

# February 2018



**February Memory Verse:**

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

**Matthew 22:37-39**

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## Birthdays February 2018



To protect from identity theft, birthdays are not listed in the on-line version of the Chapel Communique. Thank you for understanding!



This month **Golden Heirs** will meet **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:30 pm** for their monthly fellowship meal.

If you need a ride, please call the office by Thursday.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**February 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm** — AWANA Pine Car Derby (Grand Prix)



**February 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm** — MHC Valentine's Supper



**February 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm** — Ladies Pack College Care Packages



## Love Like a Child By Hannah Bryan

On January 21st while visiting Pop Pop (Keith's dad) at Courtyard, Kruz and I walked around to see other people. When entering the dining room, there were 15+ residents sitting in the room. Kruz's eyes lit up, and he went around to every person and gave them the most heart-felt hug. You could tell some of them had no idea who he was, but his hug held a remembrance of something they once knew. He told them that when they got old, they would be able to talk to him. Then he patted them on the leg.



The innocence in his little life is unbelievable. He knew what they needed. He knew what they needed was love—someone to care for them even if they couldn't communicate. He knew if there was nothing else they could understand, they would understand a hug.

It reminds me of how God is with us. It doesn't matter if we are lost, bruised and battered, or mute. He is always there to love and embrace us. No matter the circumstance:

*And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:2-4 ESV)*



## Church Safety Meeting



In light of increasing violence in churches across the country, the elders invited Sergeant Chris Lutman of the El Dorado Police Department to talk with us about church safety. On January 21st, we first had a time of eating and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall, then we went upstairs to listen to Sgt. Lutman.

Sgt. Lutman explained that per the request of the elders a year ago he met with them to discuss security teams at church. In the past year, the church has taken his recommendations and implemented a security team made up of volunteers. These volunteers patrol the campus during church activities like Sunday School classes and worship services. They can be seen walking the campus with their fluorescent yellow vests and walkie talkies making sure that doors are secured and looking for anything out of the ordinary. Sgt. Lutman was impressed that we had implemented a team — many churches that he has talked to haven't.



At this night's meeting, Sgt. Lutman talked about "Concealed Carry" and "Open Carry." There is also a difference in the law in regards to carrying guns in public vs. private property (like a movie theater, church, or home). Private property owners can refuse to allow guns on their property. He explained about Arkansas' "Open Carry" law and how Arkansas' governor and attorney general interpret and uphold the law. He gave an example of supposing that a man was window shopping on the square outside of Shelley's Shoes with a gun in a holster on his belt. Also, suppose that someone saw him standing there and became scared so they called 911. Even though it is legal to

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# Marrable Hill Chapel Is Online

By Natalie Butcher

Over the past few months, you may have heard or noticed that Marrable Hill Chapel (MHC) is more active on Facebook. The church is trying to build a presence on social media and the internet to shine our light in the online world and our community while providing better communication with our members and regular attenders.



If you have a Facebook account and are “friends” with Marrable Hill Chapel, you may have noticed different types of posts on our page — posts that schedule church events, provides announcements of new classes, and shows videos/pictures from the Candlelight Communion.

It has also shared community events like Christian music groups that performed in the area.

You may not know this, but there is also a barebone website for MHC. It can be found at <http://www.marrablehillchapel.com/>. The main page provides links to the church’s calendar and Facebook account and displays announcements at the top. There are other pages on the site that have pictures of staff, elders, and deacons along with our beliefs. Copies of Chapel Communiques can be found under the “Newsletter” tab. In the future, I plan on adding pictures and descriptions of our different Sunday School classes and other programs we offer like AWANA.



Recently, our Sunday morning worship services were uploaded to our newly created Vimeo account and are linked on our website under the “Services” tab. As of today, all services from 12/24/17 through 1/7/18, including Candlelight Communion, are available on the website and Vimeo. The services from 1/7/18 to 1/29/18 will be uploaded to the site early this month. After these services are uploaded, new services will be uploaded weekly.

The Facebook account and website and are works-in-progress. I still

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have a gun in the open, the police would take the call seriously and dispatch an officer to observe the man. If he isn’t doing anything suspicious, they would not approach him — just observe. However, if he acted in a suspicious way — pacing back and forth, looking in to see where the cashier was in regards to the cash register, etc., the police would be justified to question him. After questioning the man, they would decide what to do next.

During the talk, there was a great dialog between Sgt. Lutman and the audience. Plenty of questions were asked and answered. We appreciate Sgt. Lutman for taking time out of his life to talk with us on this subject.

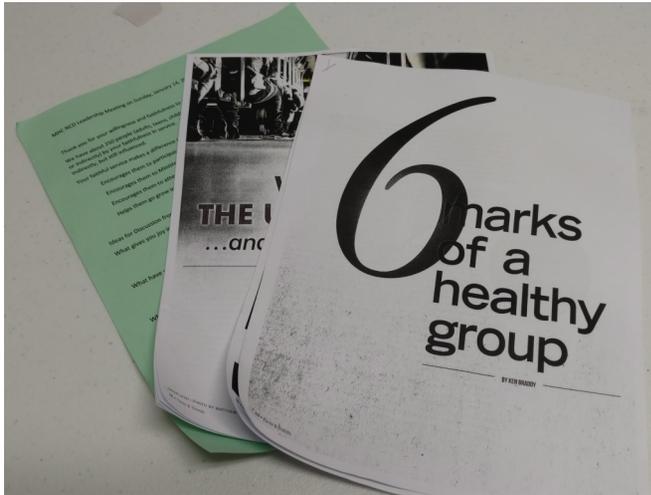
MHC has a security team that patrols our campus. However, we are all responsible for being aware of our surroundings and notifying appropriate authorities — even at church. The times that we live in have changed.



## Church Improvement

On January 14th, a meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall between our Elders, Deacons, Sunday School Leaders, and Church Staff. The idea for this meeting was prompted by the results of our Natural Church Development (NCD) Survey and our meeting with Terry Smith last year.

The Elders requested this meeting, because they are interested in the thoughts about the NCD Report from those in leadership positions and how we can help MHC fulfill our God-given purpose.



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## Church Directory

A church directory was printed from our database and placed in the back of the sanctuary on 1/29/18. It was printed so that you can verify addresses, phone numbers, names, etc. Please check your information and let the church office know of any changes. The directory will be reprinted after it is updated. Thank you for your help!



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People shared what gives them joy and what hinders them in serving the church. Some shared about the joy of seeing a child have a lightbulb moment — understanding what is being taught and how it relates to their lives.

The Elders will take the feedback from this meeting and future meetings to devise ways to help our church improve in fulfilling its God-given purpose.

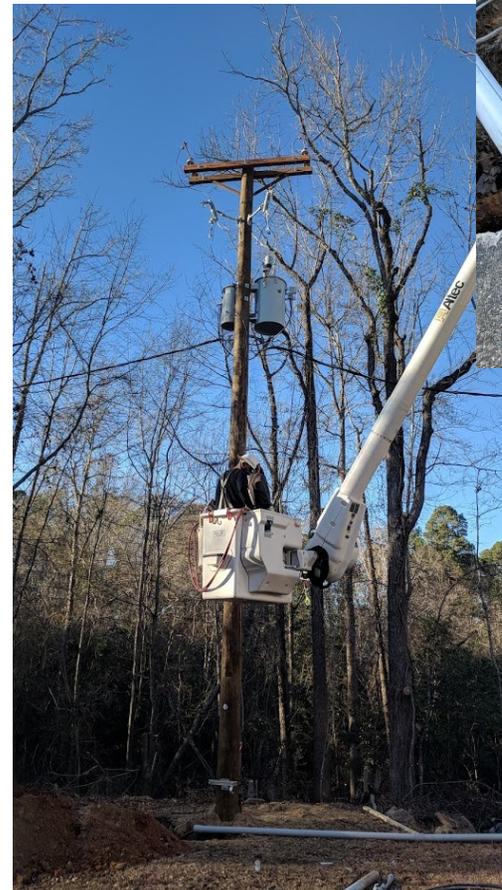
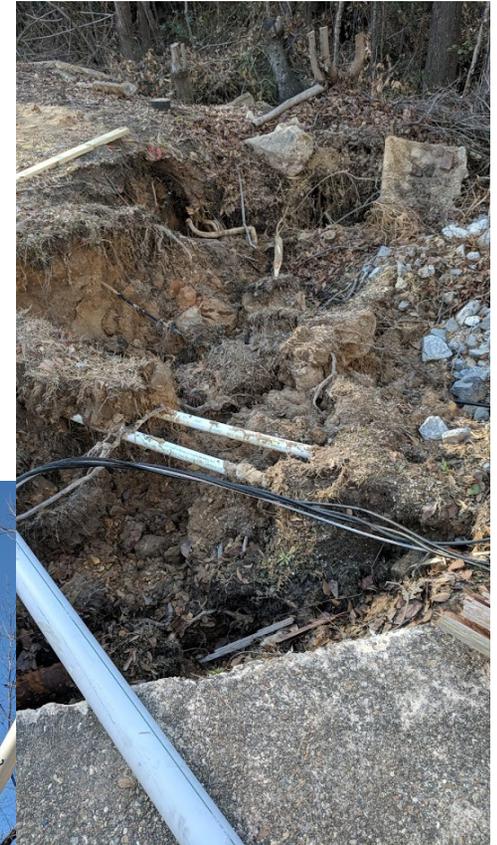


## Communique Articles

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 God 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.

## Storm Damage

In January, a rain storm eroded the ground between the Fellowship Hall and the Little Chapel causing a power pole to fall early in the morning. The fire department watched the downed pole to make sure that the lines didn't cause a fire before Entergy could come and replace it. The pole was replaced and power was restored that day. Thank you, Entergy!



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There is still considerable erosion in the area, so please respect the taped off area near the pole. Additional repairs will be made in the future to fill in the washed out area.



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have a lot to learn about creating websites — the content/layout and how to use the program that creates it. I welcome any constructive criticism about the website and Facebook. How should the website be changed to improve it (colors, pictures, layout, content)? What posts should be on Facebook?

I can't wait to see how God will use these sites to reach the lost and encourage our church!

**Honor Vs. Shame**  
**By Kevin (Missionary)**

While in America, we were able to share about a local coming to faith — someone from a people group of less than 50 known believers. I began to disciple this man in April. This summer, however, he stopped answering calls and texts, and so fearing the worse, I asked many of you to pray for him. Perhaps he had been found out by his family? Just recently, to my great surprise, he reached out to me and shared all that had happened...



I shamed him! In April, I politely asked him to stop cursing, especially around my fiancé, but because of this, he blocked communication with me for 8 months!

I have a lot to learn about Arab culture, and must remember that people of other nations are raised with different values. Thankfully, we are now together again reading the Word. Even last night he shared that he saw himself in a dream studying the books of Isaiah and Daniel — which he is now excited to begin. Most exciting of all, he is on the verge of leading another friend to the Lord!