Churches Reach Out with MCCS

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The extent to which MCCS can serve the church in bringing souls to Christ is evidenced by the experience of Chuck Markwardt, a Scout Leader from Mariposa Church of Christ in Citrus Heights, California. In his description of the Scouting experience in church, he expressed the importance of the MCCS curriculum.

MCCS Prepares for Philmont 2008

Thanks to the faithful attendance of Church of Christ Scouters to Philmont Scout Ranch Training Center in recent years, MCCS has been granted the opportunity to conduct its own seminar at Philmont 2008: “Scouting in the Churches of Christ.”

Tentative dates are July 27 through August 2, 2008.
Kent Barnett, MCCS Executive Director, said he hopes the 2008 seminar can encourage relations between churches and Scouting and maybe result in more church-chartered Scouting units.

There will also be opportunities for worship and singing. Barnett said and, “obviously, we’ll have plenty of fellowship.”

Youth ages 14-20 whose parents attend Philmont 2008 may participate and will be guaranteed a spot on a week-long Mountain Trek at additional cost.

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MCSC Web Site Transformed

By Dawn Donaldson, Junior GS Troop 10417 Leader

A few years ago, a wonderful couple, John Scott and Cindy Weber, encouraged three little brownie girls to scout to work on their Loving Servant Award at Jersey Village Church of Christ in Houston. After many months of working with the girls, John Scott held a ceremony in our church for one of the girls, Courtney Bishop, to complete all of her requirements and was awarded the Loving Servant Award. Exactly one week later, John Scott left this earth to be with our Lord after a battle with cancer. The other two girls, Allison Mahood and Candace Donaldson, also completed the requirements, and John Scott’s wife, Cindy, was able to perform the ceremony in our church. It was both a joyful and a sad time for us.

Several months passed, and these Brownies graduated to Junior Girl Scouts. It was time to start working on the Joyful Servant Award. One of the requirements was to invite a gentleman from the congregation, Doug Terry, to serve as the girl’s mentor. Doug said he would love to help out with this and did so for about five seconds. His wife, Peggy, a retired schoolteacher, also volunteered.

Peggy’s new respiratory problems, and because of her breathing difficulties was unable to be part of large crowds or even sit in a church service. Thankfully, she was able to be in small crowds with the girls. Peggy met with members of the church during her time with the girls. One of those members offered some medical assistance in the form of a “breathing buddy”—a machine worn around the neck that purifies the air. This device has allowed her to go out in public and attend church services for the first time in years.

Doug and Peggy started working with the girls in April 2006. The two of them worked with the girls to help them learn and memorize Bible scripture. They also spent many hours visiting the sick, nursing homes, and hospital patients. It was wonderful to spend time together during the summer and watch the girls grow closer, written with their hands. Together, they continue to do so through the teachings and love offered by Doug and Peggy Terry.

The Junior Girl Scout rank is designed to help the girls discover careers in the field of science. The girls continue to serve their community through service projects, including volunteering at the local hospital and food bank. They have also organized a toy drive and collected items for the local animal shelter.

The leadership of the church was invited to help celebrate the girls’ accomplishments. Eight Junior Girl Scouts were honored at the ceremony. Members of the church, including Doug, Peggy, and the girls, were present at the ceremony. The girls’ achievement serves as an example of how one can serve their community through their faith and commitment to others.

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visit www.goodservant.org today!

MCSS is reaching more Scouts around the country thanks to the new Web site designed by MCSS Trustee Nathan Williams.

Williams, a MCCS board member since 2003, has donated an approximate $10,000 in-kind gift to the design, implementation and maintenance of www.goodservant.org.

“Site as a need I could fill with relative ease,” Williams said. “It was something that was needed to be done, and I could do it.”

The site has become a cornerstone of MCCS’ recent push to increase public awareness of the organization, and more specifically, the Servant Leadership Series.

And with roughly twice as many curriculum requests in 2007 than in the previous year, the Web site has already helped MCCS.

“Its beginning to reach out to people,” Williams said. “We’ve already seen a marked increase in curriculum requests since last year. I see it as a new beginning for us.”

Besides offering information about MCCS, the Servant Leadership Series, Scouting and MCCS-supported events such as Philmont and the National Jamboree, the Web site allows users to honor top Scouting awards recipients by posting their names on the Honor Roll page.

Ultimately, Williams wanted to design a site that spoke well to the public about MCCS.

“The design really is a description of who we are and what we provide,” Williams said. “Every area, every page of the Web site conveys things or ideas that we use for outreach.”

And it’s just the beginning.

“This is just the beginning. You just keep adding to it,” Williams said. “We have plans to add ways to donate online and to purchase MCCS merchandise. Plans for newsletter sign-up are also forthcoming.”

Williams is an ACU alumnus with 11 years experience in Web design. He currently works in contract Web design and graphic art. For further information, or to contact Williams go to ronwilliams.com, or click the link to his site on the goodservant.org Web site.

Chairman Opens Atlanta Meeting

MCSS Chairman Al Bingham opened the National Religious Relationships Committee meeting in Atlanta on May 30 as a part of the National Boy Scouts of America meeting. Bingham, a longtime Atlanta resident, was asked to welcome guests from all over the country to Atlanta and to lead them in an “inspirational” thought. Guests included representatives from religious Scouting associations such as MCCS Kent Barnett, Executive Director, joined Bingham in representing MCCS. Barnett serves as a member of the National Training School Committee that oversees the training of Scouting Chapers. The committee reviewed the curriculum for the upcoming workshops. Barnett also made several contacts with Scout Council executives about MCCS and the promotion of church-chartered units.

Sustaining Gifts

Friends who send gifts in memory or honor of loved ones have made a significant impact on the lives of the children who participate in MCCS. Through the Servant Leadership Series of relevant emblems awards, these children learn about serving Christ and helping others. Memorial and honor gifts made by faithful supporters provide an excellent example of the servant’s way of life. All donations received go to encourage boys and girls in pursuing the development of the servant leadership style of life modeled by Jesus Christ.

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