

*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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Sunday, September 16

Central Christian College of the Bible Day

We are privileged to host the president of our Bible college in Moberly, MO on Sunday, September 16. Not only will Dr. Oakes be preaching, but he will present an update on the ministry of the **full-tuition scholarship** Bible college during the Bible class period.

Central Christian College of the Bible students receive a scholarship that completely pays for their tuition! This makes it possible for students to



**Dr. Ron Oakes,
President**

graduate free from educational debt. This is especially helpful to students who are preparing to work on the mission field or in small congregations, where the burden of debt presents a real obstacle.

L. A. Mission Trip 2007 by Titus Neuenschwander

Los Angeles is called the city of angels. I don't know about you, but nothing heavenly comes to mind when I think of L.A. If I was playing Taboo and L.A. was the word, my clues would be. . . Smog . . . Crime . . . Lakers . . . Hollywood. With that in mind, it seemed like the perfect place for a mission trip. So Amy, Brandon, Mandy, Tim and I took a little trip, hoping we could be influential on behalf of Jesus Christ.

We started out at the Walter Hoving Home. This 1927 hotel has been renovated into a Christian women's home for prostitutes, runaways, and women with drug and alcohol addictions. We

worked outside at cleaning, washing windows, washing their vans, and pulling weeds in the landscaping. "That should plant a seed for Christ," I thought to myself.

Then we met several of the women who were recovering from the

damage of living off the streets. The one I remember the most is Caroline. When our work was over, she gave us a tour of the home. She seemed too normal to be there. At one time Caroline was a happily married mother of three.

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Elementary Youth J.A.M. Summer Events by Lesli Neuenschwander

Youth J.A.M. spent the summer weeks studying the book of James. Children in grades 1-6 studied topics relating to their attitudes, temptations, faith, favoritism, taming the tongue, and prayer. We concluded the summer session with a trip to The Bridge in Joplin, MO. The Bridge gave the children an opportunity to skateboard or roller blade at the skate park and do some rock climbing. We also played a few heated games of dodge ball, ate pizza and visited Chuck-E-Cheese.



Pastor's Pen by Bill Sites, Pastor

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

Additions

Estelle Kraig was immersed into Christ by Larry Buckland while they were camping in Indiana.

Jennifer Salik, Maggie's daughter and Amanda's sister, was immersed into Jesus for the forgiveness of sin by Brandon Pickett on Sunday, August 12.

Committee Set

Members of the congregation are invited to suggest names of people to serve in various offices in 2008. Please give your suggestions to one of the following individuals **by Sept. 2.**

- Forrest Cotter
- Melva Derrickson
- James Evans
- Bernie Hill
- Bill Sites

We are happy to report that the purchase process is complete on both pieces of property the congregation approved. It is our desire and prayer that we can have these properties paid for by the time we are ready to build.

The Building Committee is working very diligently on finding a company to design the right type of structure for us, and on getting a basic plan that will meet our needs. Please keep these endeavors in your prayers.

We also announce that

it is time of year to select church officers for next year. The selections will be made at the conclusion of the morning worship service on Sunday, September 30, 2007.

Those whose current terms are expiring are: Elders Gordon Addington and Bruce Wolf, Trustee Forrest Cotter, Sunday School superintendent Kevin Cotter, and Treasurers Jan Schmeski and Kathy Lueck. All are eligible to serve another term.

It is our sincere prayer that you will take the time

to read the scriptures listed on the front of the nominating form prior to any nomination you wish to make. It is **very** important that we abide by Scriptural qualifications in nominating and selecting individuals to these important posts. Besides the reading of these Scriptures, your daily prayers are also sought.

It is important that you make any intended nominations by September 2, 2007, and that the nomination forms be given to any of the committee members listed in the sidebar (see bottom left on this page). ■

L.A. Mission Trip

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But then she lost a child. She began to cover her sorrows with drinking. It was easier to face the pain drunk than with a right mind. So she remained drunk. The years of abuse drove away her husband, family, and friends. She had nowhere else to turn, so she enrolled in the Walter Hoving Home. When we met Caroline she was about to finish the program and move near her children in Texas. She was still mending, but she had been changed by the power of Christ.

Our main ministry throughout the ten days was with Christ's Church in the City at Highland Park. We worked hard. We organized and largely staffed their VBS. We

spent a lot of time in the surrounding community. We prayed that God would bless our service. He did. Again I thought, "Wow, God is using us in an amazing way."

In the end, however, we were the blessed ones. Before my eyes I saw the parable of the lost sheep lived out before us in Bill Pile, the church's minister for 39 years. He searched the streets, downtown Skid Row, and the gang infested neighborhoods. He pursued the lost in prisons, homes, and wherever God led him. I am sure some days Bill felt he was wasting his time. The church, however, was spotted with men and women brought to the feet of Jesus through Bill's faithfulness. Carl was now the volunteer teen minister. Julio was no

longer a deadbeat but rather a dad. Guiermo grew up with no father, but found himself feeling loved as a son by Bill.

When I think of L.A., I no longer think of places, teams, or attitudes. I think of special people who have been transformed by God. I think of Bill, a man I want to be more like because he is more like Jesus. I think of kids growing up in a tough place to be a kid.

God blessed our service in L.A. But I do not think we were there because God needed us there as much as He knew we needed to be in Los Angeles. I am a stronger follower of Christ because of it. ■

Editor's note: Since our group returned home, Bill Pile went home to the true city of angels!

Know Sweat *by Jeanette McQueen*

He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

Proverbs 14:31

Last spring I heard that our church teens would be going to the *Christ In Youth Know Sweat* program. I looked it up on the internet and was excited to see that the youth would get a chance to serve others. *Know Sweat's* vision is to teach students about being a servant and helping them understand that service is a foundational part of being a Christian.

Great, I thought. I feel better knowing the teens are translating their faith into action. Then the test came. The announcement was made that a female

chaperone would be needed. My child is not old enough. I don't know any of the teens going, and teens scare me. So it must not affect me, right? Wrong! I decided that there were no more excuses and that I would volunteer.

The focus for the week was whenever, wherever, whoever, whatever and forever. By day these kids sure worked hard and did whatever needed to be done from scraping walls, painting, raking, and throwing away LOTS of trash. Each evening we attended a worship service that allowed us to have fun, and also gave us an opportunity to make decisions and grow in our faith. Yes, all of us!

These programs are

great and I hope to continue to be a part of them. Imagine if, by sponsoring these teens, Miss Suzie comes to know Christ, or if some of the teens decide to go to college to become a youth minister or missionary. Or if one of the teens decides to give his life to Christ. One teen has dedicated her life since that time, and I hope this service to others continues in her life.

Miss Suzie was a retired bartender and a little scary to all of us at first. But after sharing many stories, we were all so very glad to help her and make her home a better place. She continued to tell us all how we have blessed her. But I know that she has blessed us by letting us **honor God by being kind to her**. It was great to see all the hugs by the end of the week. ■

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

- 10 *Willing Workers*
- 11 *Elders*
- 15 *Memorial Christian Men's Club*
- 16 *Annual Congregational Mtg.*
- 18 *Benevolence Ministry Team*
- 23 *Welcome to Memorial*
- 28 *Property Ministry Team*
- 30 *Lake Area Fellowship*

Annual Congregational Meeting

10:45 a.m.

Sunday,

September 30

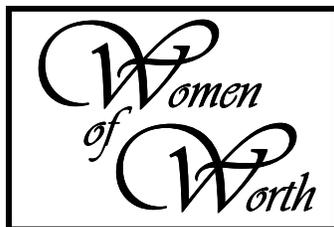
Begins Wednesday, September 12

Women's Bible Study *by Arlene Dixon*

A Bible study designed with women in mind was started fifteen years ago by Janet Pickett and Dixie Zoeller. Its purpose was to open the Word of God to women who wanted to better understand his Word.

The first year there were about ten women from Memorial Christian Church studying the Gospels. Over the years this study has become a community outreach to women in area churches and to those who have no affiliation with any church. Participating in last year's study were seventy-five women from eight churches.

The study starts in September and concludes in early May. Class sessions are conducted from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. each Wednesday.



Registration begins Sept. 2
Questions? Contact Janet
(424-2851), Alice (425-3489)
or Arlene (424-2869)

This year's study will be the New Testament letters. Each lady completes the weekly study at home using only the Bible as a reference. Each session begins by asking for the Lord's guidance in our study. After meeting in small groups to answer and discuss every question, a lecture with practical application concludes the class. This study is a wonderful opportunity to learn and share

in an environment of caring ladies.

Free child care is provided for preschool children. ■



Memorial

Noon luncheon
Sunday, Sept. 23

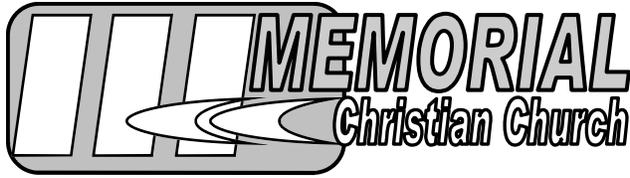
This orientation to MCC is designed for newcomers, but anyone may attend and benefit.

Lake Area Fellowship

6:00 p.m.

Sunday,

September 30



315 W. 6th St. Mtn. Home, AR 72653 870-425-8323

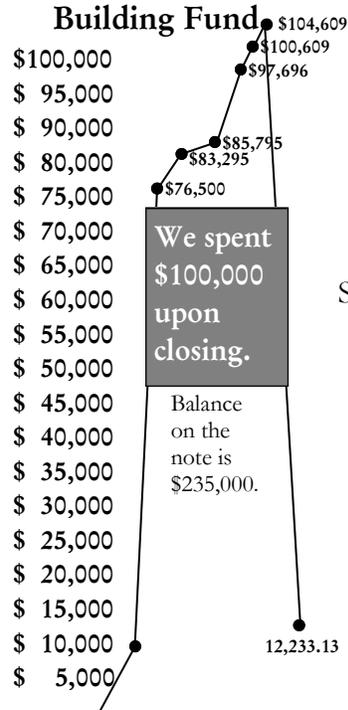
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Meeting Schedule

Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
9:30 Worship	5:30 Supper
11:00 Bible Classes	6:30 Bible Classes

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Matthew 28:19-20



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Take Me Out to the Ball Game!
Friday, August 31st

Refuge Teen ministries will be traveling to Springfield to watch the minor league Cardinals play some ball. Our first and second row tickets are \$12. Please bring money for an eat out meal. We will leave at 3:30 PM from the youth center.



Elementary youth JAM

flipt for Jesus!

Get ready to be FLIPT by Jesus. Youth JAM will discover how they can follow Jesus' teaching in situations they face everyday. Through Bible based stories they will learn that they can choose to live their way or they can get FLIPT by Jesus and live His way-- 'cause it's the best way!

Saturday, September 15

9:00 Breakfast
Program: White Tales
(embellished stories from the woods)

Dismissed by 10:30
Bring a guest.



The Wild West comes to MCC

Kids Praise will be roundin' up for Cowboy Church. That's right, we will worship God cowboy style during the month of September. Kids ages 3-8 won't want to miss a Sunday. See you there!

