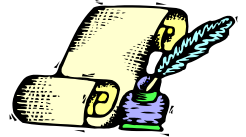


THE MESSENGER



The Weekly Newsletter of the Mountain Home Church of Christ

January 29, 2012

FROM KEN'S PEN

By now many of you have heard that the offices were broken into during the night Tuesday. Wednesday morning there was evidence that someone (or more) had gained entry into the breezeway between Buildings B and C. They forced their way into a storage area in the breezeway, and then looked through a couple of the storage areas in Building B. Then they pried open the door into the secretary's office and stole a money bag and money from a coffee can that was donated by the Tuesday Morning Ladies' class. They looked through drawers and cabinets in the outer office and copy machine room. As far as we can tell, the money is all that is missing. It is likely that they were "spooked" and left quickly, because they left behind the tire iron they used to force open the door!

Compared to what has happened in other burglaries, we were blessed indeed that no further goods were stolen, and that there was no vandalism perpetrated. To my recollection, this is the first time that anyplace where I have worked has been broken into. I have never yet had a home to be burglarized, and I am grateful to God for that. Some lessons I have learned from this experience include:

- ◆ Have I placed more confidence and value in "things" than in people? Even though none of my personal things were taken, I have had to think about what I value most. I'm thankful my library wasn't bothered (they didn't break into any of the rooms in this hallway), but I realized that there is nothing in this office that I cannot live without. There are things I'd rather not lose, but there is nothing that cannot be replaced or simply given up!
- ◆ What motivated the person or persons who broke in? Perhaps they needed the money, perhaps they get a thrill out of taking risks, or perhaps they are just mean-spirited. I cannot make any judgment other than to say that I am thankful to be gainfully employed and not having to worry about gasoline, utilities, or food; I am thankful that my personality has never been that of a "thrill-seeker;" and I am thankful that my parents taught me to respect the property of others!

There are blessings to be found in every circumstance, even in being "victimized" by a robbery (or, in this case a burglary). Several years ago I came across this quote from Matthew Henry, who lived in England in the 17th century and wrote a multi-volume commentary on the whole Bible. In fact, "Matthew Henry" is still in print, and his commentaries are included in many computer Bible software packages. After being robbed, Matthew Henry found the following things for which to be grateful:

"Let me be thankful first, because he (1) never robbed me before; second, because although he took my purse, (2) he did not take my life; third, because although he took all I possessed, (3) it was not much; and fourth, because (4) it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed."

May we have the same "attitude of gratitude!"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MORNING

WELCOME

Frank Daniels

SONG LEADER

Landon Pitchford

OPENING PRAYER

Roger Stroud

SCRIPTURE READING

Cameron Davis

LORD'S SUPPER

Dick Young

LESSON

Ken Burton

"Wisdom From Above"

James 3:13-18

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

David Pitchford

CLOSING PRAYER

Cleo Wyatt

EVENING

WELCOME

Frank Daniels

SONG LEADER

Dennis Tindall

OPENING PRAYER

Jerry Maleare

SCRIPTURE READING

George Rowlett

LESSON

Haiti Mission Report

Wayne Camp

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

David Pitchford

CLOSING PRAYER

Bruce Caldwell

NOTES & ACTIVITIES

REMINDER

PINE LANE NURSING HOME

DEVOTIONAL

THIS AFTERNOON AT 2:00 P.M.

HOSPITALI-TEA

THIS AFTERNOON AT 3:30

IN BUILDING B

TO HONOR THOSE LADIES

WHO ARE NEW TO OUR CONGREGATION

**Monday Night Ladies' Bible Class
will meet at the home of June Scott
tomorrow evening at 6:00.**

**MONDAY NIGHT
MINISTRIES
MEETS EACH WEEK
AT 6:30 IN BUILDING B**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Anne Schuhknecht	Shenna Estes	
3	Christine Cordial		
4	Larkin McDaniel		
5	Pam Estes	Rebecca Kemp	Ethan Wright
6	David Pitchford	Dana Rowlett	Adam Jones
7	Landon Pitchford	Judy Dunn	
9	Delois Larson		
10	Jane Maynard	Judy Page	Charlotte Burton
			Mason Griffin
11	Joe Dillard	Olivia Flowers	Dale Smith
			Kade Howard
12	Lucas Paden		
13	James McDaniel	Logan Waldon	Anita Davis
14	Roy Bowers		
15	Judy Lewis	Nell Williams	Riley Bell
17	Elsie Crawford	Judy Shrable	
18	Jackie Jones	Joe Priborsky	
20	Lovice Wallace	Cleo Wyatt	
21	Dennis Tindall		
22	Jeff Martin	Marilyn Tindall	Ann Wilbur
23	Maxine Gaskill		
25	Johnny Beard		
27	Joan Byrd		
28	Rex McGuire		

SHEPHERD'S CORNER...John Schuhknecht



What If We Already Knew?

What if we already knew from the time we were born what our purpose in life was. What would we do to prepare? How easy or hard would it be for our parents to help us prepare? Would we stay on course?

Recently, I was studying about the birth of John the Baptist. As you read it in the book of Luke you find that from before he was conceived his father knew he would have a son, call him John and what his purpose in life would be. Though his father and mother had been found blameless in the eyes of God and were to be given this gift, his father did not fully believe the angel who told him of this future. He was struck "dumb", unable to speak, until the time that his son was born.

The account from the Bible goes on to tell us that John's mission or purpose in life was to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. A voice crying out from the wilderness telling all that would listen what was to come to pass. John felt unworthy to even untie the sandals on Jesus' feet. Yet, his roll in life was so vastly important to prepare the way and he even was asked by Jesus to baptize him.

Few, if any, of us know what our role in life is when we are born; but that all changes when we are born again in baptism. We now have a well-defined purpose: to get to heaven; and our lifestyle should change to conform to His will for us, not our own. We also should spread the Word to all we meet and declare what a wonderful hope that has been given to us. Not because of what we have done, but because of what Jesus has done for us.

Are we staying on course or do we need to rededicate our efforts?

In His Service,

John Schuhknecht

PRAYER LIST & NOTES

Bill Martin is in BRMC, room 3534.


Linda Carpenter is dealing with some serious health problems.

Bernie Gibson is waiting for results from tests done last week.

Louise Suddeth had a pacemaker put in on Wednesday.

Continue to remember **Dwaine Gray, Nadine Killian, Sandra Rice** and others who are dealing with stressful issues in their lives.

On Monday, February 6, there will be a test run of the new congregational contact system. This is a system that will allow us to contact our members in a timely manner. If you need to update your information, please call the church office. If you have questions, see Chad Dewey.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
SWEETHEART BANQUET
HOSTED BY THE YOUTH GROUP
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
MORE INFORMATION TO COME

FOR THE RECORD JANUARY 22	
MORNING	393
EVENING	239
CONTRIBUTION	\$9,739
GIVEN TO DATE	\$40,804

<u>Nursing Homes</u>	
<u>Care Manor</u>	
Loudene Foster	
<u>Gassville Nursing Center</u>	
Hazel Smith	
<u>Good Samaritan</u>	
Naomi Britt	
<u>Hiram Shaddox</u>	
Maxine Gaskill	Estelle McDaniel
<u>Pine Lane</u>	
Ruby Chandler	Leo Maynard
Juanita Stone	
<u>Homebound</u>	
Charlotte Burton	Veneda Hayes
Bessie Saxion	Elsie Crawford
Virgie Lance	Carla Swadley
Jerry Pelts	Arlene Bishop

YOUTH NOTES...

Youth & Family Retreat — February 4 & 5 at the Fisherman's Lodge at Cotter. Cost is \$10 per person or \$35 per family.

Youth Group & Family Movie Night — Showing: **"EXPULSED"** Sunday, February 12, in building B; hosted by the elders. Food provided.

<u>CHILDREN'S HOMES</u> <u>FOOD BARREL ITEMS</u>	
Paper Towels	Muffin Mix
Chicken Broth	Coffee

Youth Outreach University Recap

At the end of 2012, if time continues, I will look back to last weekend as probably one of the high points of the year. I know the year has just begun and there is much still that will take place, but I am convinced already that it will be one of those events that will have changed hearts and lives in young and older people alike. We often times put much emphasis on numbers. Did we grow? We're the numbers up? Yes. (over 800 from 53 congregations) But maybe I should be boasting more about the wonderful quality than the mere quantity. If the wholesome quality is there, then the numbers usually take care of themselves. Twenty seasoned teachers offered us a spiritual buffet further equipping us to be soul winners for the Lord. I Corinthians 6:20 was our theme. **"YOU have been bought with a price."** Keith Parker's messages were right on target, **and 117 responses, including 15 baptisms took place during the weekend. Reagan Shrable gave her life to God, and Jimmy McDaniel, Caleb Burnley, Leiken Ohler, Hannah, Katy, & Lauren Strider** came asking for prayers and support. Thanks be to God for this and the after affects to follow. I would like to thank this congregation for being one of the seven sponsoring churches, and for the good group of young people who made the trip. I'm always grateful for the parents who help on such trips. Thanks to Jenny Burnley, Ginger Parker, & Lorri Strider, and Dave Pitchford, Tim Burnley, and Brad & Regina Ellis for coming on Saturday to show your support. Y.O.U. 2013 is already in the works. Plan to be part of it. Have a blessed week.

Michael

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Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 a.m.

Radio Programs

"Words of Life" Sunday 8:30-8:45 a.m. KTLO (1240AM)	"One Gospel Minute" Four Times Daily Monday-Friday KTLO (97.9FM)
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KPFM (105.5FM)
Sunday
8:30-8:45 a.m.

T.V. Programs

"In Search of the Lord's Way"
With Bro. Mac Lyon
Sunday Morning 7:00 A.M.
KOLR Channel 10, Springfield, Missouri

Our Shepherds

Wayne Camp	404-3000
Cameron Davis	492-5098
Doyle Davis	424-5703
David Pitchford	425-8554
John Schuhknecht	404-0114
Roger Stroud	425-8603
Dennis Tindall	481-5063

Our Servants

Tim Burnley	Dwaine Gray
Bruce Caldwell	Tim Paden
J.R. Camp	Mark Page
Lloyd Camp	Landon Pitchford
Rodney Covington	Dennis Priborsky
Chad Dewey	George Rowlett
Delbert Dover	Steve Smith
Brad Ellis	Ben Strider
Jim Estes	Hank Strider
John Flowers	

Our Staff

Minister, Ken Burton	425-3525
Youth Minister, Michael Lance	404-2516
Secretary, Donna Smith (M-T-W)	425-4330
Secretary, Kelda Jones (Th-F)	425-4330

The Word of God says...

Hear...Romans 10:17

Believe...Hebrews 11:6

Repent...Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; 17:30

Confess...Matthew 10:32,33;

Romans 10:10

Be Baptized...Mark 16:15,16

Galatians 3:27

I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3,4

Be Faithful Unto Death...

Revelation 2:10

**Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my
commandments."**

John 14:15

SERVICE ROSTER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

SONG LEADER:	Frank Wallis
OPENING PRAYER:	Brad Ellis
CLOSING PRAYER:	Dennis Tindall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

	<u>MORNING</u>	<u>EVENING</u>
SONG LEADER:	Michael Lance	Jeff Hearn
OPENING PRAYER:	Wayne Camp	Tony Bunch
READ SCRIPTURE:	Richard Kemp	Caleb Burnley
CLOSING PRAYER:	John Flowers	L. D. Camp
GREETERS:	Roy & Marcy Bowers	Don & Judy Lewis