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Newsletter

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Happy Mother's Day



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2017 KIAMICHI CHRISTIAN MEN'S CLINIC ANOTHER ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS!

**The School of Preaching receives overwhelming support...
21 Preacher Boys fire up the stage on Wednesday...
And the Offering exceeds \$48,000!**

**"You have brought new life to the Mission and relit the fire at the Clinic.
We congratulate you on good decisions and hard work!" from Joplin, MO**

All praise, honor, and glory go to our Amazing God who gives good things to His faithful children. Many have planted and watered, but only God can give the increase. And, it has been BOUNTIFUL here at Christ's 40 Acres! There is no question that this year's Clinic was one of the most memorable in history! In 1946 the Kiamichi Mountains Christian Mission took a step of faith that completely changed the effectiveness of their influence on the world. That is when Bro. Howard Dillion found the property that would become "Christ's 40 Acres." This property was a new beginning for the Mission. It was acquired and developed at great sacrifice by Bro. Mac and many others. **We applaud their faith and sacrifice!** In 1953, sparked by a gift of \$1,000 from Bro. Lytle Smith of Chicago, the Pattie Lou Smith Memorial Chapel was built. This was a very generous gift back in that day. If you factor in inflation up to 2017 that gift would amount to well over \$30,000 in today's money. Again, this step of faith completely changed the effectiveness of the influence of the Mission on the local area, the country, and the world. Many clinics, seminars, revivals, and camp meetings were held in this building that changed thousands of lives for Christ and the Kingdom. This was another new beginning for the Mission. This building was built at great sacrifice by Bro. Smith, Bro. Mac, and many others. **We applaud their faith and sacrifice!** Leroy Trulock of Assumption, Illinois was another person of great vision that changed the dynamic of the Mission. He owned the largest farm machinery business in the country. Because of his faith, vision, and sacrifice the "Steel Tent" was constructed in 1962, then later expanded. As a result, thousands more were able to attend the Men's Clinic and benefit from "The Greatest Gathering This Side of Heaven." This was another new beginning for the Mission. This only happened because of the great sacrifice of Bro. Trulock, Bro. Mac, and many others. **We applaud their faith and sacrifice!**

The Kiamichi Mountains Christian Mission is at another fork in the road. The path we choose will have an eternal influence on the effectiveness of this work. One path requires little more than keeping the status quo. The other path will require great vision, faith, and sacrifice. The three examples given here changed the dynamic of the mission and accelerated the effectiveness and influence in major ways. If we choose the path of vision, faith, and sacrifice today it will have a similar effect. Leroy Trulock was famous for his motto: ***"If God is your partner, make your plans big."*** At the Men's Clinic this year **BIG PLANS** were introduced, not the least of which is the establishing of a school at Christ's 40 Acres to train preachers and missionaries. The **School of Preaching and Missions** is set to begin in the



Directly from the Director

Whether you attended the Clinic or were not able to attend you would benefit from a set of CD's or DVD's. You may order those from Dan Hutchison through Christian Audio Tapes. Their web address is www.catapes.com. One DVD you will want to hear over

again is the presentation by **Dr. Mark Berrier**. Not only was it amazing with his description of the crucifixion of Christ but the dramatics were greatly enhanced by a huge, but brief storm. The darkness, the lightening, the thunder, and the hail added effects that were on a Hollywood scale, Cecil B. Demille style. **It is definitely one for the history books.**

I was honored to be the first speaker of the first session on Tuesday morning so the School of Preaching and Missions could be introduced. This was an abbreviated version of "The Preservation of the Bride". The full version can be read or downloaded online from our website at www.kiamichimission.org, or you may order a hard copy from the office at a cost of \$5.00. There was much interest in establishing a School of Preaching and Missions here at Christ's 40 Acres. In fact, myself nor any of the Board Members received any negative feedback. The Mission Board had a brief, special meeting to consider the idea on Wednesday and it received unanimous consent and support. A launch date has been set for the fall of 2018 to begin. The concept was mentioned in several of the presentations throughout the Clinic in a positive manner and examined at length during a panel discussion on Thursday afternoon. You should watch that DVD for sure! **It is definitely one for the history books.**



Pictured above are the 21 young men who participated in The World Champion Preacher Boy Contest this year. This is a record for Boys preaching from the stage at a Men's Clinic. It took three hours with three groups of seven boys preaching with only a brief break after each group for music breaks. I commend the men for their patience, as they gave full attention to all the boys for that length of time. Since we are establishing a School of Preaching, and since we are moving the Men's Clinic more toward Bro. Mac's vision of a "preacher/timothy" meeting, it has been determined to make The World Champion Preacher Boy Contest an even greater part of the annual program. We will still offer any boy \$100 if they will come to the Men's Clinic and preach a seven minute sermon.

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Women's Ministry Report



Dora Carnes
*Director of
Woman's Ministries*

The new roof has been completed on the Patty Lou Smith Memorial Chapel. We are now ready to take the next important step in the preservation and restoration of our Grand Lady. In addition, she has been given a lovely coat of white paint and she is really starting to "shine". The dream and hope she becomes a shining light sitting on the hill to draw all peoples to God and His Worship is a major step closer. Here are the next few steps needed to continue the journey:

1. The fascia, soffits, and eaves of the roof completed.
2. A steeple was donated and needs to be cleaned, repaired, and installed.
3. Sidewalks down both sides and a large porch with ramp on the front is \$4,000. \$1,000 has already been given for this.
4. 27 lower windows and 30 upper windows replaced. All 27 of the lower and 12 of the upper have already been paid! Only 18 upper windows remain.
5. Inside removal of broken porcelain, ceiling and old wiring removed, old stage demolished, and other sundry items removed.

Many of our forefathers labored with much suffering to bring this Mission into the service of the Kingdom. We pray we continue to honor their labor of love. The idea of our children and grandchildren honoring and worshipping our Heavenly Father here is a great encouragement to all.

LOWER WINDOWS TO DATE

- Women for Jesus** - Panther Creek CC - Smithville, OK
- Sandra Trala** - Woodland CC - Timpon, TX
- Christ's Church at Stanley** - CC at Stanley - Clayton, OK
- Pete & Donna Heflin** - LeAnne & Wendell Fuller & Gary Francis Fuller - Clayton, OK
- Zafra Church of Christ** - Zafra Church of Christ - Zafra, OK
- Howard & LaRhue Crowe** - M/M Howard Crowe - Nebo, KY
- Harold Starbuck** - Patsy Starbuck - Talihina, OK
- Jackie & Pattie Miller** - M/M Jackie Miller - Versailles, KY
- Ronny & Sue Hammer** - M/M Ronny Hammer - Honobia, OK
- Clarence & Bea Herrin** - CC at Lenox & Family - Lenox, OK
- Ray Martin** - John & Mary Stevens - Diamond, MO
- Jerry & Joanne Balke** - Bud & Vickie Hill - Honobia, OK
- Shirley Thomas** - Ila Thomas - Beach City, TX
- Panther Creek CC** - Panther Creek CC - Smithville, OK
- Riley & Jane Donica** - Zafra Church of Christ - Zafra, OK
- Artie & Dora Carnes Family** - Artie & Dora Carnes - Honobia, OK
- Susan Byrd** - Steve Byrd - Troutman, NC
- Michael & Mary Nutt** - Curt & Sharon Watts - Guthrie, OK
- Al Grugan** - June Grugan - Marietta, OK
- M/M C. Walter Jordan** - Christ's Church Mt. Fork - Mena, AR
- Ray & Sally Brisco** - Brad & Cindy Wheeler - Ft. Smith, AR

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fall of 2018. You can read all about this on our website at www.kiamichimission.org in an article called "The Preservation of the Bride." For the School to be realized, there must be some improvement in housing for students and teaching staff. World Mission Builders has stepped up to help with some of this. They are building a Lodge with seven bedrooms and bathrooms, meeting area, kitchen, etc. They will use this building during our main events and for special events of their own but it will also be available most of the school year to house visiting Preachers, Missionaries, and Professors who will be teaching one and two weeks at a time in the School.



This building is critical to the establishment of the School. World Mission Builders has already raised over \$130,000 toward this project and donated thousands of man-hours. The

Mission agreed to raise \$50,000 toward this project and also donate man-hours of labor. Immediately someone stepped forward and offered to match dollar-for-dollar anything we could raise toward this project up to \$25,000. That means we now only need to raise \$25,000 initially for this project. We included this amount in our needs for the Men's Clinic offering and so far we have \$8,000 which means we need to raise another \$17,000 as soon as possible.

Another building that is critical to the establishing of the School is the **Dewey Lodge**. First Christian Church of Dewey, Oklahoma has agreed to fund half of this project. We included \$9,500 in the offering appeal at the Men's Clinic for this building. There was enough in the offering to cover



this, PTL! The Dewey Church will use this building during the Men's Clinic and other main events but the rest of the time it will be used to house up to sixteen students for the School.

The third building that is critical to the establishing of the School is the Old Canteen. The entire Canteen has been moved permanently to the Steel Tent leaving the old building to be remodeled into a cabin with several rooms to house up to twelve students for the school. When some of the men from the **Remnant Church** in

Guthrie, Oklahoma heard about this they got together and accepted the responsibility of this project. Again, they will use the building for the Men's Clinic and other



events but the rest of the time it will house students. Bro. Glen Short

from one of the Christian Churches in Oklahoma City who is the volunteer architect for the World Mission Builders Lodge has volunteered to help with these other two buildings so we have some consistency in design.

To accomplish all of this we asked the Men at the Clinic this year to **"agree with us and appeal to God for \$65,000."** See the chart below. Then the men put their money behind their faith and the total offering at the Men's Clinic amounted to just over **\$48,000!** PTL!! One church gave \$5,000. Other individuals gave \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000. Many gave \$500 or less. Now we need you to step up and help us finish this commitment. **This would be a great way for you to participate in this historic Men's Clinic even if you were not there!** If there were 17 who would give \$1,000 like Lytle Smith did in 1953 we could reach that goal. We must ask ourselves, "Will those who come behind us find us faithful?" **WILL THEY APPLAUD OUR FAITH AND SACRIFICE?** It is time for another "new beginning" at Christ's 40 Acres. Who will step up with us and partner with God at this critical time in our history? Remember the motto of Bro. Trulock: **"If God is your partner, make your plans big."** He is our partner and we have made our plans big. Come join us.

Matthew 18:19-20 "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

I need you to agree with me for \$65,000

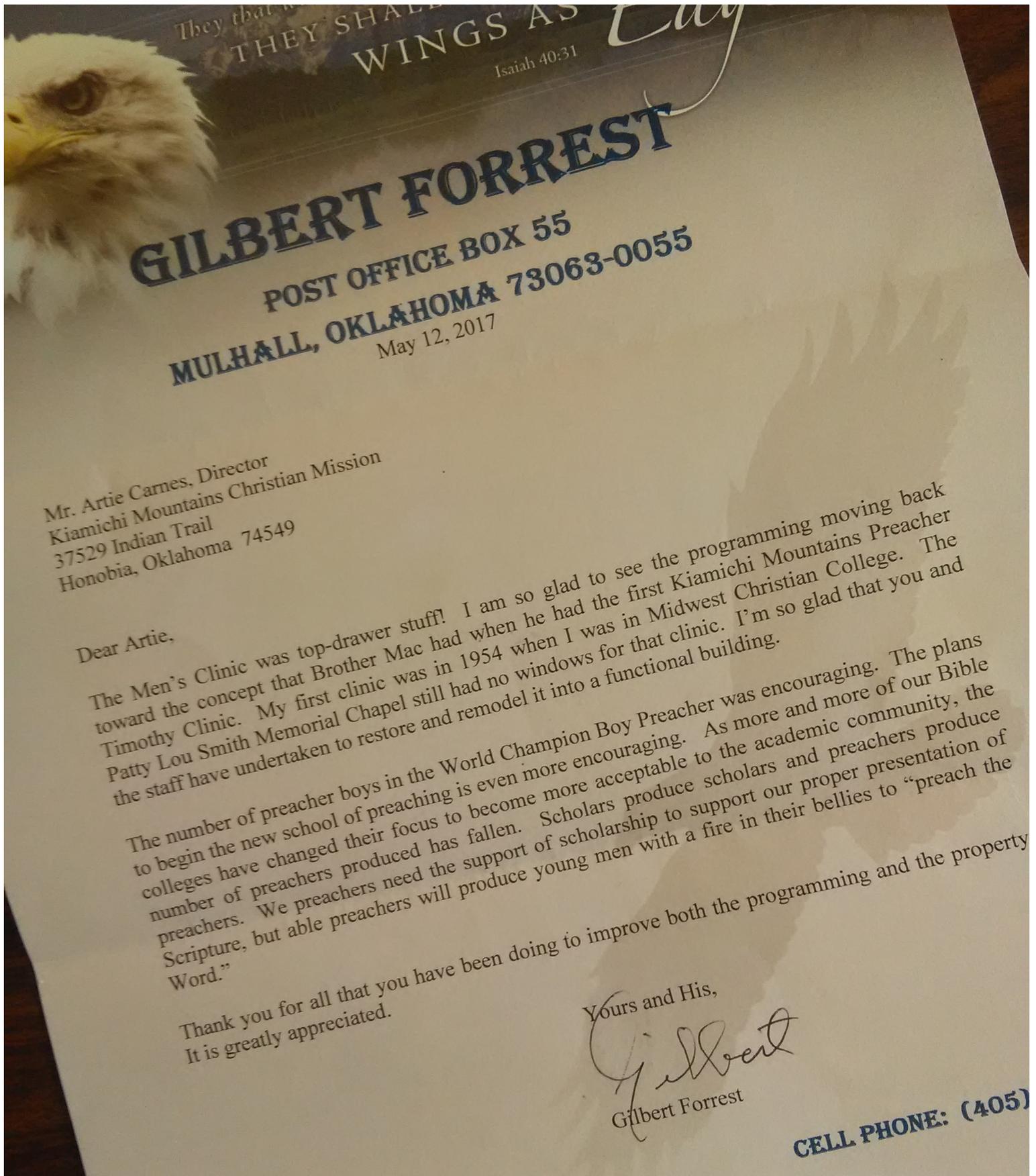
\$5,000	TOTALS	\$5,000
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\$3,000 \$3,000 \$3,000		\$9,000
\$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000		\$8,000
\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000		\$5,000
\$500 X 15	_____	\$7,500
\$250 X 30	_____	\$7,500
\$100 X 100	_____	\$10,000
> \$100	_____	<u>\$5,000</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$65,000

OR - 650 People X \$100 = \$65,000

BUT—God is not about "EQUAL" He is about "PERCENTAGES"

THE CURRENT NEED:	Clinic Expenses	\$22,500
	Building Supplies due Friday	\$9,500
	Building Supplies due September	\$8,000
	WMB Lodge Commitment	<u>\$25,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$65,000

The following letter is from Gilbert Forrest who is a former missionary and church planter here in the Kiamichi Mountains. His comments sum up the bulk of the response to the Men's Clinic this year. Attendance was just North of 700 individuals over the course of the three days with a high on Tuesday evening of just over 500. The offering set a new record at \$48,000 and several gave their lives to full-time Christian service along with one baptism.



They that wait
THEY SHALL
WINGS AS
Isaiah 40:31

GILBERT FORREST

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May 12, 2017

Mr. Artie Carnes, Director
Kiamichi Mountains Christian Mission
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Dear Artie,

The Men's Clinic was top-drawer stuff! I am so glad to see the programming moving back toward the concept that Brother Mac had when he had the first Kiamichi Mountains Preacher Timothy Clinic. My first clinic was in 1954 when I was in Midwest Christian College. The Patty Lou Smith Memorial Chapel still had no windows for that clinic. I'm so glad that you and the staff have undertaken to restore and remodel it into a functional building.

The number of preacher boys in the World Champion Boy Preacher was encouraging. The plans to begin the new school of preaching is even more encouraging. As more and more of our Bible colleges have changed their focus to become more acceptable to the academic community, the number of preachers produced has fallen. Scholars produce scholars and preachers produce preachers. We preachers need the support of scholarship to support our proper presentation of Scripture, but able preachers will produce young men with a fire in their bellies to "preach the Word."

Thank you for all that you have been doing to improve both the programming and the property. It is greatly appreciated.

Yours and His,
Gilbert
Gilbert Forrest

CELL PHONE: (405)

They will no longer need to send in a CD or DVD but rather fill out an application. At the Clinic, judges will hold elimination rounds after lunch on Tuesday through Thursday, and after supper on Tuesday and Wednesday. The top ten selected from these rounds will preach in the Steel Tent for everyone on Thursday afternoon. The



awards ceremony will be on Thursday night. Boys must be present at the awards ceremony to receive a certificate and the \$100. We are praying this will enhance the contest and encourage more involvement. Our thanks to Joel Godard, preacher at Clayton for leading the contest. Some great sermons were preached by these 21 Preacher Boys. It is definitely one for the history books.



2017 PREACHER BOYS

1st Place

Jeren Joslin - Miami, OK

2nd Place

David Todd - Moberly, MO

3rd Place

Ashton Mundy - Honobia, OK

4th Place

Trevin Melton - Franklin, IN

5th Place in no Particular Order

Hunter Melton - Lake, MS

Cody Hebert - Lake, MS

Marc Blair - Poteau, OK

Timothy Reeves - Okmulgee, OK

Matthew Curry - Poteau, OK

Jaxon Harden - Guthrie, OK

Eli Calderon - Cushing, OK

Joseph Calderon - Cushing, OK

Ethan Jennings - Guthrie, OK

Bryan Astell - Ripley, OK

Jonathan Falco - Guthrie, OK

Kyle Melton - Franklin, IN

Elijah Martin - Dewitt, AR

Ian Strong - Olney, IL

Bailey Turner - Mena, AR

Braxton Arceneaux - Hatfield, AR

Luke Donaldson - West Salem, IL

Pictured to the right is Arthur baptizing his wife, Tasha's oldest son **Bryon Morstatter**. Bryon came up from Florida for the Men's Clinic.



Enclosed or attached is a brochure and order form for the "Living Legacy Memorial Garden" which we plan to develop around the Monument to Bro. Mac in the front yard at Christ's 40 Acres. If you are interested just fill out the form and send it to the office. Thanks. **AC**

LOWER WINDOWS TO DATE

Judy Mason - Duke & Stephanie Mason - Joplin, MO

Jennifer Po - Parish Family - Nebo, KY

The Mordecai Family - Jim Mordecai - Henryetta, OK

A.Y. & Vivian Leigh - Stacy & Lisa Nichols - Smithville, OK

Robert & Gladys VanZile - Robert & Phyllis Heaton - Tecumseh, OK

The Texans - Sam & Brenda Ray - Cassville, MO

UPPER WINDOWS TO DATE

Howard & LaRhue Crowe - M/M Howard Crowe - Nebo, KY

Jackie & Pattie Miller - M/M Jackie Miller - Versailles, KY

Valley Christian Church - Valley CC - Talihina, OK

Robert & Gladys VanZile - Friends & Family - Talihina, OK

Ray Stoll - Eugene & Lola Belle Underwood - Strafford, MO

Allen Hawley - Eugene & Lola Belle Underwood - Strafford, MO

Riley & Jane Donica - Zafra Church of Christ - Zafra, OK

Zafra Church of Christ - Zafra Church of Christ - Zafra, OK

Panther Creek CC - Panther Creek CC - Smithville, OK

Robert & Nancy Newman - M/M Robert Newman -

Madisonville, KY

Christ's Church Mt. Fork - CC Mt. Fork - Mena, AR

Dorothy Hoffman - Bruce Hoffman - Webb City, MO

We could really use your help working on the interior of the Chapel. If your Church, Youth Group, or other group would like to schedule a work day it would be greatly appreciated. God Bless! **DC**



An internal electrical short caused this motorhome to catch fire during the Thursday evening service. **Arthur Carnes** was on stage at the time leading the boys along with the MX3 Praise Band. He left the stage, jumped into his fireman's suit, and was ready to help fight the fire with the Honobia Volunteer fire department when they arrived. No one was injured and the couple, who owned the vehicle, was able to get a ride back to Missouri with Bro. Bob Farrar of St. Louis Christian College.



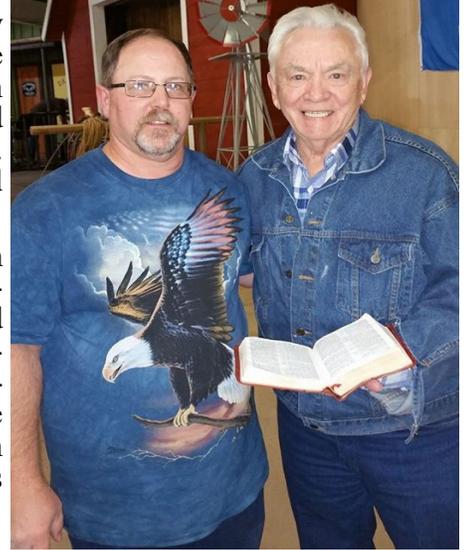
THE BOYS CLINIC THIS YEAR WAS G*R*E*A*T!!!



The two groups to the left really added to the Clinic this year. The group directly to the left is from **Christ's Church at Nashoba** and **Remnant Church of Guthrie**. **THE FISH FRY IS BACK!!!** And they did the cooking. Thanks Guys!



The group pictured beneath them are men and women who represented **World Mission Builders** and were here the week before the Clinic and the week of the Clinic working on the Lodge. They were able to enjoy much of the Clinic when they weren't working. Thanks Guys and Gals!



To the right is **Joel Godard**, current minister, and **Cecil Todd**, founding minister of the Clayton Christian Church. They were together at "The Greatest Gathering This Side of Heaven."

Below are pictures of the World Mission Builders Lodge going up.



Joe Wilson, the man behind the plan.



Time for Jr. and Sr. Camps 2017

Senior Camp June 11th -16th

Going into the 7th thru 12th grades.

Mike & Tara Dawson - Deans

Junior Camp June 18th - 23rd

Going into the 2nd thru 6th grades.

Jim Forrest—Dean



Pack up your bags, charge your flashlights, grab your Bibles and start practicing your singing. Jr. & Sr. Camps are just around the corner and will be here before you know it! Exciting new things will happen! (Those going into the 7th grade may attend either or both camps as they feel comfortable. Those leaving the 12th grade may also attend Senior Week.)

JUNIOR CAMP THEME:

“You will get what you plant!”

Something new this year: The Camp will end on Thursday evening the 22nd with a closing program where the campers perform songs and skits learned during the week. Parents are invited. It will begin about 7:00 but parents are welcome to come at 5:30 for supper. After the program parents can take their kids home. For groups with a long distance to drive, they will stay over Thursday night, get up on Friday morning, eat breakfast, and head for home.

- ♦ See your friends from last year and make new ones
- ♦ Exciting Bible Lessons
- ♦ Fun songs and skits
- ♦ Laughter is required!
- ♦ A really cool Craft Project
- ♦ Meaningful Worship
- ♦ Invite a friend!
- ♦ Swimming and a Water Slide!



Go online to register at
www.kimichimission.org

ONLY \$65.00 PER WEEK!

SENIOR CAMP THEME:

“Hello, My Name is CHRISTIAN!”

- ♦ Hang out with your friends from last year and make many more new ones.
- ♦ New this year: “Breakout Sessions”
- ♦ Exciting and fun MUSIC!!
- ♦ Meaningful Worship
- ♦ Preaching each night by Billy Collier.
- ♦ Bring all your friends.



INTEREST FORM

School of Preaching and Missions Training

A. Development Team

Current Members of the Development Team

Artie Carnes Dora Carnes Arthur Carnes Curt Watts

Howard Crowe Ed Grist Dr. Mark Berrier

_____ I would like to participate in the Development Team

B. Teachers

How much time could you commit to teaching a class or course?

_____ 1 Day _____ 1 Week _____ 2 Weeks # of times per year _____

Bible or Preaching Related Courses you would teach.

Building Trades Related Courses you would teach.

Leadership and Business Related Courses you would teach.

C. Students

_____ I know of students who might be interested in this school. I will send names and contact information as soon as possible.

D. Support

You can count on my support for this program in the following ways.

_____ Prayer _____ A one time Financial gift to help get this program started
_____ A monthly gift _____ Regular Financial support as needed

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

EMAIL: (Please print clearly.) _____