

October 2018



“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”
—Matthew 9:37-38

October Memory Verse:
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105

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This month **Golden Heirs** will meet on **Friday, October 12th, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall** for their monthly fellowship meal. 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:

- October 11 @ 6 pm** Ladies Night Out @ Kay Johnston’s House
- October 14 @ 3 pm** CHRISTober Fest in Warren (Youth)
- October 26-28** Victory Bible Camp Fall Retreat
- October 31 @ 6 pm** Fall Festival in the gym

Take 5

By Natalie Butcher



Prior to accepting the part-time secretary position at Marrable Hill Chapel, I quit a full-time job not knowing where I would work next. One of the reasons that I quit was that I felt God calling me to do something to help people in need. Take 5 has been a way that I have been able to fulfill this mission.

Take 5 is a benevolence ministry that provides people within our church and our community assistance with food, gas, and bills like rent and utilities. When the fund assists people in need, the bills are paid directly to the company that is owed. Those attending Marrable Hill Chapel regularly donate to this fund in offering envelopes — designating it by writing “Take 5” in the “Other” section.

As the church secretary, I have had many opportunities to financially help people within our church and outside of our church using the Take 5 fund. What I didn’t know when I first became involved in Take 5 was how this ministry affects people besides those being assisted.

One person that it has changed is me. Having to talk to people that I have never met before in situations where they are needing help has really stretched me. It can be awkward for those asking for help and for myself. I am an introvert so talking to strangers is difficult for me. However, God has used and is continuing to use Take 5 as a way to stretch and grow me — not only in talking with people, but also in being bolder in sharing about Jesus and our church. Recently, I invited a family to church and the revival after providing the assistance.

Another person that I didn’t know would be affected by Take 5 was a customer service representative for a company that I talked to while trying to pay a bill. The bill was due that day so I tried to pay it by phone. When the representative answered my call, I realized that it was a call center in India. We had a very difficult time understanding each other due to the language



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Ladies Night Out and Golden Heirs in August

By Joan Hershberger



In August the Golden Heirs and Ladies' Night Out joined together for a shared meal and a visit with the hummingbird lady Tana Beasley. After more than enough food from the carry-in dinner, Laura Rogers introduced Beasley. Beasley works with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission as facility manager of the Potlatch Conservation Education Center in

Casscoe. She presented a program about hummingbirds and her hummingbird banding work.



Highlights from her talk: The bands are so tiny that she can ship 5,000 of them for the cost of one first class stamp. The bands have shown that hummingbirds can live up to 12 years. Feeder fluid should NOT include a red dye. It stays in the bird's system much longer than the fluid that carries it. Try to limit the amount of fluid to the amount

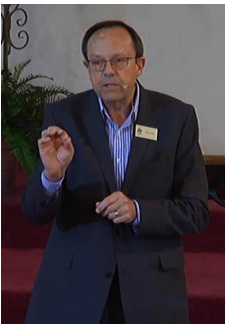
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Family Council at Marrable Hill

Some say that Christians should stay away from the state capitol building. However, there is nowhere in the Bible that says that a believer can't be involved in politics. Per Jerry Cox, founder and president of Family Council, if Christians don't participate in the political process, we will end up with the ungodly making all the rules that we have to live by. Some also say that you can't legislate morality. That is not true. Every law that is passed is a reflection on someone's values — someone's value of good or bad, right or wrong. It's a matter of who's morality will be legislated.



On September 9th, Marrable Hill Chapel had the privilege of listening to Jerry Cox speak about the Family Council. Jerry told us how in 1989, Family Council was birthed when he realized that there were plenty of lobbyists in Arkansas' capitol influencing the congressmen and how they vote, but there wasn't a voice for traditional, Biblical family values.



Jerry got a lot of resistance when he first started working at the capitol. Some congressmen were angry that there were people they labeled "The God Squad" at the capitol trying to tell them how to vote. He quickly discovered how hard it was going to be to influence those in the capitol when he helped introduce a bill into a Senate committee that would require doctors to explain the risk of abortions to women. Every time he brought the bill before the committee, the majority of the committee members sat in a side room — smoking, drinking, and not listening to his presentation. When he was through, they came out and voted against it without having heard a word. It took over 10 years to get the first bill passed. It was signed into office when Mike Huckabee became governor. Now Arkansas is the second most pro-life state in the U.S.

There have been times that Jerry has been discouraged working at the capitol. Those in the capitol would call him names and treat him

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badly. One day he was speaking with God and he realized that he is an ambassador for Christ — he represents the King of kings and Lord of lords. It helped him square up his shoulders and go back to the capitol. They still treated him poorly, but he had changed his outlook. It no longer matter to him how he was treated. Over the years they have had some success. It hasn't been from their wisdom, but from God working thru them.

A lot people think that the reason that the Family Council do what they do to impose their Christianity on others. To the contrary. One of the reasons that they are in the capitol is to overcome evil. In Romans 12:18-21, the Bible says, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." They applied this scripture when over 200 pastors and their wives came to the capitol's rotunda to have a time of worship, praise, and a message about God. They were "overcoming evil" by having a Godly presence in the capitol. Another reason for being there is to "love their neighbors as themselves" (Mark 12:31) by helping pass good laws that help their neighbors. In their work at the capitol, Family Council tries to abide by John 1:14 where it says that Jesus came for grace and truth. He said that he prays for them to have the grace to be kind and the truth to stand upon it whenever they go against issues.

The Family Council publishes the Arkansas Voter's Guide for elections and the "2017 Report Card" on how congressmen voted on bills. For more information on Family Council, visit them on Facebook or their website (<http://familycouncil.org/>).



WHEEL POWER CHRISTIAN CYCLISTS

A group of Christian cyclists from WHEEL POWER (Witnessing, Helping, Evangelizing, Encouraging and Loving as we Press OnWard to Eternal Rewards!) spent the night in our gym on Day 21 of a 66 day cross country trek to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.



WHEEL POWER Christian Cyclists is an evangelistic "Church on Wheels" ministry that spreads the Timeless Truths of the Gospel throughout the United States. They use bicycles and motorcycles to reach people for Jesus. In 1993, the Lord gave Judy Bowman the vision and passion to start this non-profit organization after she was laid off from Liberty University. Judy is now 68 years old and still travels cross country. In the 25 years of riding, they have never had an accident. They have traveled over 1.8 million miles!!



While they were guests in our gym, the group of riders and their support team were not only provided an air conditioned room to cool off, sleep, and shower, but our growth group also provided supper and breakfast. That night, several people from our church came to fellowship, worship and learn more about the group. Judy played the guitar and sang songs. She also demonstrated an evangelistic card game that our church later used in our booth at the Union County Fair.



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During their stay in El Dorado, the El Dorado News-Times interviewed the group and printed a story of them on the cover of the August 28th newspaper. For more information, please see their website: <http://www.wheelpower.org/>.



Kids at Fire Department



On the last Sunday of August, the children of Marrable Hill Chapel had a service project at one of the El Dorado Fire Department stations with Fire Chief Bruce Goff. They brought the firemen cookies and new stuffed animals for the firemen to give to children during traumatic events. They were given a tour of the station. The kids and adults had a lot of fun climbing into the fire trucks, sliding down the fire pole, and learning about firefighting tools.



Union County Fair

September brought the Union County Fair to El Dorado. Marrable Hill Chapel (MHC) volunteers manned a booth at the fair in our usual location. We handed out water bottles, 6 Bibles, information sheets about AWANA, youth, and worship services



as well as flyers about the Fall Festival. We also gave cookies & pamphlets to the people setting up rides which was greatly appreciated. A \$50 Walmart gift card was given out in a drawing. Jessie Scott who worked in the Community Booth at the fair won.

This year we tried to do more to engage and provide fun for children. We had a game where the kids competed in shooting ping pongs with water guns. This game seemed to be the big draw this year. Families surrounded the contestants & cheered for them. All of the kids received a cross necklace after the game. We've had games in years past, but this was the most popular so far.



We also had a card game that we got from WHEEL POWER Christian Cyclists (the bicyclists that stayed in our gym) that we used to testify about Jesus to people.

Overall, the fair was a success! Please let Ruth Guinn (planned, organized, and manned the booth) and the other volunteers, young and old that worked the booth, know how much you appreciate them

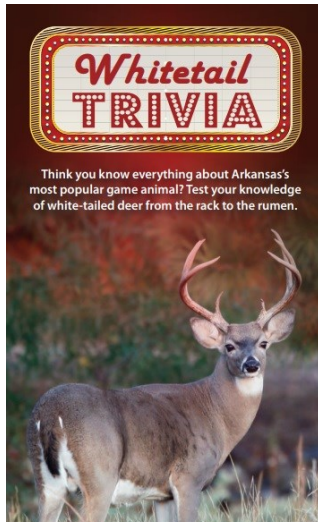
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Ladies Night Out in September

By Natalie Butcher

Ladies from Marrable Hill Chapel and their friends met at Laura Rogers house on September 13th for an evening focused on the White-tailed Deer of Arkansas.

The evening started with a delicious meal of salad and other finger foods. What a better way to start an evening about deer, but by eating vegetables like deer! There was meat too, but I loved the salad (and the brownies) the best! Yum! During the meal, the ladies were able to visit and fellowship — continuing to build relationships with each other.



After eating, Laura quizzed us on White-tailed Deer. We learned and laughed — answering some questions correctly and greatly bombing others. There are too many questions to list here, but we discussed the fact that deer can see color (mainly blues and greens), how high they jump (7' from standing position), the difference between antlers and horns, how fast antlers grow (1/2" per day), and breeding cycles of does. If you want more trivia, go to <https://www.agfc.com/en/resources/brochures/> and scroll down to "Mammal" then "Whitetail Trivia".

We also learned about Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a fatal neurological disease that affects members of the deer/elk family (cervids), and how it has been found in deer in NW Arkansas. CWD prion can be passed from infected cervids to healthy cervids through contact with feces, urine, or saliva as well as contact with CWD-infected carcasses or contaminated soil. Laura announced that on **October 9th at 6 pm in the SouthArk Library**, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will hold an informative meeting about chronic wasting disease in Arkansas.

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Ark Encounter Movie Night



Benny and Janell Vestal recently traveled to Williamstown, KY, about 40 miles south of Cincinnati, OH, to visit a museum called the Ark Encounter. This museum is built to look similar to what scholars believe Noah's Ark may have looked like. The museum attempts to answer many questions related to Noah's Ark.



One night, instead of holding a normal Sunday night growth group, Benny held a movie night showing video about the Ark Encounter. He also talked about the museum and answered questions.

For more information about the Ark Encounter, talk to Benny and Janell, go to <https://arkencounter.com/>, or read the article titled "Ark Encounter" in the May 2018 issue of the Chapel Communique (<https://www.marrablehillchapel.com/newsletters/>)



Fellowship Hall Flood

On July 10th, it was discovered that the Fellowship Hall below the sanctuary flooded overnight when the hot water tank burst. Over 5,000 gallons filled the Fellowship Hall causing damage to carpet, kitchen flooring, wall paneling, ceiling tiles and other items. After the flood was discovered, several men from our church came and used wet vacs and carpet cleaners to remove as much water as possible from the floor. A professional mitigation company came to reduce the damage by removing the rest of the water from the carpet and air. Over the last few months, Larry White worked hard with our insurance company and vendors to repair and replace the damages. We now have a new hot water tank with an automatic shut-off valve, new paneling, ceiling tiles, carpet, and flooring in the kitchen area.



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giving of their time to demonstrate MHC's love and, more importantly, the love of Jesus to those in our community. Besides Ruth, volunteers included Stella Martinez, Brody Cottrell, Hayden Morris, Danny Vinson, Paul & Kathy Sandifer, Beth & Danny Endel, Blake Dailey, Elise & Luis Sanchez, and Larry White. Hopefully, I have listed everyone. If not, I apologize!

If you were not able to participate this year, please consider being a part of our booth next year. Who, but God, knows how our booth impacted the people of community?



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your bird visitors can consume in 3-4 days. The water does not have to be boiled. Just use table sugar and water in a ratio of 1 cup of water to 1 cup of sugar. Hummingbirds are territorial, so if they are fighting around the feeder it is normal. They are just protecting their territory. If you have a hummingbird feeder out one year, the same bird will return checking for the source of food next year. To encourage Hummingbirds to visit your garden plant tubular flowers in bright red colors. Hummingbirds may be the only creatures that can cross-pollinate them and they do like the color. Hummingbirds only lay two eggs at a time. If an egg is lost, another will be laid. The male bird is the more colorful. Neither male nor female has real feathers on their breast. The birds fly to the center of Mexico during the winter.



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barrier. The rep finally understood that I worked for a Christian church and was trying to help a family pay their bill. It turns out that he is a Christian too. He was very surprised that we were paying a bill for a believer in need. I think that God used the call to encourage another believer in another part of the world and also help him start thinking about ways that he and his church can help others.

Of course, the people that donate to Take 5 are also affected. Those that feel led by God to donate to Take 5 are blessed in their obedience. As Jesus himself said in Acts 20:35, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

As you can see many people benefit from the Take 5 fund. If you feel led to donate, please “Take \$5 (or more)” and put it in an offering envelope.

Church Attendance

Outreach magazine has an online article on “5 Reasons People Aren’t Inviting Friends To Church.” In the article, it discusses how people are prompted to visit your church. Here’s what it says:

“People visit your church prompted by a variety of reasons such as:

1. A positive message on social media.
2. There’s a crisis in the family.
3. The Holy Spirit stirred them to attend.
4. A mailer to their home.
5. The reputation of your pastor’s messages.
6. They want a Christian influence for their kids.

But for at least the last fifty years, there is still nothing that beats...

7. Invited by a friend.”

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After the deer trivia, Laura taught us how to make jewelry (earrings and keychains) with beads and slices of deer antlers. Thanks Jeff for taking the time to saw and drill the slices and Laura for opening her home, feeding us, and teaching about deer and antler jewelry!



The evening ended too soon, but it was a lot of fun!

Communique Articles

I, along with others, would love to hear what is going on in your life! Do you have a funny story that you would like to share? Has God shown you something? Has He put something on your heart that you would like to share? E-mail or talk to me, Natalie, about what He is doing in your life so we can share in the Communique.