

*A monthly publication of Memorial Christian Church
in the interest of promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and goodwill among His people, our friends.*

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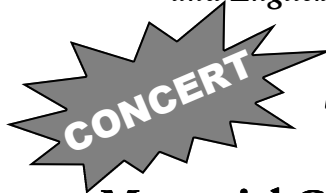
Preachers

Gene McCoy
Titus Neuenschwander

Central Christian College OF THE BIBLE

Chorale

and English Handbell Choir



7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 29

Memorial Christian Church

Admission FREE! — Offering Received

The midweek schedule will be altered to accommodate this special program. All activities normally conducted on Wednesday evening will be postponed one day.

Having the concert on Thursday will permit people from other congregations to participate without interfering with their midweek meetings. So invite others to attend and to enjoy the evening of music.

The event will also provide us the opportunity to receive an update on the college, which we support financially.



Christian Convention

**April 13 & 14
Little Rock**

Details available at the
church building

Featured Speakers



**Ken & Kaylene
Idleman**

**Music by The Texans and Andy Avery
Workshops by Marsha Relyea Miles,
Gene McCoy, and Wray Graham**

Teen Convention & Children's Convention

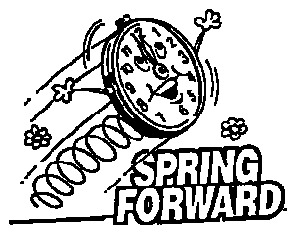


Pastor's Pen by Bruce Wolf, Pastor

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

Additions

Two of the teens in our youth ministry were immersed since our last newsletter. They are **Tyler Akroyd** and **Whitney Taylor**



Saturday, March 10

Move your clocks ahead one hour.

During the last elders' business meeting a report from the building committee was reviewed. In the report, the results of the recent congregational survey are compiled. As you may remember, the intent of the survey was to gather ideas from the congregation on preferences concerning space needs for a new church facility. The results of such a questionnaire not only give us important practical information but also serve as a window into ourselves; how we perceive our mission in evangelizing the lost in our community.

Some of the results that I found insightful are as follows: The largest majority of respondents (67%) stated that space for youth education was most important. Close behind, at 65%, we find that space for junior, high school, and adult education was also very important. A large fellowship hall, space for a nursery, and adequate space for the office staff all garnered above 60% in importance as well.

Other areas from the survey that ranked higher than 50% in importance included needs of our community, ministries that serve the

community, and outreach. A large auditorium, accessibility for all, expandability, and a building designed for community outreach, each ranked above 50% in importance also.

Keeping Our Priorities Straight

Listed as unimportant were such items as: type of seating in sanctuary, indoor playground, and gymnasium. Additionally, type of design, building materials, and materials used for the roof were less important to us, as was "distance from current church building," and "distance from my home."

Finally, several additional comments made by respondents were noteworthy. These included, "Some way to help the hard of hearing to hear the sermon," "not a fancy facility, but useful to all," and "mission and outreach first, beauty and location second."

So what can such a survey teach us about ourselves and how we perceive our mission as harvest workers who labor to carry out our Lord's commission to evangelize the lost? I am

pleased to note that our most important stated concerns are to educate the church family, to make the preaching and teaching of God's Word accessible to all, and to use a new facility to better reach our community.

Actual structure, color of paint, carpeting, fancy extras, are all lower on our list of priorities. This suggests to me that the state of our congregation is healthy, that our priorities are in good order and consistent with the proper mission of the church, and that we desire to use a new facility for the true purpose for which we are here: to be good stewards and do God's work as effectively as we can.

Building Committee Report

by Jim Darr, Chairman

The committee received ninety-nine responses to our congregational survey concerning new building needs and wishes. This information will enable the committee to determine the size, shape, and style of our new building. The committee has also collected input from various ministries in the congregation. This information will also assist the committee in its effort to determine the size of the building that we will need. The committee is committed to be good stewards of all resources.

Read Pastor Wolf's article on p. 2 for some details and observations.

Missions Ministry Team Report

by Hubert Pickett, Deacon

During 2006 the Missions Ministry Team increased this congregation's contributions to our regular missionaries by \$6080 over 2005. Due to the generosity of this congregation the Missions Ministry Team has also made some special contributions above the regular budgeted missions:

- ◆ \$1000 - Missionary to Pakistan,
- ◆ \$2000 - Steve & Rhonda Hayward,
- ◆ \$2000- Mid-South Christian College,
- ◆ \$2319 - Katrina Relief Crew from Memorial.

At the end of January the Missions Team met to dispense funds left above the congregation's regular commitments to our missionaries. We were able to give additional contributions to several endeavors:

- ◆ Good Twins - \$1080

- ◆ Northeast Evangelism (Salonique Adolphe) \$1000
- ◆ International Disaster Emergency Services (**IDES**) - \$2000
- ◆ Rapha House (American Rehabilitation Ministry's [ARM] Home for Girls in Cambodia) \$1000 and
- ◆ Pregnancy Resource Center (soon to open in Mtn. Home) \$2000.

It is a tremendous testimony of this congregation's commitment to the Lord's Kingdom to see such generosity toward both local and foreign missions.

Indeed you are both telling the Good News and meeting the needs of many needing to hear it.

Thank you in moving the Lord's Kingdom forward.

Property Ministry Team Update

by Jim Darr, Deacon

Mark your calendar for a work day at the church building on Saturday, March 24. We will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The spring clean up and repair will involve both inside and outside

projects. Indoor projects will include general spring cleaning, such as dusting, removal of spider webs, window washing,

changing air filters, etc.

Outside projects will include general clean up

of the property, painting the stop blocks in the parking lots, cleaning the storage shed,, trimming shrubs, etc.

We hope to see you then!

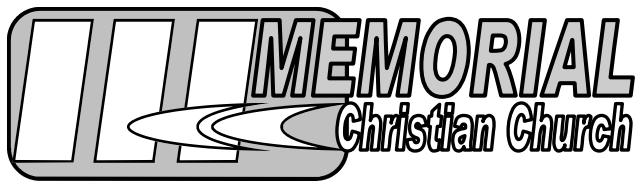
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MARCH MEETINGS

- 5 *Willing Workers*
- 11 *His Image*
- 12 *Elders*
- 20 *Benevolence Ministry Team*
- 25 *His Image*

Move clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 10

Our Condolences to the family of **Mrs. Anna Hardcastle**, long-time member of Memorial Christian Church, who died on her 96th birthday on February 13.



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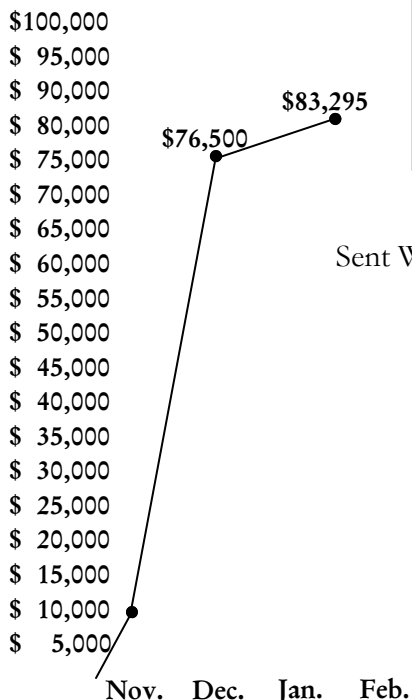
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Meeting Schedule

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



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72653

Sent With a Prayer to

Dear Friends at Memorial Christian,
We wish to thank all of you who helped make our special 60th Anniversary so memorable. Your cards, phone calls, visits, etc., and our get together on the 19th were just so appreciated. Wonderful Christian friends are such a support for us. Don't know what we would do without you.

We love you all!
J.K. and Ruth Peebles



I would like to compliment and to thank our congregation for the courtesy and love extended to my granddaughter, Elizabeth Geisen. Liz was very pleased with all those who came to her to become acquainted and later to give a greeting with a hug. She loved our church and our members.

She is now working for a veterinarian in NW Indiana. I expect to see her back for a vacation this summer. Again, I thank you. Remember her in your prayers.

Bob Haines



Rock Garden Camp
Fri. & Sat., April 20 & 21
It's a rally for ALL ages!

SPEAKERS: Roy Weece
Woody Wilkinson
MUSIC: The Anderson
Brothers
YOUTH PROGRAM:
for ages 3-10



Saturday,
March 24
8:30 a.m.

Read about it on page 3. There is a task for every talent, so please participate.