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and goodwill among His people, our friends.*

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The Last Laugh



by Gene McCoy

As the morning worship was about to begin on Sunday, March 18, I noticed that the lapel microphone had a battery in it. But how much it had been used was unknown. So I asked Jason Schmeski if he thought I should insert a fresh battery. With a mischievous grin, he said, "That depends upon how long your sermon is." I countered, "Well, I plan to preach as long as God wants me to." Not to be outwitted, Jason handed me a fresh battery and said, "I guess we are going to find out if God really loves us." I laughed. But that was not the last laugh!

When I stepped into the pulpit, I rehearsed the conversation so the entire congregation could enjoy the pre-service bantering. Everyone laughed. But that was not the last laugh!

Throughout the introduction of my message, I barely noticed that the movement of people in and out of the auditorium exceeded the usual parade. Preachers grow accustomed to the flow of little children and extremely old people (☺) who must make frequent trips to the bathroom. But

this activity was among those who usually endure to the bitter end.

I had not completed the introduction to my sermon when one of the elders walked down the side aisle signaling "time out" with his hands. He made his way to the pulpit, where he quietly informed me that there was a gas leak and instructed me to dismiss the people and evacuate the building.

I calmly explained to the people, many of

But that was not the last laugh.

This event prompted a variety of observations among my "friends." The most obvious lesson some learned is that God wants me to preach only ten minutes.

There were other lessons learned that day. For example, several of us commented on the fact that many people lingered in the foyer and just outside the building to visit and comment on the situation, seemingly

Mother's Day Tea for ALL women



**11:00 May 13
MCC Banquet Center**

whom had smelled the odor of gas, that everyone needed to calmly make their way out of the building. I then mused, "I guess you all know now that God really does love you!" Everyone laughed.

unconcerned about the prospects of an explosion. One individual, whose identity I will not divulge (but his initials are Norman Lueck), whispered in my ear, "So

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Youth News

by Titus Neuenschwander

Youth Mission Trip

June 9-18

Amy Deutscher, Brandon Bausano, Mandy Klos, and Tim Deutscher will join others in serving the poor and homeless with Christ's Church of the City in L.A., CA. Our team will provide a VBS program for the children of the inner city. Please pray for this team and consider financially supporting this outreach experience.

Elementary Youth J.A.M. presents

Scripture Rock

Sunday Morning May 20th
Reception for youth and parents following program

The elementary young people in the midweek class will be presenting the music and Scriptures they have memorized.

Baptism

Kaylan Lawrence

Was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins on Tuesday, April 3, by her brother-in-law, Brandon Pickett. Kaylan is Courtney Pickett's sister.

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

The Last Laugh

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you are wanting a new church building? Who do you think we could get to go into the furnace room and light a match?" I pointed across the room and said, "Well, Bill is the Chairman!"

People continued to



linger in and around the building even as the fire trucks screamed into the parking lot. Not to implicate any of us, of course, but reflection upon this event provides an illustration of the disbelief of many regarding the warnings of Scripture pertaining to

their impending ruin. But maybe all those who lingered are prepared to leave this earth and were displaying a confident faith in their security.

Whatever the lessons of that day, we need to so prepare that the last laugh will be ours!

from the Wu Family in China

Julie went to China as a missionary. She met and married Yi. A crisis pregnancy required Julie to relinquish her job, resulting in great financial strain. Then one of the twins died in the womb and Julie's parents in TN needed financial assistance to travel to her side. Our Benevolence Ministry Team initiated a special offering that garnered \$869.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We find it difficult to put into words what our hearts desire to express to you. . . We are overwhelmed by the love of the family of God.

Your generosity and constant prayers are a reminder to us that even in the midst of some dark and scary times, we were not alone. God knew what we needed and used you . . .

Thank you for helping my much needed family to venture to China. You helped us get that first hand love and

encouragement I've been hungry for. . . (and) my husband has never known, and my children need to start them on their own personal roads of learning what the power of the love of family can do in one's life. Thank you, thank you, thank you for being willing to be God's instruments of mercy in our lives.

In the name of the One who makes us family,
Yixiang, Julie, Isaac & Dornie

The entire letter is posted on the bulletin board.

Congratulations!

Wedding Bells



Nathan Lueck & Monica Edmonds

Saturday, May 12

Property Ministry Team Report

by Jim Darr, Deacon

The workday on March 24th was a huge success because sixteen of God's people showed up to work in this ministry. They were Bruce & Vicky Wolf, Dave &

Jeanette McQueen, Michael McQueen, Norman Lueck, Dennis & Barbara Cline, Forest Cotter, Joe & Jean Harrell, Gail Bettenhausen, Gene & Fern Frazier,

James Evans, and Titus Neuenschwander.

Several projects were completed and others were begun. The flower beds were cleaned up and shrubs trimmed, the sanctuary was cleaned, furnace filters were changed, the grounds were cleaned up. The women's washroom in the lower level was painted and updated. The men's will be next. (A big thank you to Dave and Jeanette McQueen for taking on the remodeling of the washrooms.) Other projects started and to be completed later are painting of stop blocks in the parking lot, and replacement of bad light fixtures around the outside of the buildings. There is construction work in the old fellowship hall that needs to be done. I am looking for some volunteers to do this work, so contact me if you are interested.

**Ms. Janie Edmonds and Mr. Joe Edmonds request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Monica Delaney Edmonds
To
Nathan Jacob Lueck
son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lueck
on Saturday, the twelfth of May
Two thousand and seven
at two o'clock in the afternoon
First Christian Church
2338 Highway 62 West
Mountain Home, Arkansas
Reception immediately following**

Building Committee Report

by Jim Darr, Chairman

The Building Committee meeting on April 2nd was cancelled, so no official action was taken. The committee is in the process of determining the square footage needed in a new building and looking at floor

plans. The committee is continuing to look for affordable property that provides a good building site. The committee is committed to being good stewards of the congregation's finances.

Summer Camp by Titus Neuenschwander

Summer camp season is here! We encourage you to register early.

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

Rock Garden Christian Camp

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

MAY MEETINGS

- 6 Education Ministry Team
- 7 Willing Workers
- 10 Property Ministry Team
- 12 MC²
- 14 Elders
- 15 Benevolence Ministry Team
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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 3



John Lloyd
North Arkansas College

Jennifer Lloyd
Harding University

Amanda Pickett
Clayton Shafer
University of Arkansas

Brandon Bausano
Tim Deutscher
Mtn. Home High School



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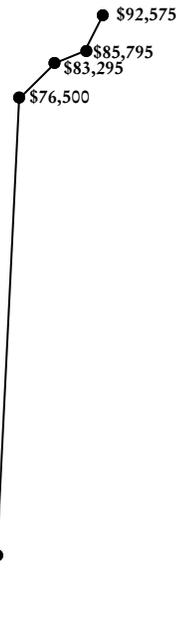
Meeting Schedule

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

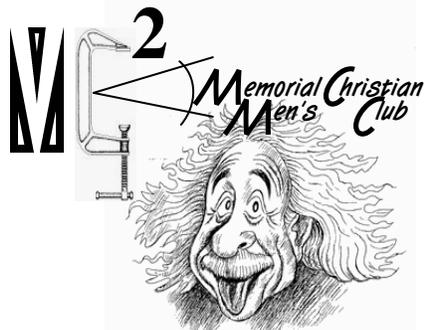
Building Fund

- \$100,000
- \$ 95,000
- \$ 90,000
- \$ 80,000
- \$ 75,000
- \$ 70,000
- \$ 65,000
- \$ 60,000
- \$ 55,000
- \$ 50,000
- \$ 45,000
- \$ 40,000
- \$ 35,000
- \$ 30,000
- \$ 25,000
- \$ 20,000
- \$ 15,000
- \$ 10,000
- \$ 5,000



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72653

Sent With a Prayer to



Saturday, May 12
9:00 — 10:30 Rain date May 19

Breakfast Program: **WHEELS**

Street rods, T-buckets, classic cars and motorcycles will be displayed by their builders and owners.

Invite your buddies to breakfast and introduce them to our congregation.

Seminar on Genesis 1-11
First Christian Church West Plains May 25-28

Our sister congregation in West Plains, MO has invited us to benefit from the teaching of Prof. Mark D. Berrier relating to a very critical section of Scripture. Prof. Berrier teaches at Dallas Christian College and is eminently qualified.

Some of the specific topics to be covered in this seminar include the age of the earth, the meaning of the term "day," the longevity of

humans before the Flood, dinosaurs, etc.

If you would like to reserve a seat in the church van to attend this seminar, contact Gene McCoy.

Seminar Schedule

Friday 6:30 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. — Noon
Sunday 6:30 p.m.
Monday 6:30 p.m.

Summer Volunteers Needed



3-4 volunteers needed to help with Elementary youth summer programs

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