



MCCS NEWS

MEMBERS OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST FOR SCOUTING

MCCS SERVES THOUSANDS AT JAMBOREE

The theme of the 2017 National Scout Jamboree was Living Scouting's Adventure. Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting came to the Jamboree in full force to serve God and the scouts and scouters in attendance from all over the world. The Jamboree was held July 19-28 in the beautiful mountains of Southern West Virginia. The Jamboree was at the Summit Bechtel Reserve near Mount Hope and Beckley. The Summit will serve as the home of the next World Jamboree in 2019 and Venturingfest in 2018. MCCS personnel will be serving at both.

MCCS had five staff members at the Churches of Christ exhibit in the revamped Duty to God and Country Area. Our staff came from different parts of the country and included: Kent Barnett, Kevin Wellborn and Nathan Williams from Abilene, TX, Alex Cobb from Flower Mound, TX, and Jacob Moseley from Rogers, AR. Alex and Jacob provided "young blood" in the booth.

Alex is an Eagle Scout and was active in the Venturing Crew at Abilene Christian University. Jacob, also an Eagle, is a student at Freed-Hardeman University and is a recipient of one of MCCS' Servant Leadership Scholarships. Having younger staff in the booth helped us be able to be more relatable to the scouts exploring the exhibits. Trustee

Chris Peurifoy and his wife Becky of Longview, TX, served in the international exhibits, and trustee Alan Clute of Abilene, TX, served as one of the scoutmasters for the contingent from Texas Trails Council.

Nathan, Alex and Kent rendezvoused in Memphis and made the trek to West Virginia with all the exhibit supplies in Nathan's truck. They spent several days setting up the exhibit.

The staff worked in shifts and encouraged youth visiting to earn their religious awards. 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). This was our second Jamboree to have the Legos and they are becoming a bit of a trademark for us. It allows us to have young people spend significant amounts of time with us. The scouts were encouraged to visit multiple booths and to visit with them and collect wooden tokens which they were then able to put into a collectable plaque to take home as a

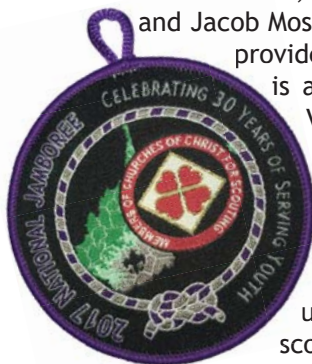


2017 JAMBOREE BOOTH STAFF NATHAN WILLIAMS, KEVIN WELLBORN AND ALEX COBB WORK ON SETTING UP THE BOOTH IN THE DUTY TO GOD AND COUNTRY TENT AND AND KENT BARNETT AND SHOWING OFF SOME EXHIBITOR "GOODIES."

souvenir. This gave our team lots of opportunities to discuss our organization, Churches of Christ and the Servant Leadership Series. Over eight thousand people visited the Duty to God and Country exhibit at the Jamboree.

Sunday morning services were a huge success with a standing room only crowd in the Interfaith Worship Tent in the Duty to God area. We lost count serving well over 400 including many new to our fellowship. Jacob Moseley led our song service along with his father Don, who was serving on the Sustainability staff. Alan Clute served as our speaker and presented a lesson inspired by his trek at Philmont. Communion was served and it was a special time of reflection and worship in a very hectic time.

The 2017 Jamboree was a huge success. Old friendships were renewed and new relationships were established. Many youth and adult leaders learned about the religious awards offered by MCCS. The mission of MCCS was carried out and our Lord was served.



a note from Nathan

I suppose since this is my first “Note from Nathan” column that I should take some time to introduce myself to you. I know many of you from my time as a trustee with MCCS. In 2017, after Kent chose to retire the board of trustees asked me to step into the role of executive director. Accordingly, I resigned as a trustee of MCCS and took on that role. In 1989, I got a new copy of the Boy Scout handbook and looked in the back and saw a listing for Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting. I took it to my parents and said look, “I think this is us.” Later I became our 11th recipient of the Good Servant award. I did not think then that I would now be serving in this capacity,

but I do have faith that God puts you where you are needed. I have been very active in the world of Boy Scouting serving on the National Committee for a number of years and I’m very active in my local council in Abilene. Now I’m engaging and working more and more with American Heritage Girls, Trail Life USA and Girl Scouts USA.



2017 was a year of new opportunities and challenges for MCCS. Trustee Houston Costolo and I attended the World Scouting Interreligious Symposium in Long Island, NY. There we met with scouting leaders who work to incorporate faith into scouting from all over the world. It was a very special time of learning and engagement and support. I was privileged to co-lead one of the worship services and it was a blessing to hear the audience all recite the Lord’s prayer in their native languages.

We once again had an exhibit that was second to none at the Jamboree. You can read the story on front page of this newsletter and see images from Jamboree inside. Jamborees result in the use of a lot of “ex” words like: exciting, exhausting, exacting, extreme and expensive, but it is worth the exertion when we exceed young peoples’ expectations and exhort them to excellence.

Kent visited numerous Trail Life USA Trail-Ready and Equip trainings this year including ones in Huntsville, AL, and Arlington, TX. I attended the West Texas Equip training with him this past November and was pleased to be able spend some time watching and learning about Trail Life as it continues to grow and expand.

In October, I attended my first Girl Scout USA national convention. The G.I.R.L. conference was held in Columbus, OH. I was invited to meet with other religious leaders as a part of the National Interfaith Committee on Girl Scouting. We met with senior leadership from the Girl Scouts who want to reengage with churches. I visited with young women and leaders from all over the country. I am pleased to report that Duty to God is alive and well in Girl Scouting. The committee is working to have an entire religious relationships area set-up for the next conference. Special thanks go to Deb Hazelwood and Jason Noland at P.R.A.Y. for coordinating this event and inviting MCCS to be a part of it.



NATHAN (IN BACK ROW) WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GIRL SCOUT INTERFAITH COMMITTEE.

I am looking forward to attending the AHGInspire Leadership Conference this coming summer. It is always exciting to engage with this organization to see what they are doing. I hope to have some of our AHG Servant Leadership Scholarship recipients exhibiting with me in June at the conference in St. Louis.

Our work and its impact on expanding God’s kingdom is a direct result of your support. We need you now more than ever as we work with more and more youth from additional youth impacting organizations. You can send your gift along with the coupon included, 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 every year indicating your total annual donation for your tax purposes. Please help MCCS begin this year as a financial success!

Feel free to call me at our new number **1-800-393-1494** (it rings through to my desk or mobile) or send me an email at nathan.williams@goodservant.org if I can be of service to you, and please pray for me and this ministry. Thank you for everything you do to serve youth!

In the spirit of Psalm 115:1,

A handwritten signature of Nathan Williams in black ink.

Nathan Williams
MCCS National Executive Director

Graduating Seniors: The MCCS Servant Leadership Scholarship Application for 2018 is currently available to download from the scholarship area of our website.

BARNETT RETIRES AFTER NINETEEN YEARS

MCCS has now entered its thirty-first year serving youth. For the last nineteen of those years there has been one man who has been the face of our organization to the outside world and the greater scouting community. That man is Kent Barnett. In 1998, the trustees felt it was time to hire a full time executive director to manage the day to day affairs of MCCS. Kent stepped up and took on that task.

Kent has sacrificially served during that entire time working to build servant hearts in young people throughout the scouting world impacting the expansion of the kingdom of God. Kent has been to six US Boy Scout Jamborees on behalf of MCCS, has served as a chaplain, has led Philmont conferences, has worked actively with Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, American Heritage Girls and Trailmen throughout his years of service, and he has spent countless hours travelling and visiting with people from all around the world. His impact has been profound. Kent has never been one to seek the spotlight. He works behind the scenes speaking to leadership in all of the programs that MCCS serves.

MCCS has grown and developed under his stewardship. Thousands of youth have completed the Servant Leadership curricula and hundreds of adults have been recognized as Faithful Servants. Kent has navigated stormy seas and tumultuous times within the scouting community, but



KENT AND DENISE BARNETT SURROUNDED BY FAMILY: (L TO R) DAUGHTER KATIE, GRANDDAUGHTER AVERY, SON-IN-LAW ERIC, GRANDSON PARKER, SON TYLER, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW STEPHANIE AND GRANDAUGHTER EMMA.

he has always kept his focus on the Servant Leadership Series and the youth.

Kent stated, “It has been an honor for me to be a part of MCCS for all of these years. I have poured my heart and soul into it! I feel that my passion for the job resulted in the lives of many youth and families being spiritually impacted.”

Kent made the decision to retire this year. MCCS is indebted and grateful to him for the over two decades as an employee and volunteer that he has given to MCCS. Our Servant Leadership Awards are named after the values that we try to instill in youth and recognize in adult leaders. Kent Barnett is a Loving, Kind, Good, Giving and Faithful Servant.

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 SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARDS



AHG STARS AND STRIPES CANDIDATE GEORGIA WILLIAMS OF BRYAN, TEXAS, WAS AWARDED THE GIVING SERVANT.



JAMES HYMAN (R), AGE 16, EAGLE SCOUT, TROOP 238, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE (GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN COUNCIL). HAS EARNED GOOD, JOYFUL AND LOVING SERVANT AWARDS. TROOP 238 IS CHARTERED TO NORWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. JULIE HYMAN, AGE 9, BROWNIE GIRL SCOUT, TROOP 20320, POWELL, TENNESSEE (SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS COUNCIL, GIRL SCOUTS USA). JUST RECENTLY COMPLETED LOVING SERVANT. ROGER AND ELSA HYMAN ARE THE PROUD PARENTS.



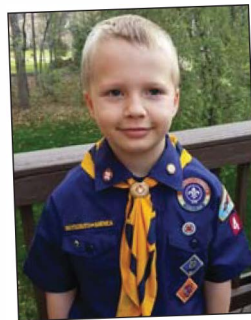
PENNY CUEVAS PRESENTS XADRIAN WITH HIS LOVING SERVANT AT NORTH HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST IN VICTORIA, TEXAS.

"During the course of my son, Xadrian engaging in the Loving Servant curriculum, he has grown so much in his understanding and love for the Lord. He started to do things on his own without being asked, such as visit sick church members in the hospital, leading prayer at den meetings, doing scripture readings on Sundays and more. He has continued wanting to do daily Bible study and leads prayer at our house daily. I have seen a change in him that is amazing and pray that the other children at church will also benefit from this curriculum. Through this time, some brothers at our congregation have already implemented what Xadrian was doing at home, such as memorizing scriptures, that my son now loves to do. He also enjoys doing service projects such as going to our local food bank every other Monday to help out, this is a great way to get kids engaged and motivated and also helps our family and other members as well, as he was helped by many and the take away from other members' perspective on his individual growth, as well, was amazing. Thank You!"

- Proud Mom Jaime Salas of Victoria, Texas



LOGAN LAWSON (R) AND JOSIAH WOLF (L) OF PACK 60 IN EUGENE, OREGON, EARNED THEIR JOYFUL SERVANT AWARDS.



CUB SCOUT ROBBIE WATTS OF WAXHAW, NORTH CAROLINA, EARNED HIS LOVING SERVANT AWARD. HE ATTENDS CENTRAL UNION CHURCH OF CHRIST.



ZACHARY RAMOS OF BSA TROOP 902 IN FAIRFIELD, OHIO, EARNED THE GOOD SERVANT AWARD TO ADD TO HIS LOVING, JOYFUL SERVANT AWARDS.



WEBELO TIMOTHY DIAL OF CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE, PICTURED WITH HIS FAMILY EARNED HIS JOYFUL SERVANT AWARD.



JOEY BARTU OF EXETER, NEBRASKA, HAS EARNED ALL FOUR AWARDS AND IS AN EAGLE CANDIDATE. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE CORNHUSKER COUNCIL AND ATTENDS 56TH & VINE CHURCH OF CHRIST.



RAGE WILSON OF ATTICA, INDIANA, RECEIVED HIS JOYFUL SERVANT AWARD.



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS RACHEL (R) AND BECCA (L) RINEHART OF DICKSON, TENNESSEE, EARNED THEIR GIVING SERVANT AWARDS.



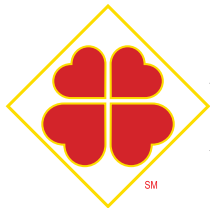
AHG TROOP 300 IN THE MINNEAPOLIS AREA HAS BEEN BUSY. (L TO R) MAKAYLA EASTMAN, HOLLIANNE YOAKAM, ELIZABETH CROM, JENNA SCHNELL, ALEX CROM, ABBEY KUEHN, MIRANDA EASTMAN, ELLIANNA KUEHN AND HANNAH WHITE ALL EARNED THEIR GOOD SERVANT AWARDS. SARAH LOVE AND MEIGAN MALARZ (IN FRONT) EARNED THEIR LOVING SERVANT AWARDS.



TRAILMAN NATHAN MCCLARAN, BRYAN, TEXAS, RECEIVED HIS GIVING SERVANT AWARD. HE IS ALSO AN EAGLE SCOUT AND HAS EARNED TLUSA'S HIGHEST AWARD, FREEDOM AWARD

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRL KRISTEN HARRYMAN OF KATY, TEXAS, EARNED THE GOOD SERVANT AWARD.





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MCCS SERVES AT NUMEROUS EVENTS IN 2017

MCCS had a busy year in 2017. We participated in and exhibited at events all around the country reaching out to families and young people to tell them about MCCS and the Servant Leadership Curricula. When you see us please stop and say hello!

- Trustees Houston Costolo and Nathan Williams represented MCCS at the World Scout Interreligious Symposium in Long Island, NY.
- Kent Barnett and Nathan Williams attended Boy Scouts of America Committee Meetings in February and October in Irving, Texas.
- The MCCS Annual Meeting was held in February hosted by trustee Duvan Brock in Rome, GA.
- We exhibited at Lads-to-Leaders/Leaderettes in Nashville, Tennessee and Louisville, Kentucky, and at Leadership Training for Christ in Dallas, Texas and Houston, Texas, in March.
- Kent and Nathan attended the Boy Scouts of America National Meeting in Orlando, Florida, in May.
- MCCS exhibited and served thousands of scouts at the Boy Scout National Jamboree in July.

- Kent and Nathan attended several Trail Life Equip and Trail Ready Trainings throughout the country during the year.
- Nathan attended the Girl Scout USA G.I.R.L. Conference in October in Columbus, Ohio. He met with interfaith leaders and visit with Girl Scouts from around the country.



MCCS TRUSTEE STEVE LEDDY VISITS WITH RECENT LOVING SERVANT RECIPIENT CASH CHAPPELL AT LADS-TO-LEADERS IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

In 2018 we will participate in many of these events along with exhibiting at the AHGInspire Conference in June and the North American Christian Convention and serving at VenturingFest. We are always seeking new opportunities to promote MCCS and the Servant Leadership Series. Please let us know if you have any ideas.