

MCCS HOLDS CONFERENCE AT BEAUTIFUL LATIMER RESERVATION



Conference attendees (left to right) in front of the Tolbert Conference Center: Randy Foster, John Wood, Diane Wood, Steve Leddy, Paula McClain, Steve Foster, Alan Clute, John McCollum, Nathan Williams, Peggy Simpson, Connie Thomas, Johnny Simpson, Keith Thomas, Huey Ford and Kent Barnett.

The Middle Tennessee Council's Latimer Scout Reservation near Spencer, Tennessee on the beautiful Cumberland Plateau proved to be an ideal place to host MCCS's 2016 fall conference. The temperate days and cool nights gave conference goers a chance to experience this premier camp and to enjoy time together.

The workshop was open to all and designed to help participants understand what MCCS can do and to discuss how MCCS can better serve young people and leaders from Boy Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Girl Scouts, and Trail Life USA.

During the three day weekend workshop, participants learned more about MCCS and its mission. Extensive time was spent exploring MCCS's "Dream Sheet" from past conferences and discussing the goals we had accomplished and brainstorming and creating a new "Dream Sheet" with goals for the future of MCCS. Afternoons were reserved for kayaking, mountain biking, photography, hiking and exploring and even some strategic relaxing in rocking chairs overlooking the scenic lake.

On two nights former Middle Tennessee Council Executive Hugh Travis hosted us in the cottage where we had refreshments, visited and even watched some World Series Baseball. A special highlight was gathering around the fire pit at the cottage and singing praises to God underneath the crisp clear autumn nighttime sky.

Another highlight of the weekend was honoring Randy Foster and Ian Romaine by presenting them with the Faithful Servant Award to honor their sustaining committment to youth and to the church.

On Sunday morning after breakfast we ended the conference with worship in the beautiful chapel overlooking the lake. Trustee John McCullum delivered a lesson from the heart that encouraged us to share our burdens and struggles with each other and to find real strength in our community of believers.

Special thanks go to Ron Turpin, High Adventure Director of the Middle Tennessee Council for his yeoman's work in hosting us, feeding us and making sure that the facilities were first class. We will definitely be having more events at Latimer. You can learn more about the excellent conference facilities and available outdoor experiences at www.latimerbsa.org.

Greetings! 2016 has flown by way too fast! God has blessed me with a successful and busy year of serving families and their children. I continue to be excited when I continue to be excit Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Girl Scouts, and now Trail Life USA.

More leaders and parents are going to our website www.goodservant.org to order the curricula. It is so easy to request and obtain by filling out a brief form. Once the form is submitted, the desired curricula attachment is immediately emailed to the requestor. In fact, I encourage those who order the curricula to share it with families with children they believe might be interested in earning the religious awards.

I encourage you to review it and consider using the curriculum in Bible classes for ALL boys and girls in your congregation. The Loving Servant would be for grades 1-3, Joyful Servant for grades 4-6, Good Servant (the study on the Gospel of Mark) for grades 6-8, and the Giving Servant for grades 9-12. The Good Servant curriculum (the study on the Gospel of Mark) has even been used in adult classes! It's our goal at MCCS to have many youth and their families study this curricula so that everyone will grow spiritually!

Another seed I want to plant, is for friends to nominate adult leaders for the Faithful Servant Award. Adults involved in the various organizations mentioned above who have been registered leaders for at least 10 years and are active in their churches qualify to be nominated. These worthy leaders who have enthusiastically served youth and families for many years need to be recognized and honored! Go to the website to order the Faithful Servant Award. If you are unsure as to whether the prospective leader has the Faithful Servant, contact me and I will check and let you know. I can be reached easily by phone 325-370-1679 (texting me is easy too) or email me at kent.barnett@goodservant.org.

I'm so grateful for the continued faithful supporters who financially partner with MCCS year in and year out! Your support has ensured that youth have been impacted spiritually since 1989 with the use of the Servant Leadership Series award curricula. I want to strongly encourage those who have given in recent years and those who have never donated to prayerfully consider partnering with MCCS with an end-of-year donation! MCCS appreciates your support on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, and annual basis to help this worthy ministry continue to serve families and their children.

You can send your gift along with the coupon below, make a direct bill payment (a favorite method for many of our donors), or go to our website and give online. Your contribution is tax deductible and a statement will be mailed to you in late January indicating your total annual donation for your tax purposes. Please help MCCS finish the year financially successfully!

Finally, can you believe MCCS is about to celebrate its 30th anniversary? Be watching for more information to come about our celebration festivities. I'm optimistic about the future of MCCS and look forward to our 50th anniversary!

In service to youth,

MCCS National Executive Director

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 all 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 allow this ministry to thrive. MCCS is an IRS 501(c)(3) institution. All gifts are deductible as provided by law. Please use the coupon below or donate online through the "About Us" link at www.goodservant.org.

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MCCS CELEBRATES THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE by Nathan E. H. Williams

As we end 2016 and begin 2017 MCCS is in the midst of its thirtieth year serving young people. match

In 1986, eight men travelled to Irving, Texas, to meet with the Relationships Division of the Boy Scouts of America. They had been brought together by Dr. Don McClaugherty, chemistry department chair at the University of Texas at Tyler. Dr. McClaugherty had just been through the BSA's Wood Badge program and developing a religious award for young members of Churches of Christ was one of his "ticket items" to complete his training.

These eight men did not know each other before, but they were united in a vision of developing a program that would fulfill a need for scouting youth within Churches of Christ. These eight individuals became the founding trustees of MCCS. They are colloquially referred to as our "Faithful Eight."



(L TO R) DON McClaugherty, Lowell Johnson, Lawrence Ray Smith, Gayle Reams, Charlie Marler, John Clardy, Jim Swafford and Ralph Wallace comprised the founding MCCS Board of Trusters.

They established MCCS and by 1989 had published the first edition of MCCS's Servant Leadership Series.

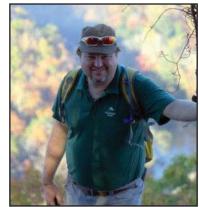
I was a thirteen-year-old Boy Scout when these men were beginning their pioneer efforts. In my scouting career I had never completed a religious award because there was not one associated with Churches of Christ. I completed the requirements for the Good Servant Award in 1990, and now I am privileged, blessed and challenged to chair this organization as we celebrate our thirtieth year serving youth.

MCCS is now a genuine adult. We have made it through our childhood, teens and twenties and are now entering real maturity. A lot has changed in our thirty years. We have expanded our curricula to include two elementary school levels, a middle school level and a high school level. We have expanded the number of youth serving programs with whom we work. This past August, Kent Barnett signed a Memorandum of Ministry Alliance with Trail Life USA. This

matches the agreements that we have with the Boy Scouts of America, American Heritage Girls

and Girl Scouts USA.

In 2013, we initiated our Servant Leadership Scholarship Program to provide a means to encourage young people to complete our upper level awards and to reward excellence. To date we have awarded \$20,000 to nineteen deserving



MCCS National Chairman

NATHAN WILLIAMS
MCCS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

students and have established an endowment to support and fund the future of this ministry. You can read about the four amazing young people who received this year's awards on page 10 of this newsletter. We are actively seeking partners who want to work with us to develop this exciting new project that rewards high achieving youth and sends them forth to achieve even more.

In 2015, MCCS began funding New Testaments at High Adventure Bases within the Boy Scouts of America. This project lets us reach out to young people sharing God's word and letting them know that we are there to serve them. This is another project that needs support from individual donors and congregations. This is an active missions movement that we expect to continue into the future.

This summer, Kent and I exhibited at the North American Christian Convention in Anaheim, California, where we reached out to Independent Christian Churches and Churches of Christ. We were welcomed enthusiastically by attendees there who recognized that we were the ideal group to serve their scouting youth. One man came up to me and said, "You're us - Acts 2:38 - us. This is really exciting. I cannot wait to share this program with youth at my congregation."

As we celebrate our 30th year, I have a challenge for all of us and that is to expand the generational nature of supporting and utilizing MCCS. A ten-year old who earned the Joyful Servant Award in 1990 is now thirty-six. Adults need to be reminded that MCCS was a part of their development and training as a child and that we are still here working with youth and are relevant for their children. Please remind your children that MCCS has been important to them and is important to you, and that this ministry is worthy of their support. Remember you are the "Members" in Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting.

Thanks for everything you do to support youth in BSA, GSU-SA, AHG, TLUSA and your congregations.

MCCS SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARDS



KAILEI BATTS, AHG EXPLORER, WAS AWARDED THE JOYFUL SER-VANT. SHE IS A MEMBER OF AHG TX2289 SPONSORED BY THE BEV-**ERLY HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST** IN HOOKS, TEXAS.

SERVANT.



SAMANTHA THOMPSON, WAS PRE-SENTED HER GIVING SERVANT AWARD. SHE IS A PATRIOT IN AHG TX2289 SPONSORED BY THE BEVERLY HEIGHTS Church of Christ in Hooks, Tex-AS. SAMANTHA HAS EARNED ALL FOUR SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARDS.



JAMES MOORE III, FOX PATROL (L) WAS AWARD-ED THE LOVING SERVANT AND SLAYTON BATTS, MOUNTAIN LION PATROL (R) WAS AWARDED JOY-FUL SERVANT. BOTH ARE TRAILMEN IN TLUSA TROOP TX0001 SPONSORED BY THE BEVERLY HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST IN HOOKS, TEXAS.



AHG PATRIOT ELIZABETH HAR-GIRL SCOUTS ASHLEIGH (L) AND RIS EARNED THE GIVING SER-ANNA (R) LOE OF SEABROOK, VANT AWARD AND THE STARS AND TEXAS HAVE EARNED THE LOVING STRIPES AWARD! SHE LIVES IN SERVANT AWARD AND THE JOYFUL GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN.



WEBELO HENRY (L) AND CUB JACK (R) URBANIAK OF PACK 262 IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, WERE AWARDED THE JOYFUL AND LOVING SERVANT AWARDS. HENRY'S SERVICE PROJECT WAS TO SERVE AS THE "SCOUT IN THE PANTRY" AT THE JACK-SON PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST.



WEBELO THOMAS FELL OF BURLINGTON, IOWA, WAS PRESENTED HIS JOYFUL SERVANT AWARD BY HIS PARENTS, DAN AND MELISSA.



TRAILMAN RYAN FREE OF CROWLEY, TEX-AS, WAS AWARDED THE GIVING SERVANT. RYAN HAS NOW EARNED ALL FOUR SERVANT LEADER YOUTH AWARDS! RYAN IS A MEM-BER OF TLUSA TROOP 110 CHARTERED BY THE BURLESON CHURCH OF CHRIST.



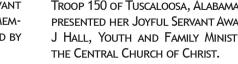
BSA TROOP 204 ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER RICK KING OF MAD-ISON CHURCH OF CHRIST IN MADISON, ALABAMA, TAUGHT THE SERVANT LEADERSHIP SERIES TO YOUNG PEOPLE FROM SEVERAL TROOPS. PICTURED ARE AWARDEES (L TO R) JOE WILLIAMS, BSA TROOP 350, ALEX KING, BSA TROOP 204, ANTHONY CHANDLER, BSA PACK 351, JOSHUA MURPHEE, BSA TROOP 351, FAITH WILLIAMS, AHG TROOP AL3560, AND NATHAN CHANDLER, BSA TROOP 204. CHASE LYNN, BSA TROOP 204, (NOT PICTURED) ALSO COMPLETED HIS AWARD.



AHG EXPLORER KERRA FELZIEN EARNED THE JOY-FUL SERVANT AWARD. SHE LIVES IN RIO RANCHO, NEW MEXICO.



GRACE BRINSON, GIRL SCOUT JUNIOR IN TROOP 150 OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, WAS PRESENTED HER JOYFUL SERVANT AWARD BY J HALL, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTER AT



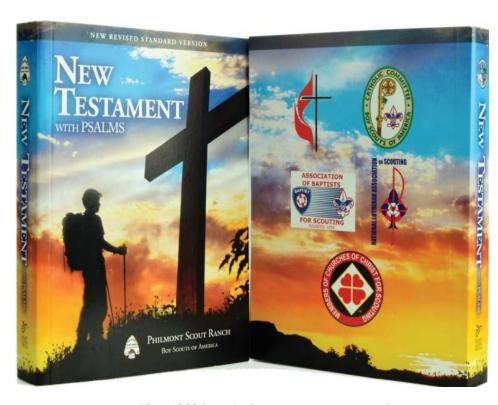
MCCS FALL LATIMER CONFERENCE



HIGH ADVENTURE NEW TESTAMENTS

CCS joined with other religious scouting associations for the second consecutive year to fund New Testaments at all four BSA High Adventure bases this summer.

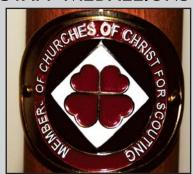
MCCS trustee and 2014 and 2015 Philmont Chaplain Nathan Williams met with Philmont Chaplain Father Ray Fecteau of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and together they discussed how discouraging it was that a "Protestant New Testament" was given to young people at the Protestant Services and that a "Catholic New Testament" was given to young people attending the Catholic services. They began reaching out to other religious scouting organizations for representatives and funding to produce a single text that could be distributed at all the BSA High Adventure bases, including Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier Canoe Base and the Bechtel Summit Scout Reserve.



The MCCS board of trustees approved supporting the project. To date MCCS has funded approximately ten percent of the on going costs of this annual project. Thirty-thousand New Testaments were printed and distributed at the bases each summer. Each sponsoring organization was able to include its contact information which allows MCCS to have another avenue to reach young people. Chaplains distributed the New Testaments at services.

MCCS HIKING STAFF MEDALLIONS

MCCS has hiking staff medallions. These are heavy brass medallions that will last a lifetime and show your proud association with MCCS. They are solid brass with the red, black and white of the MCCS patch emblem overlayed. This is a great gift to accompany an award presentation



or to say thank you to a counselor or mentor. They are $1^{1/2}$ inches in height. They will be a great addition to your wooden hiking staves and will shine prominently on a TLU-SA Trailman's standard. We are pleased to be able to offer these for \$10 each, 3 for \$25, or in bulk 10 for \$70. This price is inclusive of shipping and handling.

If you would like to order these please visit the website.

The MCCS board of trustees is committed to participating in this annual effort as we work to put the New Testament into the hands of young people across the nation through all four BSA High Adventure bases. The board is hopeful that congregations will want to actively support this mission effort.

If you or your congregation would like to assist in funding this endeavor please contact MCCS Executive Director Kent Barnett.

MCCS SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH TRAIL LIFE USA



MCCS and Trail Life USA signed a Memorandum of Ministry Alliance at the Trail Life USA Convention in Nashville, TN, in August 2016. Both organizations agree to support the other in their shared missions for spiritual and character development of youth through Christ-centered programming. MCCS maintains similar Agreements with the Boy Scouts of America and American Heritage Girls.

IS IT TIME TO LEVEL UP?

CCS loves it when a young person completes one of our Servant Leadership Awards, but we do not 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 a 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. All young people will benefit from the habits that they develop in these programs. They do not have to be enrolled in a scouting program to participate.

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

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

TERRY MCKEE, TOMBALL, TX
Terry was a former trustee and dear friend of MCCS.

KENT & DENISE BARNETT, ABILENE, TX
JAMES DELAHANTY, SPRING, TX
GARVIS JOHNSON, BROWNFIELD, TX
ROBERT & RONNA MILLICAN, BROWNFIELD, TX
DANNY & ABBY MURPHY, STAFFORD, TX
PHYLLIS NEIKIRK, MONTGOMERY, TX
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JERRY & PATSY STRADER, ABILENE, TX
NATHAN WILLIAMS, ABILENE, TX

ARE YOU ON THE MAP?

Please help us populate our "Unit Locator" tool on our goodservant.org website. We want to register every Church of Christ affiliated unit in the nation on this page so that we can help individuals find church based units in their areas. If you have a local scouting unit (BSA, AHG, TLUSA or GSUSA) that is church chartered, sponsored, or affiliated including church parents' group and Christian schools

please register it and put it on the map for others to find. Please include contact information and meeting details in the description.

This is a great resource to help potential recruits find you and to help MCCS communicate and assist your unit.



MCCS EVENTS IN 2016

CCS had a busy year in 2016. We participated in and exhibited at numerous events around the country. When you see us please stop and say hello!

- Boy Scouts of America Committee Meetings in February and October in Irving, Texas.
- MCCS Annual Meeting in February hosted by Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas.
- Lads-to-Leaders/Leaderettes in Nashville, Tennessee and Louisille, Kentucky, in March.
- Leadership Training for Christ in Dallas, Texas and Houston, Texas in March.
- Boy Scouts of America National Meeting in San Diego, California, in May.
- North American Christian Convention in Anaheim, California in July.
- Trail Life USA Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, in August.
- MCCS Fall Conference at Latimer Scout Reservation in Spencer, Tennessee in October.

2017 will see us participating in these events again with the additional challenge of exhibiting at the 2017 National Boy Scout Jamboree at the Summit in West Virginia. MCCS has exhibited, provided Chaplains and held worship services at every Jamboree since 1989. We are always seeking new opportunities to promote MCCS and the Servant Leadership Series. Please let us know if you have any ideas.

MCCS Awards 2016 Scholarships

n 2016, MCCS awarded its fourth class of scholarships to deserving young applicants from all over the nation. The MCCS scholarship committee had a very tough job narrowing it down to the four scholarship recipients.

In order to be considered for the scholarship all awardees must have earned the top award in their area of scouting (BSA Eagle Scout, Venturing Silver or Summit, AHG Stars and Stripes, GSUSA Gold or TLUSA Freedom) and either the MCCS Giving or Good Servant awards. MCCS Chair Nathan Williams stated:

We received another outstanding group of applications this year. It is encouraging to see the quality of young people who earn our Servant Leadership Awards and to read about their deep levels of commitment to their local congregations and communities. These young people's patterns of achievement let us know that they have promising futures.

In 2013, MCCS was able to prayerfully fulfill one of our longtime goals. The trustees decided that it was time to step out in faith and provide college scholarships to deserving young people involved in the scouting movement who had been active in earning MCCS's top-level Servant Leadership Awards. That year we dedicated the annual funds that came from our endowment to providing scholarships.

In 2014, we established a seperate endowment to help us in this new endeavor to continue to serve youth and we added to that endowment thanks to a significant bequest from the estate of Geneva Huff. Upon consultation with her family MCCS determined that fifty thousand dollars of her bequest would be dedicated to MCCS Scholarships for deserving scouts with thirty thousand going to the new scholarship endowment and twenty thousand going to fund immediate scholarship needs over the next few years. The Huffs had a long history dedicated to education. The trustees are very thankful for this bequest that provides one more way for MCCS to serve young people and encourage them to earn the top-level Servant Leadership Awards.

To date MCCS has awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to nineteen students. The MCCS Board of Trustees is thankful that it has the opportunity to serve young people in their educational pursuits and prays that we will continue to be able to provide young people with scholarships that will enhance their futures. We are excited that our scholarship endowment is growing.

If you would like to contribute to the scholarship endowment please contact MCCS Executive Director Kent Barnett.

The 2017 scholarship application can be downloaded from our website.

2016 AWARDEES



MOLLY BURKE OF HAMILTON, VIRGINIA, EARNED THE GIVING SERVANT AWARD AND THE AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS STARS AND STRIPES AWARD. SHE IS ATTENDING OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

EAGLE SCOUT BRENT DYER, OF OOLTEWAH, TENNESSEE, EARNED THE GIVING SERVANT AWARD. HE IS ATTENDING FLORIDA COLLEGE IN TEMPLE TERRACE, FLORIDA.





EAGLE SCOUT ERIC GLAZE OF WAYNESVILLE, OHIO, EARNED THE GIVING SERVANT AWARD. HE IS ATTENDING THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY IN COLUMBUS, OHIO.



EAGLE SCOUT REAGAN POTEET OF DUNCANVILLE, TEXAS, EARNED THE GIVING SERVANT AWARD. HE IS ATTENDING PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY IN MALIBU, CALIFORNIA.

FAITHFUL SERVANT AWARDS



MCCS FOUNDING TRUSTEE RALPH WALLACE PRESENTED THE FAITHFUL SERVANT AWARD TO DAN AND TERESA GILES AT THE WOODLAND TRACE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN JASPER ALABAMA.



W. SCOTT SAGER, VP FOR CHURCH SERVICES AND BIBLE FACULTY LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY, EAGLE SCOUT AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE COUNCIL PRESENTS FAITHFUL SERVANT CERTIFICATE TO DR. JOHN CONGER. JOHN IS FROM NASHVILLE AND HAS SERVED AS A BSA NATIONAL JAMBOREE CHAPLAIN AND MCCS JAMBOREE EXHIBIT STAFF.



DAVID FINCH OF BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, WAS AWARDED HIS FAITHFUL SERVANT AWARD.

The Faithful Servant Award is designed to recognize adult leaders who have at least ten years as registered leaders in Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts USA, American Heritage Girls or Trail Life USA and are servants in their churches and communities.

Recipients are nominated by a fellow adult leader, unit committee, a church leader or member, or the recipient's council.

MCCS strongly encourages you to seek out and to nominate deserving individuals who have shown tremendous dedication to youth.

Visit www.goodservant.org to request the Faithful Servant Nomination Form.



FORMER CHAIR STEVE LEDDY (L) AND CURRENT CHAIR NATHAN WILLIAMS (R) PRESENT THE FAITHFUL SERVANT AWARD TO IAN ROMAINE AT THE MCCS CONFERENCE AT LATIMER RESERVATION. MCCS TREASURER BOBBY BROWN INTRODUCED IAN AND SPOKE ABOUT IAN'S HISTORY OF SERVICE TO YOUTH IN THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE COUNCIL AND NATIONALLY THROUGH THE ORDER OF THE ARROW.



IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING PRESENTED HIS FAITHFUL SERVANT AWARD IAN ROMAINE CALLED RANDY FOSTER TO THE FRONT OF THE ROOM AND PRESENTED HIM WITH THE FAITHFUL SERVANT. RANDY IS A LONGTIME ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER IN THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE COUNCIL.



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