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Memorial Christian Church on the Move

Your elders, preaching staff, and many of you have been in much prayer lately concerning the question of remodeling/adding on or building a new facility elsewhere in the Mountain Home area. While the elders and staff had reached their informal conclusions, it was decided to see what the feelings of the entire congregation were on this matter. As was reported recently, the members expressing their thoughts were overwhelmingly supportive of moving forward with a new campus.

As a result of both factors, the elders formally adopted this plan, and have set things in motion to that end. Following are the things that have been accomplished to date:

1) Establishment of a Building Committee to list our current property, to secure a buyer(s) for our current property, to locate adequate other

property, design a new building that will meet our current needs as well as provide for potential future growth, and carry through with the



construction phase. This new committee is chaired by ministry leader/deacon Jim Darr and consisting of members Bob Haines, Norm Lueck, Joey Peglar, and at least one other un-named member.

2) Establishment of a Finance Committee, consisting of the entire current finance committee chaired by ministry leader/deacon Gene Frazier. The mission of this committee is to explore a comprehensive funding program, prepare a fund-raising campaign that will stimulate interest not

by Elder Bill Sites

only within our church family, but within the community.

Each of these committees will be presenting monthly updates on their progress to the elders during the monthly business meetings.

The elders strongly believe that this is the direction God is leading this congregation. He has blessed us tremendously, and continues to bless us. We ask that you continue to be in regular prayer as we move forward in these efforts to establish an increased presence for our Lord in this growing community.

Reflections of a Mission Trip by Gene McCoy

Photos of the Slidell trip may be viewed on our web site www.memorialchristian.com

The team that went to Slidell expresses its gratitude to the Missions Ministry Team for allocating the funds needed for food and fuel. We were able to also purchase and donate to I.D.E.S. a professional quality wet saw for their continued use in installing ceramic tile flooring.

THE TEAM

Bill Butler
Curtis Klos
Larry Buckland
Arlene Dixon
Ray Johnston
Billy Ray Shumate
Dave McQueen
Gene & Becky McCoy
Gene & Fern Frazier
Rick & Jan Schmeski
Norman & Kathy Lueck

The mission of IDES is to serve as a channel through which Christian Churches and Churches of Christ and individual Christians can meet the physical and spiritual needs of suffering people throughout the

Several individuals from our congregation spent a week in the hurricane-ravaged area of greater New Orleans as part of the ongoing comprehensive reconstruction work of the International Disaster Emergency Services (I.D.E.S.). Organized into teams according to ability, we painted and installed flooring, electrical wiring, and plumbing. The entire group worked together, along with a crew from Kentucky, to raise the walls on a new house in Mississippi.

We are happy to report that many goals were accomplished and projects advanced during our stay. Beyond the visible practical results of the effort are some spiritual benefits of a mission trip such as this.

THE IMPACT UPON INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS

Impressed upon Becky was the "understanding that Christians are fulfilling the role of servant that

Christ modeled in His life." Rick was impacted greatly by the stories of faith in God's protection and provision told by survivors of



Katrina's fury. Jan was most impressed by the way in which we were blessed to work with the group from Kentucky "for the same cause of making life just a little

happier for some people in need." Kathy noted how the survivors are dealing with their circumstances. "The people seem to be pretty patient and eager to receive any help at all."

"I never had more fun working so hard."
— Bill Butler

Arlene observed that people who lost everything are now very willing to share what they have. They opened their bathrooms and refrigerators to accommodate volunteers.

When all you preserve is your life, life itself is sufficient. The stuff lost and the stuff desired decreases in value by comparison. Didn't Someone once say that we should not lay up treasure on earth?

THE IMPACT UPON THOSE WE SERVED

Curtis was impacted by the love he felt in offering whatever he could to help people get one step closer to some semblance of normalcy. Dave states that the

people of Slidell saw the love of God we were able to show them. He thinks they were most impacted by the encouragement of God's grace and mercy.

"People of the community would thank us profusely for being there and for lending a hand," Kathy recalls.

The most common observation expressed by the residents of greater New Orleans is the fact that those who have

come to help are the Christians. This is the same

observation made by the Muslims of Indonesia following the tragic tsunami. The Muslims themselves noted that it was not those who worship Mohammed from Islamic nations who assisted them, but rather those who wear the name of Jesus Christ. This is a tremendous testimony to the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a cultural environment that is highly suspicious and critical of us.

THE MOST IMPORTANT OUTCOME UPON THE MISSION TEAM

Becky sums up the sentiment expressed by all. "Traveling and working together on any

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In the Church Library

The most recent addition to the library is a twelve-sermon series on compact disc. "Bible Prophecy & The End Times" is the series preached by Dr. Jack Cottrell. The sermon titles are:

The Four Heavens
The Kingdom of God Has Come
The Millennium is Now!

Israel in Prophecy
Are We Headin' for Amageddon?
The Second Coming of Christ
The Other Side of Death
The Resurrection from the Dead
What is the Rapture?
The Final Judgment
What About Hell?
What About Heaven?



We highly recommend these messages. The presentations are scholarly, but easy to understand. You will be blessed by the clarity of the messages and the Biblical information contained in each. ■

Outreach Ministry Team Report

by Gene McCoy, Deacon

Since the first of the year, gift mugs have been delivered to thirty-four newcomers' homes by the nineteen individuals who comprise our follow-up teams. Of these, sixteen have returned at least once. Of those, fifteen have returned more than once. Eleven of these have become regular in attendance, nine being present nearly every Sunday.

These doorstep calls are designed to take no more than five minutes -- basically long enough to introduce ourselves and

to express our delight that these new friends attended our Sunday morning assembly.

At the October 26 meeting of the ministry team, each member was urged to attend the Welcome to Memorial orientation on Sunday, November 5. The list of newcomers was reviewed, with updates provided on each. A form to be used by the Follow Up ministers in reporting activity was approved. We discussed the need to more deliberately



interface with the Benevolence Ministry Team in making gospel presentations to individuals they assist. Each member of the team was urged to learn to use at least one evangelism tool to fulfill this objective. We prayed for more team members, more follow-up ministers, and several of the newcomers on the list. ■

Mission Trip

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project brings a group of people much closer together. We benefit by getting to know one another better, and it strengthens the bond of Christ in our group."

Dave had not yet formally identified with our congregation, but he was eager to participate in this mission. He testifies that "the most important outcome of the experience on our group was the relationships that grew because of the trip

and the feeling that we can depend on the individuals that shared our experiences. I know I feel much closer to the others because we shared this." ■

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

- 5 Welcome to Memorial orientation
- 5 Lake Area Fellowship @ Flippin
- 6 Willing Workers
- 6 Worship Ministry Team Meeting
- 13 Elders
- 15 Ingathering Worship

WELCOME TO MEMORIAL

an orientation for newcomers
Sunday, November 5
Noon to 1:30
Meal provided

LAKE AREA FELLOWSHIP

Flippin Christian Church
6:00
Sunday, November 5

ADDITIONS

Isaac McKay was baptized on August 26, prompting a party in heaven!

Immersed believers, Dave and Jeanette McQueen, along with their son, Michael, publicly confessed the name of Jesus and formally identified with this congregation.



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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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Matthew 28:19-20

Volunteers Needed for Marathon



***Mountain Home
Marathon Aide
Station***

***Saturday
November 18th***

For the third year, MCC will be providing volunteers to serve drinks and fruit to the marathon and half marathon participants. Our station will be in the friendly location of Joe and Jean Harrell's front yard. We are needing a coordinator to organize volunteers and volunteers to serve a 2-3 hour shift between 8:00AM - 3:00PM. Please sign-up on the bulletin board located in the foyer or speak to Titus.

Ingathering Worship

The Benevolence Ministry Team will again sponsor this annual celebration of thanksgiving that features testimonies to God's goodness and the collection of money to assist the needy.

**Wednesday
November 15
6:30 p.m.**

