Schedule

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

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



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8. What your child learns at church camp will have a greater and more lasting benefit than what is learned at any other kind of camp.
9. In terms of serving the Lord and His church, church camp offers more practical instruction and experience.
10. There seems to be a definite correlation between attending church camp as a youngster and faithful service for the Lord in adulthood.
11. Your child is more likely to hear God's call upon his life and respond favorably to that call while at church camp.
12. Your congregation's youth ministry is strengthened as the young people share the camp experience and return home mutually challenged and accountable.
13. Your preacher and youth

minister agree it is the most important investment of your child's time during the summer.

Are we suggesting that you should require your child to attend church camp, even if he would rather go to soccer camp? Of course not. Not any more than we would expect you to require him to

- eat nutritious food instead of the candy he wants
- attend school instead of going to the lake to fish or the woods to hunt
- brush his teeth and practice personal hygiene
- go to bed at a decent time on school nights
- learn good manners and

- practice common courtesy
  - learn a good work ethic instead of sitting around playing video games all day
  - read good books, watch wholesome shows, and occupy his time in activities with redeeming qualities instead of filling his mind with trash
- Well, I suppose you get the point. Send your kids to church camp! ■



**CIY Know Sweat**  
(Jr. and Sr. High)  
June 25-30 Joplin, MO

**Rock Garden Christian Camp**  
going into

High School	(Grades 9-12)	June 3-8
Intermediate	(Grades 5-6)	June 10-15
Jr. High	(Grades 7-8)	July 8-13
Pee Wee	(Grades 3-4)	July 15-18
First Chance	(Grades 1-2)	July 19-20

Tuition is half price for MCC youth