

# March 2019



### March Memory Verse:

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. **James 1:2-3 (NASB)**

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This month **Golden Heirs** will meet on **Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly fellowship meal. This month will have a special game night. It should be a lot of fun! There will be lots of good food and fellowship so bring your favorite “potluck” dish! If you need a ride, please call the office by Thursday.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**March 7<sup>th</sup>** — Clothes Closet Open

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** — Daylight Savings Time

**March 10** — Blake Dailey preaching

**March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm** — Ladies Night Out

**March 17** — David Lout, Gideon speaking

**March 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** — Spring Break

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** — Youth Spring Break at VBC

**March 24** — Christopher Campbell, Associate Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church (IBC) preaching

**March 31** — Drew Whittington, Youth Pastor of IBC preaching

**March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 2:30pm** — Bro. Ben & Lynette Appreciation Day





## Resignation

For 13 years, Bro. Ben Wasson has been the senior pastor of Marrable Hill Chapel. In January, Bro. Ben announced to the Elders that he was resigning from his position at Marrable Hill Chapel. His last day to preach as a staff member is March 3rd. During the rest of the month of March, he will be in the office sorting and organizing items in his office and doing other tasks to help with the transition. Bro. Ben and Lynette will also take a vacation during part of Spring Break. His last day on staff is March 31st. On that day, MHC will hold an "Appreciation Reception" at 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall to express our love and appreciation to Bro. Ben and Lynette for their ministry in our church. They will be greatly missed.

Please pray for Bro. Ben & Lynette as they figure out what is next in their lives. Pray for our Elders and the Pastor Search Committee as they seek God's will in the search for our next pastor. Also, pray for the congregation — that we, the people of MHC, will have our hearts prepared for the person that God brings next. Change can be difficult, but like Romans 8:28 says, "And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose."



(Picture taken in 2006)



(Picture taken in 2019)

## Community Ministries

By Ruth Guinn

In January, some of our youth (Avery McGoogan, Kelsi Glancey & Krista Glancey) helped deliver food & socks to the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army was delighted! We also delivered stuffed animals to the Fire Dept which shares with kids in difficult situations. Thank you for everyone's help in the outreach to our community & showing Jesus to others.



**Victory Bible Camp 2019 Dates**

June 3-7	Work Week
June 7-9	Family Weekend
June 9-13	Junior Week
June 16-21	Teen Week
October 25-27	Fall Retreat



## Awana Grand Prix Workshop By Ruth Guinn



Every year prior to the Annual Awana Grand Prix, adult volunteers hold a workshop to help racers build their race cars. On the Saturday



before this year's event, four members of the MHC pit crew set up shop in the gym — Vicki Evans, Joe Hershberger, David Murphy & Joe Williams. What an incredible pit crew they proved to be! Using their secrets on how to make an Awana Grand Prix have a lot of competitive cars, they helped first time racers with their cars! MHC neighborhood kids — Rodney, Sean, Boston, Christina, and Trevor — watched & helped as the pit crew helped them prepare their cars for the BIG RACE!! Our

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## Ladies Night Out — College Boxes By Natalie Butcher

February's Ladies Night Out was a time to serve our college students. After a delicious meal of soup, the ladies packed 14 care packages for college students. The boxes were sent to former Marrable Hill Chapel (MHC) youth, sons and daughters of members/regular attenders, grandsons and granddaughters of members/regular attenders, college students that attend our church, and Bro. Sam's granddaughter, Emili Shepperson.



This year the boxes used to pack the items were plastic containers that the students could use later for storage. Each box included three \$10 gift cards from different restaurants and stores like Sonic, Chick-fil-A, Dollar General, Starbucks, and Walmart. They also included many



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## Golden Heirs By Kay Johnston



and angels that were red, pink, and white. There was plenty of candy too!

Laura Cleveland was the guest speaker this month. She helped us to use our imaginations while telling us a wonderful love story about her grandmother, Dorrane Duke. Many years ago, Dorrane was being courted by Lloyd Kundert who was a hard-working, thoughtful young man with a promising future. However, along came a smooth-talking French man, Woodrow Willet, who promised to take her out of the



country and move to the big city. She fell in love and married Woodrow at 19 years old. They had a stormy love relation for 38 years when Woodrow passed away. Dorrane thought she would never marry again. However, during the same time period, Lloyd was married and had been taking care of his bedridden wife until she died. After 40 years of separation, Lloyd returned carrying just a mess of fish and a long, lost love was restored. Dorrane and Lloyd married and had a beautiful and happy love that lasted another 23 years. What an incredible, true love story!

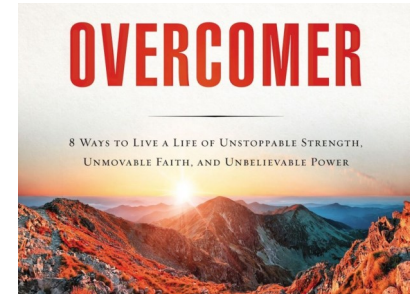


Golden Heirs meets on the second Friday of every month. It is for men and women that are 50+ years old. Come check us out!

## Sunday Night Growth Group By Kay Johnston

On Sunday nights at 6 pm, a growth group gathers in the Fellowship Hall to grow individuals spiritually and in relationship with each other. The growth group starts with a time of visiting and eating a potluck meal and is followed by a time of study. The evening ends in a time of prayer. During each new study, there is a service project to help people within our church or our community.

Benny Vestal recently led a study called “Overcomer” by Dr. David Jeremiah. Dr. Jeremiah taught us in more detail about taking up the Armor of God and how we are to use it daily.

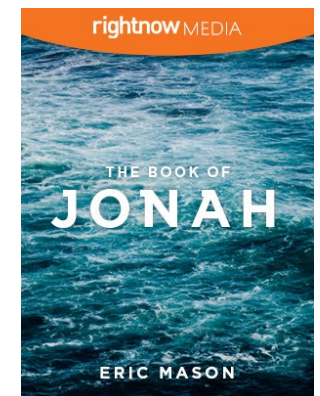


The service project during this study was assorted items and gift cards for the college student care packages. One college student told me “We (college students) are just broke, but we still like to eat, play & study! My box last year was so appreciated and exciting as we don’t usually get a box.”



The growth group also collected socks for church projects. This serves in so many different needs throughout the year. What a blessing it is to give and help so many — The Call, Operation Christmas Child boxes, nursing homes, and Salvation Army.

Growth group is open to all ages of adults. Please come to learn and get to know others better. The current study is “The Book of Jonah” by Eric Mason. Both studies can be found on our RightNow media account ([RightNowMedia.org](http://RightNowMedia.org)) under the “Marrable Hill Chapel” link. If you want to access it and don’t know how, let Natalie in the office know.



## Awana Grand Prix By Natalie Butcher

On February 6th, another successful Awana Grand Prix was held. In front of a crowd of over 100 people, thirty-five Awana Clubbers presented their personally designed race cars for judging in design and speed.



Prior to the opening ceremony, a meal of pizza, corn dogs, drinks, and desserts was provided to help fuel the racers and race fans.



The racers were very competitive this year and tears were shed as races were won and lost. Brandi Price told me that even though her son, Colby, was crying over losing a race, he congratulated his sister, Chloe, for winning. What great sportsmanship he showed — a lesson for us all. Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose, but your character will show during those times.



First through third place trophies were provided for the two different age groups, Sparks and T & T, and two different divisions, Speed and Design. Cash prizes were handed out from the Ardell Loe Memorial Fund.

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## Benevolence Workshop By Natalie Butcher



The staff of Marrable Hill Chapel (MHC) constantly look at ways that we can improve how we do our jobs and also how the church ministers within our church and the community. Recently, Ruth Guinn and Natalie Butcher drove to Conway to attend a free workshop on how churches and non-profit organizations can “work together to find solutions for the hard questions when it comes to benevolent giving”. This event was sponsored by the Conway Ministry Center (CMC), a non-profit organization that ministers to those in need in the Conway area — food bank, emergency rehousing, winter warming station, job assistance, etc. Former MHC youth pastor, Scott Taylor worked for CMC prior to going to Renewal Ranch.

The workshop gave the participants an opportunity to network with other churches, food banks, and other ministries in the Conway area — something Ruth and I want to set up within our community. We talked to different churches on how they provide assistance to those hurting in their community — what services they provide and don’t provide. It was interesting hearing how each organization handles how they help people pay bills, emergency housing, food and clothing assistance.

During the workshop, we learned that the database that CMC, churches, and other non-profits in their area use to track clients that need assistance is called “Charity Tracker” and is administered by the United Way of Central Arkansas. It helps assistance providers know who is being helped, when, and how. It also has alerts that notifies all of the assistance providers about emergency needs (furniture after a fire, emergency housing, food, etc.) so that the needs can be met quickly. After the workshop, I discovered that United Way of Union County also has “Charity Tracker”. In the upcoming weeks, I plan on talking with our county’s United Way to see how they are using it, costs, and whether it can be used with churches and other non-profits.

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Each year there is a guest speaker at the Grand Prix. This year, Bro. Jimmy Meek, Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church shared the Gospel.

Overall, this event was a great success! Thank you volunteers for serving the food, registering/weighing cars, judging car designs, and helping our racers compete this year! We also appreciate all of the race fans that came and supported our racers.



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The presenter taught many things that you should consider before you decide how you provide benevolence. Questions need to be answered — “Why are we doing it?”, “Who will facilitate the program?”, “Who is the

target population (families, seniors, homeless, addicts, anyone in need)?”, “What resources does your organization have available (financial, space, people)?”, and “When do you want it to operate (specific day(s) of week, workdays/hours, 24-7)?” The presenter also discussed how to define the process and gave caution to potential problems to be aware of with those that serve (biases, blind spots, skill sets & calling, motives, enabling, hardening/desensitizing, burnout) and the need for accountability. She provided a copy of the forms that CMC uses for each case that they handle. There are parts that do not apply to us, but it gave us a chance to see what we may want to use here.

Overall, the workshop was well worth our time. It let us network with others that provide similar assistance and reinforce our desire to network within our community. We have a lot of things to think about.



For the poor will never cease to be in the land; therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy, and to your poor in your land.’

—Deuteronomy 15:11



## Tuesday Night Study

By Kay Johnston



This year a Tuesday night Bible study was started to provide people an opportunity to gather and study the Bible outside the normal times of Sundays and Mondays. A new study has just started. This 11-week Bible Study called “The Gospel of Mark” by Francis Chan was filmed on location in Israel. During the study, we will get a glimpse of the places where Jesus walked and taught and how Jesus leads His disciples.

Are we ready to learn more and follow this path? Come join us! A light snack is provided. If you have missed any nights, you can catch a session up on our [RightNowMedia.org](http://RightNowMedia.org) site. Check with Ruth if you want a handbook.

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MHC family owes a lot gratitude to the pit crew for their time & effort to make the Awana Grand Prix successful and include many kids!

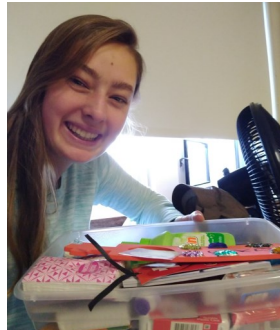


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items like pens, Kleenix's etc. The boxes were hand-delivered or mailed all over the country — El Dorado; Huttig; Conway; Fayetteville, Arkadelphia; Ruston, LA; Grove City, PA; Raleigh, NC; Wheaton, IL.



We have received many “Thank You” cards and notes to family members from the college students thanking our ladies and our church for supporting them. Along with expressing her thanks in writing, Hannah Hopson sketched on the card showing herself thanking MHC and receiving the box. Tirzah Lloyd, one of Patty Walker’s grandchildren, sent her nana a picture of her with her box and a text giving thanks.



Overall, the college boxes were a great success! It provided Marrable Hill Chapel an opportunity to encourage and love on our college students like 1 Thessalonians 5:11 says. “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

Thank you, Marrable Hill Chapel, for your donations of items and gift cards that made this a success! A big thanks to the ladies for taking their time to provide the meal and pack boxes.



## The Call By Natalie Butcher

Per their Facebook page, “The mission of The CALL is to educate, equip, and encourage the Christian community to provide a future and a hope for children in foster care in Arkansas.” It is one of the ministries that Marrable Hill Chapel supports by donating items and, occasionally, donations from Take 5 or special offerings.

During the month of January, Marrable Hill Chapel collected socks to donate to different ministries — The Call was one of the ministries that we provided socks. We also provided food items.

After DeeDee Harrison and Ruth Guinn delivered the items, we received a Thank You card from Karen expressing their thanks to our church. She said, “Thank you so much for your recent donation to the foster & adoptive homes in Union County. We were able to get the food items directly to a family that recently adopted 4 children into their home. They were thrilled to have this amazing gift. We were able to send each of the 6 children in the home a fun, new package of socks!! We filled up our “sock stash” in our CALL Mall! Thank you guys so much!” Who would have thought that a simple item like SOCKS would mean so much? Thank you for your donations!



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