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and goodwill among His people, our friends.*

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**Meet Eric Dwyer
Our New Youth Minister**

We are pleased to report that we have secured the ministry services of Eric Dwyer, who has agreed to work with us in developing disciples among our students. March 1 is the anticipated date for the beginning of his duties.

Eric graduated from Ozark Christian College with bachelors degrees in Biblical Literature and Student Ministry. Raised in Topeka, KS, he is an avid K.U. Jayhawks fan who enjoys basketball as well as board games. He is an Eagle Scout who has already exhibited here his interest in helping others. He helped the preacher clear members' driveways and sidewalks during our recent snow storm.

Our new Youth Minister gained experience in student ministry as a resident

assistant in one of the dorms at OCC. Those who supervised his work there praise Eric for his spiritual maturity and ability to bring others along in discipleship. He received the Outstanding Mentor Award for his work with the Web City, MO chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

He was ordained by his home church on December 2, 2007. We welcome Eric to our congregation and to the ministry team. ■



ERIC DWYER

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

of the BIBLE

CHORALE

in concert HERE



We are privileged once again to be on the spring tour route of the choir from Central Christian College of the Bible in Moberly, MO. The choir will present its concert in our auditorium at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 23. We urge you to invite your associates from the community to enjoy their

musical presentation, which is always excellent.

In addition to the choir will be musical selections from a small ensemble and the English Handbell Choir.

The Worship Ministry Team is organizing the event by arranging for meals and overnight housing. Please open your

homes to host these young people, and be prepared to assist in the preparation of the meal.

An offering will be received at the concert to help pay for their tour, which will take them through Missouri and Arkansas into Mississippi, Texas, and Louisiana. ■



Pastor's Pen by Gordon Addington, Elder

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

Additions

Julian Armijo was immersed into Christ for the forgiveness of sin on Monday, February 24.

Obituary

Linda Martin died on Friday, February 8, following a heart attack and extended hospitalization.

Former member, **Dorothy Trent**, died in Iowa on Sunday, Feb. 11, at the age of 93 years.

**Inside/Outside
Work Day**
Saturday,
March 22
8:30 a.m.

Ladies Welcome!
NEEDED

In chapter 6 of the Book of Acts we read of the choosing of the seven to perform certain tasks that needed to be done. This found favor with the whole congregation. It allowed the Apostles to continue with the work that had been appointed for them to do.

Throughout the New Testament we see individuals and groups that are commended for their work in the church to the glory of God. I would like to take this opportunity to commend those in this congregation who do the tasks that need to be done. Many of these tasks go unmentioned, but we would certainly know if they were not done.

The number of people who now participate in the many different ministries is a joy to the elders and the ministry managers. It was not always the case. There were times when it was very difficult to find people who were willing to take on many of the things that needed to be done. There were always some, but now there are many. It truly is a blessing to see how everyone is not only willing, but eager to be part of the work in the Body of Christ here at Memorial.

I am very encouraged by the number of men

who are now willing to present devotional thoughts in the Sunday worship time. The worship teams who lead us in our musical praise to the Lord are another area where we have seen an increase in participation. I commend those who have been so faithful in providing our musical accompaniment as well. It would be very different without them.

To those who manage our audio and visual equipment I extend sincere thanks. They have had to deal with some very temperamental equipment, and have done an outstanding job.

I commend the whole congregation for her generosity in giving. Because you have been so generous in sharing the resources that God has given you, the good news of Jesus is being preached not only at home, but around the world. When we made the commitment to increase our giving to missions by one percent a year, we (the leadership) were not sure how, or even if it could be done. Now, several years later, we have the wonderful privilege of sending thousands of **EXTRA** dollars every year to the various missions that we support. We have been able to offer scholarships to several Bible college

students. (We are funding scholarships for four students at present).

Because you have been faithful in your giving, we have been able to honor all of our obligations and still maintain a healthy financial balance.

Memorial Christian Church has also had an influence for Jesus in our community. Many of our number are active in the Right to Life organization, letting our community know that this congregation chooses life.

Thank you to those of you who are active in the work of the Christian Clinic and the Pregnancy Resource Center. And a special mention to those who have given of their time, resources, and skills in helping to build and rebuild both here and in other communities devastated by storms. I also commend all of you who, in your daily activities, reflect Jesus Christ. We all show the world who we are and whom we serve by the way we live.

We owe a special thank you to all of those who spend time in prayer, preparation, study and presenting the lessons in the Bible classes. This congregation is blessed by the caliber of teachers that dispense God's word to all age groups. There has



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been a recent addition to the classes that are offered. Our youngest saints (infants and toddlers) are now learning about our awesome God during the Sunday morning worship time, from a dedicated team of teachers. I should also mention that having full classes certainly is an encouragement to those who present the lessons. And they are very well attended. Praise The Lord.

Much work goes into maintaining, repairing and general upkeep of our building and grounds. The ministry manager and his team charged with that responsibility have done a great job. So have those who have participated in the church work days. It is

a never ending job and we appreciate your diligence.

There are so many areas where the Saints at Memorial Christian Church serve the Lord and His people every day that listing them all here would be difficult, if not impossible. But they include

- those who care for our sick and elderly members,
- those who send out cards and letters of encouragement,
- Those who watch over our finances and see to it that our bills are paid on time and keep records,
- those who serve on committees to search for a new youth minister or architects for our building program, and

•Those who stand at the door of our building on Sunday mornings to welcome and greet people arriving for worship.

The list can go on and on. I know there are people ministering to needs that will never be known to any of us. That is what Jesus meant when he told us to "Love one another".

I have always been drawn to the person of Barnabas in the book of Acts. He was a preacher and traveling companion of Paul. He was an enthusiastic preacher of the Good New of Jesus Christ. He was also known to those who knew him as an encourager. His name translates to "Son of Encouragement." I have always tried to emulate

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That The World May Believe

The midweek class for adults in February and March will feature a video series taught by Dr. James North, professor of History at Cincinnati (OH) Christian University. Dr. North traces the exciting movement on various fronts in the United States and Europe away from denominational division to unity that is based upon the authority of the Scriptures. The American frontier in the early nineteenth century was the setting for a unity movement that swept like a wildfire across Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Ohio.

In these lessons you will learn about the personalities and principles in this movement that continues to plead for unity resulting from the disposal of human creeds and removal of denominational designations, both of which divide

followers of Jesus.

Dr. North tells the amazing story of individuals who, many times unknown to one another, came to similar conclusions independently regarding the only way to unite sincere people from the denominations — specifically, a common commitment to the authority of the Bible as the inspired revelation of God's will.

The series concludes with a brief summary of the three main groups which make up the churches of the Restoration Movement: the non-instrumental Church of Christ, the Disciples of Christ, and the independent Christian Church. Dr. North challenges us to work toward fulfilling the prayer of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane - "that the world may believe."

MARCH MEETINGS

- 3 *Willing Workers*
- 3 *Benevolence Ministry Team*
- 10 *Elders*

The church building will be opened and the Lord's Supper served every Sunday

Weather or Not



Move clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 8



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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



Christian Convention

April 11 & 12

Details available at the church building

- Children's Convention
- Teen Convention
- Exhibits from various ministries

REGISTER NOW!

Key Policy and Procedure *New Keys and Locks*

At the direction of the Elders, the locks have been re-keyed in order to maintain a record of who has access to the buildings. Therefore, only certain people (Elders, Deacons, and employees) have been issued keys. All others will have to sign out a key when they need access to the buildings.

1. You will know in advance if you will need access to either building.
2. It will be your responsibility to see Joy in the church office to sign out a key for either building. (All keys are numbered.)
3. You may not sign out a key for more than one week at a time.
4. You must return the key to Joy and sign that you have returned it.



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Barnabas. I want you, too, will follow the example of our brother Barnabas. Work to the best of your ability for the Lord where you can, and be quick to give a word of encouragement to our fellow workers in the vineyard. It will make your day and theirs, and will be pleasing to The Lord. ■