



# Heart

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of the Members  
of Churches of Christ  
for Scouting  
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## FAMILIES TO ATTEND PHILMONT CONFERENCE

Scouters and their families will meet for a week of fun and fellowship July 11-17 at the "Scouting in Churches of Christ" Conference near Cimarron, N.M.

The conference, which will take place at the Philmont Training Center, where the prairies meet the Rocky Mountains, will equip Scouters, ministers, youth ministers and church leaders to use Scouting as a resource in dealing with youth and families.

Programs for all ages will include hiking, tours, crafts, games and campfires. Outreach, leadership development and intergenerational activities will benefit anyone involved with youth. Although leaders from Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of the United States of America will attend, participants need not be registered with BSA or GSUSA to attend.

Scouters, Scouts and their entire families are encouraged to attend this uplifting time of fellowship. For more information, please refer to the Members for Churches of Christ Web site at [www.acu.edu/mccs-scouting](http://www.acu.edu/mccs-scouting) or contact Kent Barnett at [mccs@acu.edu](mailto:mccs@acu.edu) or (325) 674-3739.



Top Left: The Philmont schedule allows plenty of time to try many exciting outdoor activities.

Immediate Left: Families with children of all ages attend this annual conference.

# STORIES FROM THE HEART OF SCOUTING



Kent Barnett  
Executive Director

**S**erving is a way of life for us at Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting. We teach our children from the beginning what it means to follow Christ's model of servanthood. That central idea has given us our logo, our *Servant Leadership Series* of awards and the name of our newsletter.

As we look forward to so many exciting opportunities this spring and summer, we at MCCS thought now would be the perfect time to resume publication of the newsletter.

Please take a look at some great chances to encourage the Scouts you know to earn the religious awards. The Philmont Conference will teach Scouters and families how to work together to provide the Scouting experience to our church youth. Scouts and leaders already are planning for the 2005 National Scout Jamboree in Virginia. I've even included my calendar on Page 6 so you'll know what I'll be up to during the next few months.

Don't forget to read about the *Loving Servant Award*, our latest addition to the *Servant Leadership Series*. This series of awards offers a fantastic opportunity to affirm the great works of our boys and girls in the church.

In the future, please look for additional exciting stories that come straight from the heart and faith of these young servants. And please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.

Scouting for Christ,  
Kent Barnett

## Please Note — **325** Area Code Change

Some of you may not realize that Abilene's area code has changed from 915 to 325.

We apologize if this change has caused confusion or inconvenience to anyone wanting to contact us.

Please give us a call at (325) 674-3739. We would love to speak with you.



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# 2005 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

**M**ore than 40,000 Scouts and leaders will come together at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., for the 2005 National Boy Scout Jamboree.

At least 10 chaplains from across the country plan to represent the Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting at the Jamboree. The chaplains will lead worship services and make themselves available to provide any support needed to those in attendance. The MCCC exhibit will be staffed and displayed as well.

The Jamboree will begin on July 25, when qualified Scouts and their leaders set up their tents and patrol kitchens for a week and a half of activities and fellowship. Programs will focus on Scouting skills, the heritage of our nation, physical fitness, environmental concerns and the spirit of Scouting. Participants will enjoy activities such as archery, biking, buckskin games, scuba diving, kayaking and much more.

Scouts eligible to participate in the 2005 Jamboree are selected from more than 300 councils across the country. Now's the time to register your Boy Scout sons.

The Jamboree dates back to the founder of the Scouting movement, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, and his idea for a large encampment of Scouts and leaders to celebrate the ideals of Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America held its first National Jamboree in 1937. Since 1981, the Jamboree has taken place at Fort A.P. Hill, near historic Fredericksburg, Va.

For more information, please visit [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).

Scouts and leaders participate in a MCCC worship service during the 1997 National Scout Jamboree.



# Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting

## A History of Service

*The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916. The following timeline offers a synopsis of the rich history of the Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting.*

### 1985

Dr. Don McClaugherty of the University of Texas at Tyler proposes a national organization to encourage Scouting among the churches of Christ and to offer the corresponding religious emblem awards to our Scouting youth.



Ad Hoc Committee of Dr. Don McClaugherty,  
Dr. Lawrence Ray Smith of Kerrville, Texas;  
Dr. Lowell Johnson of Lubbock, Texas;  
Ralph Wallace of Florence, Ala.; James Swafford of  
Kingsville, Texas; John Clardy of Lometa, Texas;  
Dr. Charlie Marler of Abilene, Texas; and Gayle  
Reams of Bethany, Okla., form the Members of  
Churches of Christ for Scouting Board of Trustees.

### August 8, 1986

Don McClaugherty was  
voted to serve as the first  
Chairman of the Board.







The Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting curricula becomes available to Scouts, and Dr. Charlie Marler, with the help of staff and student workers, begins running MCCS out of the Department of Journalism at Abilene Christian University.



Dr. Lawrence Ray Smith  
(pictured at left)  
becomes first chaplain to  
represent the Churches  
of Christ at a National  
Scout Jamboree.

1989

1997

More than 1,500 people attended  
the three worship services  
conducted by the churches of Christ  
at the National Scout Jamboree.



Kent Barnett becomes first  
executive director of the  
Members of Churches of  
Christ for Scouting.

1998

MCCS headquarters move to the J.W. Roberts  
Scout Hut on the ACU campus.



1999

Scouting units chartered by the churches of Christ  
showed the most significant growth of any  
chartered by a religious organization.



# AWARDS NEWS

**H**annah Maples, Caleb Carbine and Michael Behel were presented their *Joyful Servant Awards*. Their church family at Magnolia Church of Christ in Florence, Ala., helped them celebrate this great achievement.

Faithful Servant and  
MCCS Trustee  
Ralph Wallace  
praises Caleb  
Carbine for his  
hard work.



Left to Right: Loving Servants  
Hannah Maples, Caleb Carbine and  
Michael Behel of Florence, Ala.

In each issue of *from the Heart*, we will reserve space for your photographs and stories about Servant Leadership Award ceremonies. Stories of other awards and inspiring projects should be shared, as well. For instance, if you know young people who recently earned an Eagle Scout or Gold Award they deserve recognition in this newsletter! Please send your photos and information to Kent Barnett at MCCS • ACU Box 27938 • Abilene, TX 79699-7938.

## WALLED LAKE HONORED

**T**he Walled Lake Church of Christ in Walled Lake, Mich., was honored as the *Charter Organization Partner of the Year* with the Ottawa District of the Clinton Valley Council. Roger Woods, minister of Walled Lake, said the congregation sponsors two Cub Scout Packs that meet in the building. The BSA District's monthly Roundtable meets there, as well.

## KENT'S CALENDAR: MARCH - SEPTEMBER

**March 25-27**

Tulsa International Soul Winning Workshop  
in Tulsa, Okla.

**April 24**

West Texas Rendezvous at the  
State Park in San Angelo, Texas

**May 4-7**

Exhibit on Display at Pepperdine  
University Bible Lectures in  
Malibu, Calif.

**May 15-16**

Middle Tennessee "Duty to God"  
Members for Churches of  
Christ Camporee at Parrish  
High Adventure Center near Nashville



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in Cookeville, Tenn.

**June 26-30**

Red River Family Encampment in  
Red River, N.M.

**July 11-17**

"Scouting in Churches of Christ"  
Conference at Philmont Training  
Center in Cimarron, N.M.  
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**September 3-5**

WashJam 2004 Scout Jamboree in  
Ft. Lewis, Wash. (near Seattle)

Please look for the MCCS exhibit at each of these events





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If you would like to make a gift in memory or honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below. Contributions of any type over \$20 entitle you to MCCS membership. Members receive a MCCS patch, card and the newsletter.

All donations received go to encourage boys and girls in pursuing the development of servant leadership style of life modeled by Jesus Christ.

## MCCS Membership Form

- ☐ Annual Membership (\$20)  
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## *Loving Servant Joins Leadership Series*

**I**an C. Snider of Medina, Ohio, received the first *Loving Servant Award*. He completed this Bible-based study last July.

Snider and the 44 other young people who have earned this award using curriculum that was introduced last April have now received their long-awaited medals.

To earn the *Loving Servant Award* as Joshua McIlhenny of Macomb, Ill., did last summer, a Scout must demonstrate growth in the areas of serving God, serving others and developing oneself.

Stephanie Tonkery of Bridgeport, W.Va., was the first Girl Scout to earn the award.

Scouts in grades 1st through 3rd are eligible for the *Loving Servant Award*. The remaining awards in the *Servant Leadership Series* comprise the *Joyful Servant*, awarded to Scouts in grades 4th through 6th; the *Good Servant*, awarded to Scouts in grades 6th through 12th; and the *Faithful Servant*, recognizes adult leaders with 10 or more years of service as registered leaders.

The *Servant Leadership Series* has been prepared in the spirit of Philippians 2:1-11, modeled upon the example of Christ, who "took on the very nature of a servant."

### THE HEART OF THE SERVANT

The four hearts motif of this logo symbolizes the four spheres in the life of a servant leader:

service to God and His church, service to one's own family, service to the nation and service to Scouting. The metaphor suggests that the four parts of a servant's life function in unison as the four chambers of the biological heart work in symphony to nourish life.



The colors allude to three dimensions of servant leadership: red for the cleansing of Jesus Christ, who is the epitome of servant leadership; white for the pure motives of servant leadership; and gold for the priceless value of servanthood.

The *Heart of the Servant* depicts the search for the balance God describes as "loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself."

