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and goodwill among His people, our friends.*

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## ***Missions Ministry Team Reports***

### ***Missionary Children***

### ***Eligible for College Scholarship***

The Missions Ministry Team has unanimously and enthusiastically adopted the proposal to include the children of missionaries we support in our existing college scholarship program.

For several years, students from Memorial Christian Church who attend Bible colleges within our fellowship have been eligible for financial assistance. Full time students (12 or more semester hours) currently receive \$800 per semester. This money is sent directly to the college and applied to the student's account.

Including the children of missionaries we support is a reasonable decision, since we have considered our international preachers an extension of our ministry staff. They are listed on our stationary along with our local preachers as part of our "ministry staff." To be consistent, therefore, it was

determined that their children should be treated just like any other young person in our congregation.

The scholarship is awarded each semester upon receipt of a written application and request from the student. In the application, the student is asked to define educational objectives, report grade point

averages, and provide an accounting of academic success. The applicant is also required to identify the college he or she plans to attend. ■

### ***Supported Missions by MCC***

*Missionary children are now included in our college scholarship program.*

- ◆ Pakistan Christian Evangelical Services -- Saleem Massey Family
- ◆ Mid-India Christian Mission -- Jay Henry and Ernest McFarland Families
- ◆ Pioneer Bible Translators -- Steve and Rhonda Hayward Family
- ◆ Rio Bravo Ministries -- Brad and Linda Berg Family
- ◆ Central Christian College of the Bible -- Moberly, MO
- ◆ Ozark Christian College -- Joplin, MO
- ◆ Christ on Campus -- University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
- ◆ Show-Me Christian Youth Homes -- LaMonte, MO

## SEPTEMBER

### MEETINGS

- 14 6:30 Elders  
15 6:30 Benevolence  
Ministry Team  
17 Annual Congrega-  
tional Meeting  
7:00 Outreach Min-  
istry Team

### NEXT MONTH

- 8 Annual Business  
Meeting

### THANK YOU

*I would like to thank you for the window unit air conditioners. They were such a great blessing. Billie Sue and Jim brought them to us and we wanted to thank you and let you know how greatly appreciated they are.*

*Thank you,  
Michelle Cox  
and Family*

*Our Church Family  
and Friends,*

*Thank you so much for your many prayers, cards, and acts of kindness on behalf of Tyler. There were days we felt we were drowning and you helped pull us through. We know we still have a tough journey ahead, but there is great comfort knowing you have been by our side.*

*Titus, Lesli, and Family*

## Tribute to Our Forebears *by Gene McCoy*

We will soon celebrate the fortieth anniversary of this congregation's existence. As the years pass, so do those who witnessed the birth of this body. Although few of us have been involved from its inception, all of us are grateful for the faith exhibited by those who began this work.

Based upon the experience of most congregations contemplating a building proposal or the establishment of a new congregation, we can easily imagine some of the obstacles they faced.

There are always emotional issues involved. Our congregation, for example, was born in the environment of an emotional upheaval resulting from theological or doctrinal differences.

As it turns out, the decision to part ways from the original group has been validated and justified by their continued departure from Biblical teaching and practice. We are grateful for the strong convictions and wise foresight of the leaders who led the congregation through that emotionally charged era.

It was the right decision.

Forty years later, I think it is safe to say

there is no lingering emotional stress.

There are emotional issues to overcome when a congregation elects to abandon its present building in favor of a new structure. There are many memories that live in church buildings.

Whether it was a wedding or a funeral, a baptism or a special event, the buildings in which they occur grow in sentimental value.

Forty years ago, a group of faithful men and women experienced that emotional withdrawal when they launched into a building program to create a meeting place for

***Thank God for the people whose faith was greater than their fear forty years ago.***

our congregation. We honor them for persevering in the cause of expanding the Kingdom of God despite the emotional drain upon them as individuals.

Then there are financial issues involved. I wonder if there has ever been an occasion when a congregation proposing a new building did not have to respond to the objection that "this is not a good time to build." Concerns about the

economy have always plagued proponents of progress. Even though median income in the mid-60s was increasing, we can easily imagine that there were strong reservations voiced about the proposal to build a church building to house this fledgling congregation.

Added to concerns about the economy was undoubtedly the concern about the limited number of people upon whom this enterprise depended for financial success. It was a handful of people who, forty years ago, stepped out in great faith and personal financial risk to establish what we can easily take for granted.

Forty years later, this congregation is completely debt free and is contributing 21% of all income to worldwide evangelism. Several young people have attended Bible college. Mission trips have broadened the perspective of the entire congregation to match that of the Lord Himself. Some have gone out from this congregation to be involved in vocational ministry. The huge risk and investment forty years ago has paid great dividends!

As we approach the October 8 celebration, let

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 us give thanks to God for richly blessing this congregation. In your prayers of thanksgiving and praise, please remember to thank God for the people whose faith was greater than their fear forty years ago.

Then ask God to so work in your life that you develop and display similar faith when challenged with seemingly impossible opportunities. ■

**ANNIVERSARY  
 CELEBRATION**



**Sunday  
 October 8, 2006**

***Benefit  
 Concert was a  
 Great Success***

*Seventy people attended the Good Twins benefit concert for Show-Me Christian Youth Home. The offering collected that night was \$2,825. Added to this was the \$300 fee paid to missionary speakers, bringing the grand total to \$3,125.*

***Come to the Rock*** by Titus N.



What do you do with the Rock that will not shatter, crack, crumble, or break? What do you do with the Rock that cannot be moved? What do you do with the Rock that neither wind, rain, nor time can erode? You run to the Rock. You stand on the Rock. You build on the Rock.

Moses through the Holy Sprit said, "He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he."

David praised God saying, "The LORD is my rock, my fortress and

my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation."

Jesus said, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

The Christian Education Ministry, Worship Ministry, and Youth Ministry teams of MCC are working together to present a Christian Education experience for the whole family for 3 weeks in September entitled, "Come to the Rock."

Our focus for the

Sunday morning worship will be centered on the Rock in singing praises and in preaching. The adult Sunday school classes will be combined for a special study in the banquet center.

- (1) Solid as a Rock: Can the Bible be trusted as truth?
- (2) Who Moved the Stone: Did Jesus really rise from the dead?
- (3) Family Foundations: A Blueprint for a healthy family.

On Wednesday evenings the adult class will have small group bible studies to further apply and discuss what living on the Rock means in everyday life.

The elementary youth ministry of MCC can look forward to "Explorers Discover the Rock." The Explorers Adventure will go beyond the classroom. Children will learn about the bible through a backdrop of

***It's a Boy***

*Jacob Dean Lewis was born on Monday, July 24. Congratulations to parents, Aaron and Christine Lewis, and maternal grandparents, Nick and Linda Wisniewski.*





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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

## *The Rock* (cont. from p. 3)

fieldtrips, storytellers, crafts, and educational insights on geology. On Sunday mornings – children can look forward to exciting Bible lessons, cool craft projects, and other activities too. On Wednesday evenings, we will host a geologist, have a rockival, and a surprise field trip too.

What happens when we run to the shelter of the Rock? What does a church look like that stands upon the Rock? How is a life changed that is built upon the Rock? "Come to the Rock" presented by Memorial Christian Church on Sundays, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesdays September, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>.



### ***Youth Summer Events Calendar***

Aug 11-13 - St. Louis Mission Trip  
Aug 9 – JAM Progressive Dinner  
Aug 20 – Sr. and Jr. High Lake Trip

## ***Come to the Rock Calendar***

- ◆ **September 10th – "Run to the Rock"**  
Adult Class – Solid as a Rock (Banquet Center)  
Explorers dismissed after song service and continues through Sunday school hour.
- ◆ **Wednesday, September 13th –**  
Explorers - Rockival  
Adults – Run to the Rock Small Group Bible Study  
Teens – Refuge
- ◆ **Sunday, September 17th – Stand on the Rock**  
Adult Class – Who Moved the Stone (Banquet Center)  
Explorers dismissed after song service and continues through Sunday school hour.
- ◆ **Wednesday, September 20th**  
Explorers Discover Geology  
Adults - Stand on the Rock small group bible study  
Teens – Refuge
- ◆ **Sunday, September 24th – Build on the Rock**  
Adult Class – Family Foundations (Banquet Center)  
Explorers dismissed after song service and continues through Sunday school hour.
- ◆ **Wednesday, September 27th**  
Explorers – Learn to Build  
Adults - Build on the Rock small group Bible Study  
Teens - Refuge