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## HARDING UNIVERSITY WELCOMES MCCS TRUSTEES



Left to right: Chris Pearifoy (Longview, TX); Duron Brock (Calhoun, GA); Kent Barnett (Abilene, TX); Steve Liddy (Cookeville, TN); Huey Ford (Murrayville, GA); Nathan Williams (Abilene, TX); Jerry Strader (Abilene, TX); Connie Thomas (Mt. Washington, KY); Dan Tullos (Searcy, AR); Carl Amend (Arlington, TX); Houston Costolo (Picaune, MS); Bobbie Lee Wolfe (Abilene, TX); Karen Elswood (San Antonio, TX)

**H**arding University, located in Searcy, AR, hosted the 2012 annual board meeting for the Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting (MCCS) national board of trustees. Harding welcomed the MCCS trustees to the American Heritage Conference Center for the meeting, and thirteen trustees along with Executive Director Kent Barnett attended from seven states. MCCS is led by trustees from across the United States, with their national headquarters in Abilene, Texas. The MCCS trustees have made an active effort to reach out to Christian universities and have been hosted by several universities over the past four years.

Founded in 1986, MCCS is a not-for-profit organization, independent of but recognized by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Girls Scouts of the U.S.A. (GSUSA) and American Heritage Girls programs. The mission of MCCS is to interpret Scouting to members of Churches of Christ, to encourage the use of Scouting as a ministry within Churches of Christ, and to promote spiritual growth by encouraging the use of the Servant Leadership Series, a Scouting Religious Award curricula developed for young people within the Churches of Christ. The Servant Leadership Series was developed in the spirit of Philipians 2:1-11 wherein Jesus Christ is described as the greatest example of servant leadership.

Dr. James Carr, Harding Executive Vice President, welcomed the group and formally announced that Harding will begin offering annual scholarships to incoming freshmen who have achieved top awards in the various Scouting programs including Eagle Scouts (Boy Scouts of America), Girl Scout Gold Awardees (Girl Scouts USA), Venturing Silver Awardees (Boy Scouts of America), Sea Scout Quartermaster Awardees (Boy Scouts of America) and Stars and Stripe Awardees (American Heritage Girls). For more information on Harding's new Scouting scholarship or to apply contact Glenn Dillard, Assis-

tant Vice President for Enrollment at [gdillard@harding.edu](mailto:gdillard@harding.edu) or 501-279-4407 or 800-477-4407.

"MCCS has been actively working to promote similar scholarships at universities affiliated with Churches of Christ across the nation and applauds Harding's desire to recognize these young leaders with awards to help prepare them to serve God and his people throughout the world" stated Kent Barnett, MCCS National Executive Director.

During lunch, Dr. Dan Tullos, Chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Harding and newly elected MCCS National Trustee, was presented with his Wood Badge beads. Wood Badge is Scouting's premier leadership training course and the awarding of his beads signified that he has completed a multi-level capstone project. Dan's wife Keri, and son Ian (age 14), were present to witness the event. Earlier, addressing the trustees, Ian described his Eagle Scout project which involved providing sanitary delivery kits for women in Africa to aid in the reduction of infant and mother mortality during childbirth. Ian has already provided over five hundred kits and is working to send an additional five hundred to Zambia. Afterwards, Harding junior youth ministry major and

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# AWARD RECIPIENTS



Joe Hill, Clay Vetter, and Justin Myrick (l-r) were presented the Faithful Servant Award on Scout Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012, in Cookeville, TN.



Kasmyne Pender earns Eagle Scout Award in Fayetteville, GA. He also was a Joyful Servant recipient.

Hugh Travis, Scout Executive of the Middle Tennessee Council, BSA, receives his adult Faithful Servant Award. Also pictured are Hugh's wife, Diana, and Steve Leddy, MCCC National Chairman (l-r).



Cindy White, Kim Montgomery, and Steve Foster (l-r), presented with the adult Faithful Servant Awards at the Una Church of Christ, Nashville, TN Scout Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012.



Jessie and Jolie Green (front, l-r), pictured with parents Bill and Melissa, were presented their Loving Servant Awards at a special dinner held at West Hobbs Street Church of Christ in Athens, AL.





# AWARD RECIPIENTS



*Girl Scout Gold Award recipient Kelly Spangler of Columbus, OH, shown here with Kent Barnett. Kelly was one of the first Giving Servant Award recipients for older youth grades 9-12, as well as Venturers ages 14-20. Kelly is also a Joyful and Good Servant Awardee, and would've earned the Loving Servant Award had it been available when she was at that grade level.*



*Laura Hawes and Ann Barrow (l-r) receive their Faithful Servant awards, presented at the Venture Crew 204 campfire in April. Both Ann and Laura have well over ten years' leadership experience in various aspects of scouting. Both live in Powder Springs, GA.*

*Joyful Servant recipients Nathan Bryce and Stefan Taylor (l-r) with Nathan's parents, Brady and Donna, and Stefan's parents, Charles and Diana, all of Abilene, TX*



*Faithful Servant recipients (l-r): Carl Amend, Gary Lott, James L. "Jamie" Bain, T.J. Walker, Randy Rabeck, all of Arlington, TX.*





# Coming Soon: Jamboree 2013!

Excitement was in the air as 25 invitees visited Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve near Mount Hope and Beckley, West Virginia. The National Religious Relationships Task Force requested that we visit the site of the 2013 National Boy Scout Jamboree to discuss plans for our involvement.

Upon arrival, the Summit's full-time staff provided us information about the Scout Reserve in general and then loaded us into vehicles for a beautiful trek to the top of the mountain. Driving on gravel roads, we were taken to a large wooden deck atop a mountain overlooking the Summit. The view was awesome! We saw both beauty and work; large trucks and bulldozers were preparing the land.

The Scout Reserve encompasses 10,600 acres of mountains and valleys covered with tall hemlock trees and other shrubbery. The actual Summit Center will cover 100 acres with the camping footprint estimated to be 1,000 acres. Temperatures are expected to be milder than those experienced at Fort AP Hill. Walking distances from campsites will also be less than at previous Jamborees, with about a 1.5 mile walk expected from subcamps to the arena. While you may walk less, you will still get your exercise as the roads and walkways will not be flat!

Participants can look forward to more variety in a number of areas. The subcamps will not be divided by regions (e.g. Southern, Central, North Eastern, and Western), but will include a mixture of troops from across the country. There will also be more high adventure events, such as longer zip lines, mountain bike trails, white water rafting, and off-site service projects. Venturing troops will also be participating for the first time in 2013. These crews will be housed in area with the international units.



And where does MCCA fit in to all of this? We plan to be right in the middle of it all!! There will be 10 MCCA chaplains attending to work with the youth and leaders. The chaplains will also assist with worship services. Other MCCA staff will man our exhibit in the Faith and Beliefs area of the Summit Center.

Hopefully, you can sense our excitement and will join us in preparing for this amazing opportunity to introduce others to Christ through the MCCA programs. How can you be a part? First, start praying now that we will reach more youth than ever before. Secondly, make plans to send your Scout(s) and, if possible, to visit the Summit yourself during the Jamboree. And, finally, please send your financial support to help MCCA purchase communion supplies, provide handouts for those visiting our exhibit, and provide supplies for our chaplains as they work with the youth. ☕

## American Heritage Girls meet at Philmont

The American Heritage Girls hosted their historic first conference at the Philmont Training Center in Cimarron, New Mexico during the week of August 5th thru 11th. Kent Barnett, Executive Director for MCCA, attended as a presenter and participant. While sharing information about the MCCA Servant Leadership Series, Barnett was also eager to learn more about the AHG program.

In 2009, the Boy Scouts of America and the American Heritage Girls signed a memorandum to mutually support the mission of each other. This relationship reflected the purposes of both organizations as each seeks to promote morals, character, and leader-

ship skills in youth. Girls participating in the AHG program are utilizing the MCCA Servant Leadership Religious Award curricula.

AHG's mission is to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country; the program is for girls, age 5-18 years.

Through the AHG program, girls are enriched physically, mentally, and spiritually while participating in a diverse range of badge activities. Community service projects, and camping and outdoor programs, make the AHG program a good "book-end" to a church sponsored BSA Program. Please visit AHG's website, [www.ahgonline.org](http://www.ahgonline.org). ☕




# If you don't ask, you don't receive

**W**e've all heard the old saying, "If you don't ask, you don't receive". Well, the MCCS ministry is asking for your financial support! Without the support of our many donors, MCCS will stay exactly where it is; reaching the same number of people and remaining one of the best kept secrets in scouting. While this is all fine and good, we want to share our curriculum with more youth than ever before! We want to be the religious emblems program known for leading boys and girls to Christ and the program that churches want to use in their Bible classes!

So, WE ARE ASKING! Many of you give generously to MCCS on a monthly, bi-annual, quarterly, or annual basis. For this we are extremely thankful. But, because MCCS is a

donor-driven, non-profit organization (for nearly 26 years), we need to increase our donation base so we can expand our services and reach more youth. Knowing that youth have confessed Christ as their savior and been baptized upon completion of the MCCS curriculum is the incentive we have to ask our current donors and new donors to include MCCS in your budgeted charitable giving. By sharing your monies with MCCS, you know that your donation is being used to spread the gospel to the future leaders in our communities and churches. What a great reward for a simple gift!

Please prayerfully consider how you can help MCCS in 2012. Use the coupon on the inside of this newsletter to continue or start your support for the MCCS ministry. 

## MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS

■ **MICHAEL SORRELLS**, given by **Gary and Claudelina Sorrells**  
- Fort Worth, TX

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■ **DAVID DEATHRIDGE**, given by **Hank Loggins**  
- Nashville, TN

■ **STEVE LEDDY**, given by **James W. Carr**  
- Searcy, AR

■ **KEITH AND CONNIE THOMAS**, given by **Skip and June Jennings**  
- Shelbyville, KY

## Please consider giving an end of the year gift



As you know, MCCS encourages boys and girls to grow spiritually through the use of the servant Leadership Religious Awards. Please be a part of this powerful ministry by mailing in the coupon below with your donation to support the MCCS mission. Donations are also accepted online at the MCCS web site, [www.goodservant.org](http://www.goodservant.org), under the "About Us" link.

And if you would like to make a gift in memory or honor of a loved one, please check the applicable box and include the name and address of the person(s) you would like MCCS to notify about the gift. MCCS is an IRS 501(c)(3) institution. All gifts are tax-deductible as provided by law.

Please accept my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting to continue serving boys and girls.

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Eagle Scout, Trey McClain of Cottontown, Tennessee, spoke to the group about his experiences at Harding and in Scouting. Trey also shared about the volunteer and summer camp staff work he does with the Quapaw Area Boy Scout Council in Arkansas and at the national and international Scouting level.

Steve Leddy, Chairman of the MCCA National Board of Trustees, commented, "Our whole experience at Harding University was a blessing to us and our organization! We were pleased to learn of the rich Scouting heritage and positive effects Scouting has among the Harding community. President David Burks, Glenn Dillard and Dr. Tullos are Eagle Scouts. Dr. Carr and his late father heavily invested their time and talents over their lifetimes showing their commitment to Scouting. I am thrilled that Harding's new Scouting scholarship will help make education a reality for many of Scouting's best and brightest. At MCCA, we hope to be a resource and partner for Harding and other sister Christian universities to promote the ministry of Scouting in our communities and congregations."

If you would like more information about the MCCA ministry, please visit our website, [www.goodservant.org](http://www.goodservant.org), or call Kent Barnett, National Executive Director, at 325.370.1670, or write 401 Cypress, Suite 406, Abilene, TX 79601. 📍

*Dan Fenlon talks with a visitor at the Scouting Booth during Ministry Sunday at the Collegieside Church of Christ in Cookeville, Tennessee. Scouting is one of about 40 ministry areas of Collegieside which sponsors two Venturing Crews and a Ship. Collegieside members, adults and youth, belong to over six scouting units in the community. Dan Fenlon, the co-chair of the Scouting ministry, is an Assistant Scoutmaster and an Assistant District Commissioner.*

# Time to Move to the Next Level?

**M**CCA would love for every Scout to complete the entire religious award series but we realize that's not always possible. So, let us encourage you to help your Scout(s) to stay on track and move to the next level when ready. As a reminder, the Servant Leadership Series includes:

**Loving Servant** - Grades 1-3

**Joyful Servant** - Grades 4-6

**Good Servant** - Grades 6-8

**Giving Servant** - Grades 9-12 & Venturers ages 14-20 years old

The curriculum is designed so that it can be used in a one-on-one format (Scout and counselor) or in a group dynamic. One counselor can work with several youth, or the series can and has been used as Bible class curriculum. And, good news...it's designed for both boys and girls!

To order the religious award curriculum, go to our website [www.goodservant.org](http://www.goodservant.org) under the Religious Awards link. 📍



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