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in the interest of promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and goodwill among His people, our friends.*

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**Sabreena Massey to visit
Ozark Christian College Day**

The congregation will be blessed on Sunday morning, May 4, with an update on our Bible college ministry in Joplin, MO. Representing the college will be Dr. Larry Pechawer, professor of Old Testament, and his wife, Julie. Accompanying them will be Sabreena Massey, student at OCC and daughter of our preacher in Pakistan, Dr. Saleem Massey, and his lovely wife, Naylah.



We hope Sabreena will be prepared and willing to relate her perspectives on our ministry in Pakistan. Dr. Pechawer

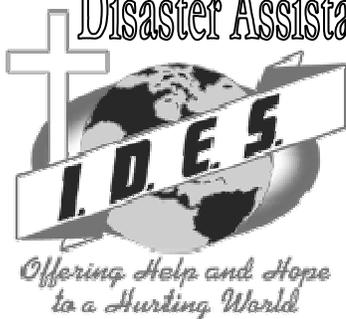
plans to encourage us with information about the good work Ozark Christian College is doing in preparing workers for the harvest. This is a ministry our

congregation supports financially.

Members of our congregation who have received training at OCC include

Michael Lockhart, Brett Schmeski, Brandon Bausano, Tim Deutscher, and Eric Dwyer. Steve and Rhonda Hayward, our ministers in Papua New Guinea, are also OCC alumni.

Disaster Assistance Response Team



Joe Luttrell, D.A.R.T. Coordinator for International Disaster Emergency Services, Inc., has accepted our invitation to visit with individuals in our congregation who are interested in forming a Disaster Assistance Response Team. We encourage you to attend an informational meeting after the church dinner on Sunday, May 18.

When established, a D.A.R.T. is prepared to respond immediately when disaster strikes. Our team could quickly respond to events such as the recent tornado in Gassville and flood relief efforts last month, or assist in cleaning up after ice storms, like the one that brought Springfield, MO to a standstill a couple years ago.

Whether you are interested in actively participating or in serving in a support role, we urge you to attend the luncheon meeting to learn all you can about this valuable ministry. It will not obligate you in any way. Nor will it cost you anything but a little time.



Preacher's Pen *by Gene McCoy*

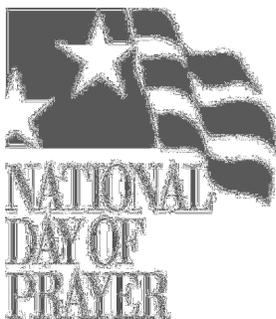
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Birth

Charles and Kim Monahan welcomed **Killian Joseph** into the world on Friday, April 18. The 8 lb. 2 oz. boy joins brother, Will, and sister, Sydney.



The church has set up an account to assist the Monahan family with the medical expenses incurred by the helicopter flight and intensive care at Children's Hospital in Little Rock. Please contribute at any Arvest Bank.



1st Thursday in May

In a recent meeting with the Elders, I was impressed with the amount of ministry that is taking place by those not on the payroll. This is a sign of spiritual health and an indicator that people are being equipped to do the work of ministry (Eph. 4:11, 12).

We heard a report from the Benevolence Ministry Team regarding their assistance to people whose lives were disrupted and possessions destroyed in the recent tornado and floods. The team is also initiating help to local families who have adopted many children, all of whom have various handicaps.

A couple of our Elders have provided counsel and material assistance to a member of the congregation who is in desperate circumstances.

We learned about a family in our congregation that is again providing a home and a family environment for some children.

A lengthy discussion related to ways and means by which the congregation could support one of our young people who is planning to devote much of the summer to a missionary work project in Africa. (See p. 4)

A member of the congregation who is involved in the elementary education ministry

outlined the pressing challenges being faced in this department. The Elders empathized with the volunteers who are being stretched and stressed by the load of preparing and conducting meaningful lessons in addition to their full-time employment and motherly responsibilities at home.

Closely related to the concern of adequate staffing is that of proper behavior among the children to whom we are ministering. Most of the young people in all levels of our youth ministry come from homes in which little, if any training is provided, especially in spiritual matters. Our youth ministry is truly a mission field.

Besides the lack of spiritual training among these children is the apparent absence of social training. Our volunteers are exhausted physically due to the demands of advance preparation. But they are also exhausted mentally and emotionally due to the challenges of maintaining classroom decorum that is conducive to learning.

In response to this report, the Elders discussed several options to address the needs. They subsequently met with several volunteers in our youth ministry and the preachers to explore possible remedies. Those

relating to the discipline issues are being implemented immediately, including the monitoring of classes by the Elders and male sponsors from the older youth group who are voluntarily responding to the need.

The Building Committee reported their choice of an architect to draw the plans for our new church building. This committee has worked diligently and responsibly to lead us in this huge undertaking.

The Property Ministry Team reported their work of resolving the drainage problem in our plumbing system and apprised the Elders of necessary measures to address the leaking roof and foundation in the main building.

We left the meeting expressing gratitude to God for the many volunteers who serve this congregation so well. Their value is easily ignored because they demand no recognition. Their value is realized when they get burned out and quit, however! How may we prevent that? Pray for them, for sure. But don't stop there. Volunteer to assist them. That's right. Actually exit your prayer closet and get physically involved. No service offered to God is insignificant or unappreciated! ■

Architect Selected Building Committee Report

The committee has recommended Elton Roe, Architect, to the Elders as the firm to design our new church building. The Elders are reviewing the contract and will seek legal advise before signing it.

The signing of this contract will mark the start of the building project, which will include the

following phases.

1. Schematic design and program development (input will be required from all programs in the church)
2. Design development and presentation to the congregation for approval
3. Construction documents (technical

- drawings and specifications)
4. Bidding process
 5. Start of construction

This will be a long involved process of one to one and half years and the input from many will be needed. ■



God's Green Thumb *by Eric Dwyer*

This time of year always excites me. When I was younger, I would run from my school building singing "No more pencils, no more books!" The days were longer which gave me more daylight to play baseball, climb trees, ride my bike, go swimming, eat burgers from the grill, shoot off fireworks, and CHURCH

CAMP! I always looked forward to camp. It was a time to be away from the parents and cut loose with my friends!

School is out! Learning is done for a while and I can have FUN!

Many emotions and memories run through my head as I look back on my years as a camper. I snicker every time I think about the year my best friend Jon was standing in front of me in line for breakfast and he fainted! His head went right into my bacon and eggs! =)

I am somber when I remember the year twin brothers (and good friends) Dustin and Dallas received news in the middle of the week that their father passed away at home. They were surrounded by brothers and sisters who

deeply cared and showered them with prayer.

My personal favorite took place in a toasty chapel class about heaven and all Jesus did to get me there. It was then I knew I needed to accept God's gift of salvation and be baptized when I got home.

(I don't remember that teacher's name or even what she looked like. But I will give her a BIG thank you hug someday in the very place she taught me about.)

The Feds made me go to school in the fall. But I actually WANTED to go to camp! I may not have been in a designated building with desks and books from 8-3, but the learning didn't stop. I didn't know what God was doing beneath the soil of my heart. The seed of the Word of God was taking root, and camp was definitely the Miracle Grow. You don't have to look very hard to see the Gardener pruning those on the vine to bear much fruit. If you let Him, He can do wonders with you in a week of camp. ■

June 1-6	Sr. High
June 8-13	Intermediate
July 6-9	Pee-Wee
July 9-11	1st Chance
July 13-18	Jr. High



MAY MEETINGS

- 4 Education Ministry Team
- 5 Willing Workers Benevolence Ministry Team
- 10 Memorial Christian Men's Club
- 12 Elders
- 18 Informational meeting re: Disaster Assistance Response Team

Offering Report

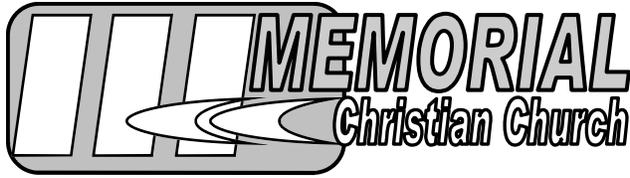
Contributions to Central Christian College of the Bible resulting from the Chorale's concert here on March 23 amounted to **\$3,190**.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the college personnel, I thank you for your extreme generosity!

Gene McCoy

THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

\$9,168 = balance owed on the East Side Centre Court property
\$2,205.35 = the Building Fund
\$33,300 = General Fund balance as of 4/13



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

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

The Ozark Christian College
Class of 2008
Eric Henry Dwyer
invites you to share in our joy
at the Commencement Exercises
on Saturday, May 17th
at 10:00 a. m.

OCC Multi-Purpose Building
1111 North Main Street
Joplin, Missouri



Tiffany Deutscher *Malawi Mission*

Tiffany Deutscher has been accepted by Teen Missions, International to serve the Lord in Malawi with a team of workers that will construct a kitchen and bathroom facility in the housing units for girls who have to walk several miles to go to school. She will also be sharing the Gospel through personal testimonies, music, and puppetry in the local churches.

She will need \$4,800 by June 7, when she leaves for Boot Camp training in FL. She will return on July 29. Prayerfully consider making a contribution at a fundraising dinner on her behalf on Sunday, May 18. It will be served in our Banquet Center after the Bible class period.

Whether or not you are able to contribute financially, please attend the dinner to give Tiffany encouragement in her pursuit of serving the Lord by serving people.