



MCCS NEWS

MEMBERS OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST FOR SCOUTING

MCCS GOES WILD FOR GOD AT JAMBOREE



MCCS JAMBOREE STAFF MEMBERS (L TO R) KENT BARNETT, JOHN CONGER, ROGER TATE, MARK HILL, SOMMERLY SIMSER, JOHN WOOD, HOUSTON COSTOLO, NATHAN WILLIAMS, CRAIG OWEN, BOBBIE WOLFE AND CHRIS PEURIFOY. THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN AFTER THE STAFF WORSHIP SERVICE WHICH WAS HELD IN ECHO CAMP IN THE "CHAT & CHEW."

The theme of the 2013 National Scout Jamboree was Go Big. Get Wild. Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting embraced that theme with our slogan, Go Wild for God! The Jamboree was held July 15-24 in the mountains of Southern West Virginia. The Summit Bechtel Reserve near Mount Hope and Beckley is the new permanent location for the Jamboree.

MCCS had six staff members at the Churches of Christ exhibit in the Faith and Beliefs Area. Our staff came from all over the country and included: Nathan Williams and Kent Barnett from Abilene, TX, Chris Pourifoy of Longview, TX, John McCollum of Richardson, TX, John Conger of Nashville, TN, and Sommerly Simser of Las Vegas, NV. The exhibit staff worked in shifts and encouraged youth stopping by to earn their religious awards and to write a blessing or favorite scripture verse on a ribbon that was tied on a special 'blessing tree'. MCCS also distributed patches and the youth and adults were provided the opportunity to have fun creating with Legos (refer to the spread pages in this newsletter to see some of their works). The Legos were a huge hit and many kept coming back to relax and build. The blessing tree was filled with hundreds of ribbons by the end of the Jamboree!

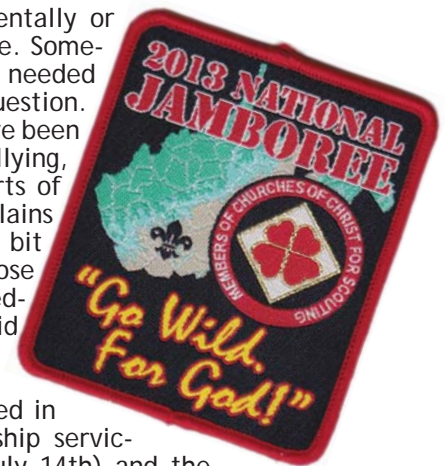
Two MCCS trustees who served in other areas, but actively supported MCCS's efforts at Jamboree were Dan Tullios of Searcy, AR, and Bobbie Lee Wolfe of Abilene, TX.

In addition to those who staffed the exhibit, MCCS also provided five chaplains for the subcamps and chaplain head-

quarters where they ministered to youth, leaders and staff. Chaplains included: John Wood of Dayton, OH, Houston Costolo of Picayune, MS, Mark Hill of Yorktown, VA, Craig Owen of Senatobia, MS, and Roger Tate of Arlington, TX. "The three adult leaders of each Troop sometimes had their hands full during the initial days of the Jamboree and could not devote the time to that one Scout who was not prepared mentally or physically for the Jamboree. Sometimes that young Scout just needed someone to answer his question. At other times, it might have been a case of homesickness, bullying, or just missing the comforts of home. The subcamp Chaplains often provided that little bit of encouragement to those Scouts and adults that needed someone to listen" said Houston Costolo.

These men also participated in the Church of Christ worship services during Staff Sunday (July 14th) and the service for participants and staff on July 21st. An estimated 225 people attended the later service.

Overall, we feel that the experience was a huge success! We were able to inform many youth and adult leaders about the religious awards offered by MCCS. New friendships were formed as the MCCS mission was carried out!





I have deliberated long and hard on what to say and how to say it with regards to the BSA membership policy change. First, a little history about the change. The National BSA leadership announced in January 2013 that the organization was voting in early February to allow openly avowed gay youth and leaders to participate in Scouting. After a fire storm of concern that a few were making a crucial decision for the masses, the vote was postponed until the National meeting in May. In preparation for this vote, the National Religious Relationships Task Force Chairman, Chip Turner and a national BSA official conducted numerous phone conferences. Steve Leddy, MCCS National Chairman, and I were privileged to be able to voice our concerns. We expressed to the national official that the policy change would be devastating to the membership of the Church of Christ chartered units. During this time, MCCS wrote letters to the National BSA Key Three and others to express our opposition. We sent letters, made phone calls, and attended meetings. After a great deal of listening by the BSA to Scouters, parents, youth, and those outside of Scouting, the resolution was amended to allow only openly gay youth to be allowed in Scouting and not the openly gay adults. The May 23rd vote was taken and the result was announced. Openly avowed gay youth will be allowed to participate in Scouting effective January 1, 2014.

a note from Kent

Since the vote, I have fielded multiple calls and emails and spent hours in conversation with those concerned about what to do. Some long-time Scouters have resigned from Scouting completely. Others have stated that their chartering Church of Christ will no longer recharter their units, thus ending their association with the BSA. Yet others have vowed to stick it out and use this unfortunate situation to share God's love with youth who are confused and struggling with same sex attraction issues. I must say that I understand and respect the viewpoints of each. This is a personal, moral choice.

My prayer is that the youth who love Scouting and the opportunities it affords are not the ones to truly suffer. I look back on the wonderful experiences I've had in my 45 years of Scouting and I don't want our youth to miss out on that. Scouts need Godly men and women to serve as their leaders.

MCCS is stronger than ever. MCCS was organized in 1986 to encourage youth to complete the MCCS Servant Leadership Religious curricula and earn our religious awards. Our mission has been encouraging spiritual growth and developing servant leaders for over 25 years and with your continued support and prayers, we will continue providing this service to youth and families.

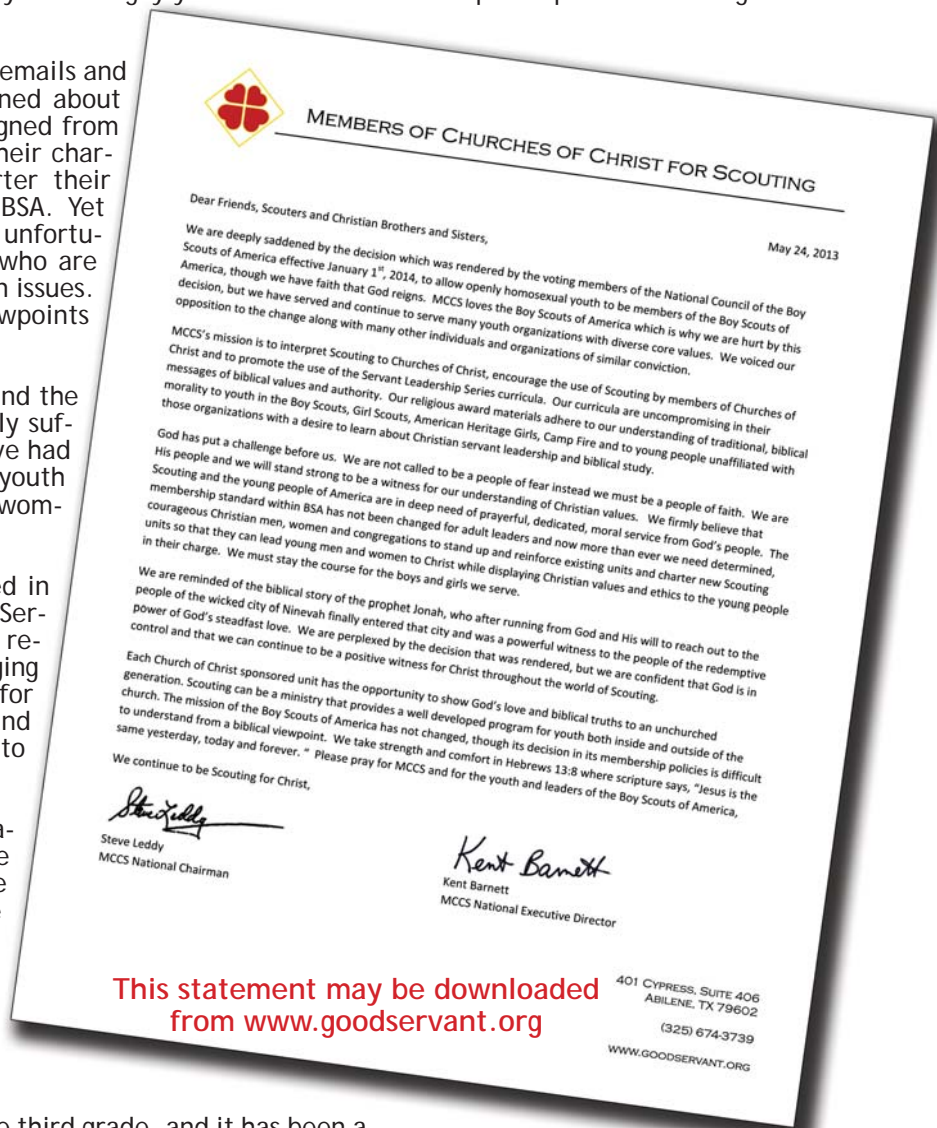
We are not a division of the BSA or any other organization, so while we strongly disagree with the decision that was made, we are here for those youth who are involved with the Boy Scouts. We are also here to offer the awards to the girls in Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls. And, we look forward to working with the new boys' faith-based organization to be launched in January 2014! To learn more about this organization, go to www.TrailLifeUSA.com.

I first put on a Scouting uniform when I was in the third grade, and it has been a part of my life ever since. Scouting has shaped my life and made me a stronger Christian, son, husband, father and a better person. It has given me friends that I have had for a lifetime who are true and dear to me. My bottom line is that I want young people to have an experience like mine with Godly leaders whether it is in the Boy Scouts of America, Trail Life USA, Girl Scouts or American Heritage Girls. Young people need these experiences!

Scouting for Christ,

Kent

Kent Barnett
MCCS National Executive Director



TENTH MCCS PHILMONT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN AUGUST 2014



Mark your calendars and plan to attend the "Scouting in the Church of Christ" conference at the Philmont Training Center (PTC), located in Cimarron, NM, where the prairies meet the Rocky Mountains. The dates are August 3-9, 2014.

MCCS has participated in conferences every even year since 1994, with the exception of the year 2010, when the conference was held in 2011 to celebrate our 25th anniversary. The week provides a mountaintop experience for conference participants and their families. Always an awesome experience, many participants return for more FUN and FELLOWSHIP! PTC provides a qualified, staffed program for families and participants of all ages. It's a great vacation for the whole family as well as the individual Scouter. Family friendly activities fill the evenings for those who desire to participate. It is an exciting environment for memories and for new friendships to be made!

For more information, please refer to the Philmont Training Center website www.philmonttrainingcenter.org to learn more about your week at PTC. Online registration is now open. If you are interested in attending, please email Kent Barnett at kent.barnett@goodservant.org or call Kent at 325-370-1679.

MATT BROWN LEADS ORDER OF ARROW AS NATIONAL CHIEF



MATT BROWN IN FRONT OF THE CAPITAL AS A PART OF THE BSA'S DELEGATION "REPORTING TO THE NATION"

Matt Brown is currently a Junior at Libscomb University in Nashville, TN. He is also the ranking arrowman in the nation for the Order of the Arrow when he was elected to be National Chief. Matt earned his Good Servant Religious Award and served as song leader at the Church of Christ worship service at Jamboree. Matt is a great ambassador for Scouting, the Order of the Arrow and Churches of Christ.

FIRST AHG STARS AND STRIPES AND GOOD SERVANT AWARDEE

Frankie Wallace, of Huntsville, AL, is the first young woman from the Churches of Christ to earn both the American Heritage Girl's Stars and Stripes Award and the Good Servant Religious Award from MCCS. The Stars and Stripes award from AHG is their highest award and is equivalent to the Eagle Scout and includes a requirement that the young woman must earn her Religious Award.



KENT BARNETT AND FRANKIE WALLACE

Frankie is the oldest of 9 siblings and attends Mayfair Church of Christ. This fall, Frankie enrolled as a freshman at Freed-Hardeman University, in Henderson, TN. She is pursuing a degree in nursing and is continuing her foreign language studies with the intention to work in medical missions. MCCS is proud of Frankie and all of her accomplishments.

TEACHER, WHICH COMMANDMENT IN THE LAW IS THE GREATEST?" JESUS REPLIED: "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' THIS IS THE GREATEST AND FIRST COMMANDMENT, AND A SECOND IS LIKE IT: 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'" - MATTHEW 22:36-39

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AWARD RECIPIENTS



KENNEDY BOERIO (R) AHG EXPLORER EARNED THE JOYFUL SERVANT AWARD AND REBECCA BOERIO (L) AHG TENDERHEART EARNED THE LOVING SERVANT AWARD. THE SISTERS ARE FROM PFLUGERVILLE, TX.



KENT BARNETT (L) AND ROGER TATE (R) WITH REAGAN POTEET OF DUNCANVILLE, TX. REAGAN WAS PRESENTED WITH HIS GIVING SERVANT RELIGIOUS AWARD AT THE DUTY TO GOD BREAKFAST DURING THE BSA NATIONAL MEETING IN MAY.



(FROM L TO R) GIRL SCOUTS BRITTANY CAMPBELL, KEONNA STEVENS, AND PAULA HARRIS OF PARKWAY VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN MEMPHIS, TN, WERE PRESENTED WITH THE GOOD SERVANT AWARD BY THEIR TROOP LEADER, ELLEN WILLIAMS AND COUNSELORS EZEKIEL OWENS AND CARL ALLEN SR.

CUB SCOUT NATHAN LEE OF GROVES, TX, PROUDLY DISPLAYS HIS MCCS PATCH. HE WAS AWARDED HIS LOVING SERVANT RELIGIOUS AWARD.



EAGLE SCOUT GARREN WEISS OF LIVERMORE, CA. GARREN HAS EARNED THE LOVING, JOYFUL AND GOOD SERVANT AWARDS.



SCOUTMASTER WAYNE HARRELL (R) PRESENTED DAN WILLIAMS (L) WITH HIS FAITHFUL SERVANT AWARD DURING SCOUT SUNDAY OBSERVANCES. DAN IS THE MINISTER OF THE COLLEGE AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EL DORADO, AR, AND HAS SERVED AS A COUNSELOR FOR MANY SCOUTS WHO HAVE EARNED THEIR SERVANT LEADERSHIP RELIGIOUS AWARDS SINCE 1989.

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS FINIS AMEND
Kenny Amend, Magnolia, TX

MARIAN BALES
Geneva Huff, Carlsbad, NM

MR. & MRS. V. E. BURNS
Doyle & Linda McDonald, Killen, AL

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Geneva Huff, Carlsbad, NM

MAX MALONE
FAITHFUL SERVANT AWARD RECIPIENT
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John & Cathryne Gardner, Houston, TX
Marvin & Sue Trice, Houston, TX
Barry Hofecker, Woodstock, GA

MR. & MRS. LEROY McDONALD
Doyle & Linda McDonald, Killen, AL

J. P. H. McMULLAN, JR.
Diane Atchison, Abilene, TX

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LISA TROYER
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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Many of you faithfully 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, we need to increase our donation base so we can expand our services and reach more youth. Will you become one of the faithful contributors to keep this ministry thriving? By sharing your monies, you know that your donation is being used to train and develop future leaders in our communities and churches. What a great reward for a simple gift.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support MCCS. Use the coupon on this page to continue or start your support for the MCCS ministry.

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CARL AMEND
ARLINGTON, TX
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Chloe Hampton, Shepherd, MI

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FRANKLIN, TN
Chris Snoddy, Nashville, TN

SUPPORT MCCS's MINISTRIES THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS AND DONATIONS!

MCCS encourages youth to grow spiritually through the use of our Servant Leadership Series Religious Awards. We also actively work to promote different types of Scouting as valuable ministries that congregations can utilize to bring youth to Christ and to reach out to unchurched youth in their communities. Your donations and prayerful support are what make this ministry thrive. Please use the coupon below or donate online through the "About Us" link at www.goodservant.org. MCCS is an IRS 501(c)(3) institution. All gifts are deductible as provided by law.

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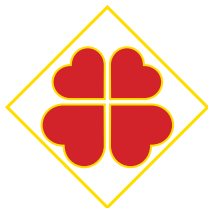
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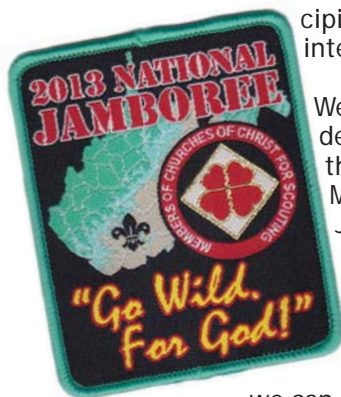
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GET A JAMBOREE PATCH!

Scouts and Scouters love patches, and those of us associated with MCCS are no different. MCCS gave away over four-thousand of our red-border Jamboree Patches to Scouts and Scouters who stopped by our booth to visit with us. Our Chaplains had three hundred purple border patches to give out to young people who took a special interest in talking with them, and our booth staff had three hundred special yellow border patches which they gave out to Servant Leadership Religious Award recipients and others who took a special interest in visiting with them.



We also had three hundred green border patches made to give as a special thank you to friends and supporters of MCCS who made contributions to our Jamboree efforts. This was a very successful Jamboree, but our Jamboree account is now low.

If you would like to make a donation to our Jamboree Fund so that we can begin building up that account again, we would love to send you one of these special collectors edition patches. Please send in your donation and mark it Jamboree Fund. The continued love, prayers and donations of its supporters is what allows MCCS to fulfill its mission.

IS IT TIME TO LEVEL UP?

MCCS loves it when a young person completes one of our servant leadership awards, but we don't want their Bible study to stop there. We provide curricula that will enrich a young person's spiritual walk throughout their formative years. The Servant Leadership series is designed to help and reinforce an attitude of prayer and Bible study in young people that will create a pattern of spiritual growth that will last a lifetime.

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

The curricula are designed to be used in an one-on-one format or in a group setting where one counselor works with several youth. Each curriculum level can also be adapted to serve as a Bible Class curriculum. Boys, girls and teens will benefit from the habits that they develop in these programs, and you do not have to be enrolled in Scouting to participate.

Go to www.goodservant.org to order the Servant Leadership Series, and look under the Religious Awards link for more information about the programs.