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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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Gateway Singers Family Weekend



7:00 p.m. Concert Saturday, October 6

9:30—11:30 a.m. Sunday, October 7

These friends from Iowa have been favorites among our folks. We are fortunate to host them and to sponsor their family oriented ministry of music and inspirational messages.

During their 38 years of ministry, they have traveled the nation and internationally with their message of



hope, family values, and encouragement. They have recorded 20 albums that are available on 11 compact discs.

Dave is a counselor specializing in family, marriage, addictions, and personal counseling. Don is a Licensed Pastoral Counselor who also does crisis counseling.

You will enjoy their renditions that include a cappella, old-time gospel, and contemporary tunes, all of which are presented at a volume that is comfortable for ALL!

The Saturday evening concert will be a fundraising effort for Baxter County Right to Life.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October has been designated as "Pastor Appreciation Month" for several years. Our congregation is blessed to have capable and caring Pastors who oversee and lead this flock. Their names are listed in the sidebar to the left.

These Elders constantly strive to develop their skills in leadership and pastoring. Among the most notable

accomplishments in recent years has been their ability to empower and encourage our Deacons (aka Ministry Managers) in their various areas of service.

The preachers also appreciate the Pastors for taking the lead in the current relocation process. In many congregations, the preachers are put in the precarious position of promoting building

programs, which often has negative effects. The congregation commends our Pastors for taking the lead and for keeping all adequately informed through frequent communication.

Our appreciation may be expressed more during this month, but it actually continues throughout the year. Thank you for your service, gentlemen.



Preacher's Pen by Gene McCoy

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

**Men's Retreat
Fri. & Sat.,
Nov. 2 & 3**
Discovery Ministries
Eminence, MO

**National
Missionary
Convention
Nov. 15-18
Cincinnati, OH**
Attending from our congregation will be Norman & Kathy Lueck, Rick & Jan Schmeski, and Gene & Becky McCoy.

In his first letter to the Christians who were scattered because of great persecution, Peter encourages them to faithfulness by writing of the hope we have in Christ. If there is ever a time when holy living is difficult, it is certainly during times of persecution.

But this is the very purpose for which we have been called. Paul declares in Ephesians 1:4 that God chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. We need to know, therefore, what it means to be holy.

We need to understand that being holy is **NOT** a matter of **DOING** but of **BEING**. It's not what you **DO**, but rather what you **ARE**. This fundamental principle is illustrated by the life of Mother Theresa, whose compassion to the poor and downcast is well known. Mother Theresa did not **become** a compassionate person by helping the poor. She helped the poor because she **was** a compassionate person. In the same way, we do not **become** holy by things we **do**. But we **do** deeds of holiness because we **are holy**.

In Ephesians 5:25-27 Paul says there must not

be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking." This is not the **means** to holiness but rather the **measure** or expression of it.

Because we are holy, Peter says our lives should exhibit certain characteristics. Read his exhortation in 1 Peter 1:13-16.

PREPARATION

We must first prepare our minds for action. We must be mentally prepared to serve God; deliberate, having our minds constantly focused on God.; mentally and spiritually ready to do God's work.

This involves deliberate thought, according to Paul (Phil. 4:8). We must continually think on things that are true, noble, right, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy.

Such preparation requires **CONCENTRATION**.

Peter characterizes it as self-control, or soberness of spirit. Having a clear mind is essential. We should not be influenced by worldliness and polluted by immorality or sin, but free from all mental

drunkenness. In chapter 5 Peter alerts us to watchfulness because Satan, as a roaring lion, is always looking for an opportunity to destroy us. We cannot afford to allow our minds to be intoxicated by the impurities of the world.

King David will testify to the wisdom of this teaching with regard to what we allow our eyes to see (2 Sam. 11). The Bible also warns us about what we allow into our minds through our ears. That which we allow into our heart will likely come out of our mouths in unholy speech.

Our concentration upon holiness produces with us a keen sense of **ANTICIPATION**.

The Christians to whom Peter wrote were suffering great persecution. Their present circumstances would not encourage them to maintain a life of holiness. What they needed was a word of hope! They needed to be reminded of their future glory and reward.

Hope is among the most powerful motivations know to man. Hope of winning the gold medal motivates the Olympic athlete to the daily discipline of practice and training. Hope of finding a miracle cure motivates medical researchers to work tirelessly in the

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Building Committee Update by James Darr

The Building Committee is in the process of contacting various design and build companies to obtain information regarding services they provide. The committee will compare information obtained from each company such as

- 1) design services in determining size and style of building needed,,
- 2) master plan for future expansion,
- 3) building type and structure,
- 4) project management,
- 5) references of projects,
- 6) the best value for our money,
- 7) company portfolio.

The committee will determine the top three companies from information supplied and ask them to interview with the committee and provide a presentation of the company's ideas for our new building.

The committee will then recommend to the Elders the top two companies. These will make a presentation to the Elders, who will then decide which of the two companies will design and build our church building.

This process should be completed by the end of January 2008 . ■

Benevolence Ministry Team Report

by James Evans

We are again collecting canned and boxed food throughout October to help replenish the supply at the Mtn. Home Food Basket. Collection boxes are located in the foyer of our church building.



Mark your calendars for the annual Ingathering Worship Service. It will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a monetary gift representing their bounty. The Benevolence Ministry Team will purchase food to distribute in holiday baskets. ■

BE HOLY (Cont. from page 2) laboratory, and motivates the afflicted to continue their fight against terminal illness. And it is the hope Christians have in their eternal reward that motivates them to holy living.

Holy living may seem to be an impossibility in this old world of sin. But we have One who has promised to give us the resources to succeed. And He has promised to come again with His reward. It is this hope that keeps us on the path of holiness.

John testifies that “When [Jesus] appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.” And “everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure” (1 Jn. 3:2b, 3). Peter goes on to say that we should be holy as the Lord is holy. This is **CONSECRATION**.

Our holiness will never equal God's in *degree*. But we should be like god in our *nature*. Peter says we are not to conform to the evil desires we had when we lived in

ignorance. Paul said we are not be **CON**formed to this world, but rather **TRANS**formed by the renewing of our mind. Instead of living according to the pattern of this world, we should pattern our lives after God's will.

The renewing of our mind may be compared to the process in military boot camp of training the recruit to *stop* thinking and acting like a civilian and to *start* thinking and acting like a soldier or sailor. Paul says holy living

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OCTOBER MEETINGS

- 1 Willing Workers
- 1 Building Committee
- 1 Worship Ministry Team
- 8 Elders
- 14 Congregational Business Meeting
- 16 Benevolence Ministry Team
- 17 Missions Ministry Team
- 25 Outreach Ministry Team

Annual Congregational Dinner and Business Meeting

Sunday, October 14

Agenda:

- Service & Ministry Survey
- By-laws amendments

Time Change



Move clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 4.



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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



Life Chain

Be a Link for Life. Spend an hour, save a life.

Sunday, October 7 2:00—3:00

405-4806 www.lifechain.net

2008 Officers Selected

At the congregational meeting conducted on Sunday, September 30, the entire slate of officers was approved by an overwhelming margin. Continuing in the office of Elder will be Bruce Wolf and Gordon Addington. Continuing as Treasurers will be Kathy Lueck and Jan Schmeski. A new Trustee, Gene Frazier, was selected to serve with the two other Trustees. The new Sunday School Superintendent is Joey Peglar.

Bill Sites provided a verbal explanation of proposed changes to the by-laws. The Annual Congregational Business Meeting on Sunday, October 14, is when the congregation will vote on those changes.

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demands a holy sacrifice. We must **restrain** our fleshly appetite and **restrict** our conduct to that which glorifies God.

Being holy is not what we **DO** but what we **ARE**. Nor is it because of **WHO** we are, but **WHOSE** we are. Here, then, is the key to holy living — **BEING HOLY**. This demands preparation, concentration, anticipation, and consecration. This cannot be done apart from prayer. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonian Christians (1 Thess. 3:13) is our prayer for you.

Lord, may You strengthen our hearts so that we will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. Amen. ■