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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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From Papua New Guinea

Haywards to visit

Steve and Rhonda Hayward, our ministers in Papua New Guinea, will be our special guests for a few days at the end of May and beginning of June. They will, in fact, be reporting on their work with Pioneer Bible Translators and presenting a gospel message during our meeting on Sunday morning, June 4.

The Missions Ministry Team is planning various activities and events during the Haywards' visit in which we encourage you to participate. The practice adopted in the last year of hosting our missionaries for several days has enhanced the relationship



Jason, Rhonda, Carissa, Steve

between those who send and those who go to the remotest parts of the earth.

Watch the weekly bulletin for details about opportunities to interact personally with the Haywards during their stay in Mountain Home. Your life will be enriched!



HOME COMMUNION The Lord's Supper will be served to any home-bound Christian who is incapable of meeting with the saints around the Lord's Table. It must be requested by the individual seeking it. Service will be provided every Sunday at the convenience of the provider.

Additions!

BAPTIZED



Dave & Gail
Bettenhausen

Linda Martin



The Property Ministry
Team Announces
Inside Work Day
Saturday, May 20

Meetings This Month

- 1 Willing Workers
- 8 Elders
- 11 Property Ministry Team
- 15 Baxter County Right to Life
- 16 Benevolence Ministry Team

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By mistake

I Opened Your Mail

Gene McCoy

A letter arrived in the church mail this morning. It was written by a cowardly person. No, the woman didn't sign it that way. That's just the point. She didn't sign it at all. That is cowardly.

It isn't that I am stooping to name-calling, either. I am merely stating a fact known by all sincere, civilized and Christianized individuals, specifically, that an anonymous attack of this nature is cowardly.

Normally, I would discard a vindictive letter written anonymously. And I was about to discard this letter until I realized she wasn't directing her venom toward me, but toward you.

The writer alleges that "some of your members are not real Christians." Her basis for this allegation is that she sees professed Christians displaying a critical spirit, while others "look down their noses" at those who "don't fit into your way of life."

Why didn't I throw away the letter and refuse to burden you with her cowardly attack? Because I'm sure her observation has some basis in fact! Face it. Our congregation has its share of imperfect

people. I see spiritual and social deficiencies in our congregation. It frustrates and concerns me when I see Christians living lives on Monday that do not correspond to their profession of faith and holiness on Sunday. But candidly, the inconsistency that concerns and frustrates me most is that which exists in me.

The fact of the matter is that each of us could take to heart the criticism of this woman. For every one of us is guilty to some degree. And every congregation of Christians (and Elks,

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Rotarians, Eagles, Optimists, etc.) is a worthy target of her criticism. In fact, I will not be surprised to learn that the same letter was mailed to several congregations, an indication that she is just angry at Christians in general who have disappointed her.

But the fact that we recognize faults within each of us is not a reason to abandon the others. It is, in fact, a reason to stay

and hopefully encourage others by our example of what a "real Christian" is.

The reasons I selected this forum to address my thoughts to the letter-writer are at least two. First, I did not know to whom or where to address a personal reply. Second, if it is true that the writer actually attended our meetings, she is very likely a recipient of this paper. So this is the only channel of communication I have.

Allow me, then, to reason with her on your behalf. Consider these thoughts, my friend.

Since you present yourself as a stellar example of how a Christian ought to behave — "to show the sinner the right

way to live and not to judge them on how they live," for "God will work through us to bring them to his way of living" — I have to wonder why you

- 1) judged members of our congregation, and
- 2) abandoned this holy cause you accurately define.

It is obvious you were not present all the times we preached and taught the Bible method of

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 correcting a sinning brother or sister. Did not Jesus teach us to first go to the offender in private (Matt. 18:15)? And didn't Paul teach us to gently restore a brother who is blindsided by sin (Gal. 6:1)? It is apparent that you, like those you criticize, have not heeded all that is taught here.

I wish you success in your quest for a

fellowship of perfect or fully matured Christians. But I have to be concerned about a congregation with no immature or recent converts present. Those Christians are not fulfilling the commission of Christ to bring into the fold fledglings and refugees from the wicked world.

My other concern for that congregation is the

fact that adding you to their fellowship is going to ruin their perfection. In the event the congregation realizes that fact and refuses your fellowship, perhaps you will return and work with us in our common pursuit of spiritual maturity and Christian conduct . . . until we all get it right!



The Annual
**NATIONAL
 DAY OF
 PRAYER**

First Thursday of May

Hickory Park

Noon

Thur., May 4

**Lake Area
 FELLOWSHIP**
 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 30
 Flippin Christian Church

Music Fellowship Food



What do you know? Stem Cells & Cloning

The Baxter County Right to Life organization offers you a 34-minute tutorial on the topic.

Attend the presentation in our Banquet Center on Monday evening, May 15, beginning at 7:00. Utilizing simple language and clear diagrams, the basic biology of stem cells and cloning will be outlined. It will clarify the moral



Plans are being made to take a group of up to forty people to Slidell, LA for a week-long work project to help rebuild a neighborhood where the Christian Church is located. In addition to construction

projects, some group members will have the opportunity to distribute tracts and literature.

Contact Norman and Kathy Lueck to volunteer your service and ministry. The crew needs to be formed several weeks prior to the actual trip, so please make plans now.

issues on the basis of scientific fact. It also compares the morally objectionable and, thus far, unsuccessful use of embryonic stem cells with the morally acceptable and much more successful medical application of umbilical cord and adult stem cells.

This is a topic that will have an increasing impact in the political and moral arena, so it is important that Christians be informed and armed with the facts.

Congratulations!

To **Joey & Vanessa Peglar**, proud parents of Jace Brighton, born on April 12.

To **Jeff & Lee Ann Small**, who welcomed Noelle into their family on April 4th.

To **Charles & Kim Monahan**, who were married on April 8.



**Adult Outing
 Saturday, May 20**

\$47 before May 10
 Includes buffet dinner

Organizers: Maryln Evans and Melva Derrickson



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Meeting Schedule

Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
9:30 Worship	5:30 Supper
10:45 Bible Classes	6:30 Bible Classes



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

Youth Ministry News & Calendar

Titus Neuenschwander

The youth ministry of Memorial Christian is making a big change this summer.

The focus of the summer will be on building stronger relationships with your children through church camp and special events. We are offering more activities than ever before so keep watch in your mailbox for the details of each event.

As a result, the regular Wednesday night children's program will not be in session June 6th through August 16th, but will resume again on August 23rd.

Please take a moment to review the camp schedule and special events. Specifically notice the camp dates for your children. Christian camp was an important part of my life. Each year I see teens and children make life changing commitments at camp. Our youth ministry believes so much in the importance of camp that we pay 50% of the tuition to Rock Garden Christian Camp. Registration will be located in the church foyer and office. There is a five dollar discount for early registration. ■

Rock Garden Christian Camp

Camp	Date	Fall	Church
		2006 Grade	Discount
High School	June 4-9	9 th -12 th	\$40
Intermediate	June 11-16	5 th -6 th	\$40
Pee Wee	June 25-28	3 rd -4 th	\$30
First Chance	June 29-30	1 st -2 nd	\$17.50
Jr. High	July 9-15	7 th -8 th	\$40
CIY	July	9 th -12 th	N/A

Summer Events Calendar

May 31 – JAM Summer Celebration
 June 21 – JAM Outdoor Theater
 June 24 – Sr. and Jr. High Canoe Trip
 June 28 – Sr. and Jr. High Snack and Shack
 July 7 – JAM Springfield Zoo
 July 26 – JAM Snack and Shack
 Aug 4-6 St. Louis Mission Trip
 Aug 9 – JAM Progressive Dinner
 Aug 20 – Sr. and Jr. High Lake Trip