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Make It Missions

Go For Iowa

Need something to do this summer? Try missions! Mr. Carl Griffith, a Missouri Baptist College trustee, is trying to get together a group of eight to ten college students (men and women) to spend one week during the summer working building on a mission in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Last fall, House Springs Baptist Church, along with several other congregations in Jefferson County, began sponsoring mission projects in the Cedar Rapids area. One mission, Northbrook Baptist Chapel, has grown enough to need a building.

The project is scheduled for the whole summer with volunteers doing all the work. All of the weeks are fairly well filled with the exception of June 1-7. During this week, the group will be doing mechanical underground work such as digging and putting in ducts. Skilled labor is not necessary.

The time will not be totally spent in physical labor, but also in spiritual growth. Daily devotions will be organized by a spiritual leader.

Gateley Goes to Africa

From June 3 to August 16, Mr. Stephen Gateley, MBC's head librarian, along with his wife, Melinda, will be serving as volunteer missionaries in Dakar, Senegal, Africa. Mr. Gateley will set up a library to serve the natives, and will assist in the recreational activities in the evenings. His wife will be teaching. Already they are preparing for this trip by getting their passports and inoculations for yellow fever and malaria.

Mr. Griffith stated, "I want to emphasize this is not going to be easy. I've been involved before so I know it will work."

Housing, transportation, and food will be provided. Students should bring some spending money for personal expenses (souvenirs and food on the way there).

If anyone is interested, contact Dean of Students Jo Ann Miller. Mr. Griffith is available upon request to present a slide show for those who would like to know more about the Iowa missions.

WHY NOT ATTEND CHAPEL?

a commentary by Warren Perkins

The "new" chapel attendance policy is a subject that provokes much debate among students at Missouri Baptist College. But debating in itself will not necessarily solve the problem, so let us get to the point and examine three reasons why chapel attendance is required.

First, let me point out that chapel has always been required at MBC. The only change has been in the system of rewards and punishment.

In the fall of 1984, the Chapel Committee--with the consent of the Board of Trustees--put in motion an experimental policy which does not penalize the students for not attending chapel. Chapel attendance, consequently, has declined substantially during the last two years without the penalty. So, the Chapel Committee has recommended returning to the previous system, and the trustees have agreed.

One reason chapel is required is that MBC is a Christian liberal arts college, and as such, its chapel program reflects the college's foundation upon Christian values and commitment to providing a broad education for its students. "Without God we're not going to grow like we should," said MBC student Darren Stennett. Dr. Patrick O. Copley, MBC's president, agrees that "Chapel is a piece of the student's education. Spiritual growth is as important as intellectual growth."

Chapel reflects MBC's commitment to producing graduates with well-rounded perspectives on life. "Everything that you learn in college does not come out of a college classroom... You expose yourself to many other facets of college when you attend a chapel service... and it's a broadening experience," said Dean of Students Jo Ann Miller. Secondly, the student must understand that 75% of MBC's student body commutes. "Chapel is the only system we have to provide an opportunity for everybody to come together as the college family," commented Academic Dean Dr. Arlen Dykstra. Chapel is the best time to make announcements which concern the students, faculty, and staff because that is when they are all together. Also, class meetings may be more easily organized after chapel when all students are present and available.

According to MBC student Keith Ross, the greatest advantage of chapel "is that it will bring people together at the school. There will be more of a cohesiveness and more of a sense of community."

Thirdly, chapel provides an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and the administration to focus on God. The Lord said, "You shall have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:3), and "you shall love

the Lord your God with all your heart... soul... and might" (Deuteronomy 6:5). Frankly, every person on this campus (including myself) is tempted, and may succumb to the temptation, to put other things before God -- grades, athletics, jobs. And that is wrong. Chapel is an event designed to help direct our hearts and minds toward God.

Now let me respond to some different views. Some students feel that there should be more student leadership in the chapel program. "I think we should have a voice in it," commented MBC sophomore Mike Jones. Chairman of the Chapel Committee, Dr. Larry Davis, agrees: "I'd like to see more student leadership in the program." However, he also stresses that the best way for students to participate is to attend chapel. Currently, there is one student on the Chapel Committee. There may well be several on the committee in the future. But, that depends on the students' willingness to cooperate, to diligently hold to responsibilities, to take the work one step at a time.

Some students complain that there should be no punishment for not attending chapel. Should students who work or who do not have classes on Tuesday or Thursday be penalized? Maybe not. Should they go to the Dean of Students to seek exemption? Yes. MBC junior Dawn Routszong stated, "I don't think grades should be used as an incentive at all to go to chapel." But, how will a student be encouraged to come AND COME?

Keith Ross offered a practical suggestion for encouraging student attendance: that is, to get the students (all students, not just music or ministerial students) involved in the program. The idea is not new. The point is the most needed change in the chapel program is to have the participation of all the students.

It seems that many students are unwilling to keep informed of college happenings or to participate in areas of school life beyond the classroom, the athletic facilities, or their own niches.

"The reason that people do not go is simply because they don't have the initiative... the motivation to get up and go," said MBC sophomore Jill Grimes. That is a grim synopsis of the student body, and a sad one at that.

Several students have suggested that chapel programs should be more interesting, more mature in nature, and more worshipful. Those things can be changed; but these changes will not be accomplished by ignorance, laziness, and not attending chapel. Students can improve chapel only by attending, participating, and learning about it. And even if changes need to be made, they can be made intelligently.

To quote Dean Miller: "I think the attendance policy is simply saying that this is an important part of your overall education." I agree.

HISTORICAL TOUR

The National Park Service recently hosted HIS 403: Research Seminar, MBC's "culminating experience" course for history and social science majors, at the Old Courthouse in downtown St. Louis. This U.S. Department of the Interior facility is being remodeled into a multi-room exhibit of the history of St. Louis, and the class went "behind the scenes" to see the display creation techniques and materials of historical curators. Jon James, Historian for the National Park Service, conducted the tour with Bill Henry of the Memorial Association and Kathleen Moenster, Curatorial Assistant in the Library.

The Old Courthouse, the Gateway Arch, and the Museum of Westward Expansion are all part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, an institution parallel to a National Park and a National Historic Site. The class also visited the Memorial's library, artifacts storage area, and personnel office. According to Dr. Douglas Herman, course instructor, the Memorial's operations illustrate many possible careers for history students. He plans to take his May Term class in American Environmental History to the Memorial, particularly to the Museum of Westward Expansion.

DR. MCCOY IS RECOVERING

For those inquiring as to the health of Dr. Donald McCoy, he is recovering satisfactorily after his surgery last Monday. No additional treatment appears necessary. The malignancy was apparently contained. He may be released from the hospital this weekend. He sends his heartfelt appreciation for your prayers. Let us continue to remember him before the Father.

SUPER SUMMER

The Missouri Baptist Convention needs "Moms" and "Pops" for the annual Super Summer School, to be held at Southwest Baptist University, June 30 - July 4.

Once the Mom or Pop arrives at SBU, the state Evangelism Office will pay for the all meals, lodging, and materials. Counselors are asked to pay only for their travel to and from the school. For details, contact Dr. Larry Davis.

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If you are considering permanent employment with the Federal Government, you must submit "Standard Form 171, Application for Federal Employment" rather than a resume. SF 171 is the U.S. Government's resume, and blank forms may be obtained from Dr. Herman in Ac319.

STUDENT MINISTRIES: MBC'S FORTE - Part I

The Missouri Baptist College campus serves many communities on both sides of the Mississippi River by matching gifted ministers with fulfilling opportunities. Among many who are willing to participate in leading double full-time lives as students and as ministers are Alvin Trusty, Ken Parker, Craig Hembree, and Todd Buck.

Alvin Trusty has pastored Mill Creek Baptist Church (built in 1927 in Silex, Missouri) for nearly a year. This year, the Mill Creek congregation members took two "steps of faith": they commissioned their first full-time pastor (Alvin), and they built a parsonage themselves. Brother Trusty commented, "Mill Creek is surprising because it doesn't just want to grow, it wants to change. They are willing to change the structure of their meetings while holding fast to what they believe."

Mill Creek is starting a bus ministry. On Saturdays, Alvin visits potential churchgoers to minister to them and to set up stops on the bus schedule for the next day. How does this modern crusader attend to two full-time jobs as a student and as a pastor? "It's a delicate balance," he admits with a smile. Alvin finishes his course work at the end of Summer II.

On a more melodic side, MBC

senior Craig Hembree, the minister of music at Bethany Baptist Church since September, 1984, has also had a fulfilling ministry. His many memories include building a choir from fifteen to forty members; performing the Christmas cantata, "The Joy of Bethlehem," with a forty-two-member chorus and a fourteen-piece orchestra; and using various ensemble instrumental groups during worship services. "I'm proudest of all of the people who have taken part," Craig emphasizes. Currently, he working toward a June 8 performance of Bill Gaither's "Alleluia!" which requires fifty voices. "It's an oldie, but a goodie! We're looking for people to help out, if anyone's interested." That presentation will mark Craig's finale with Bethany before he goes to study at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville.

Todd Buck, sophomore, is active in God's service at Oakville Baptist where he has been minister of music for the past two months. He has started a new youth choir and a children's choir in the short time that he has been there. "I was surprised at how even youngsters give you respect if you demand it," Todd reflected. He has also directed the Easter cantata, "The Mount of Calvary," using a twenty-four

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GRADUATES' BRUNCHEON

All graduating seniors, their spouses and parents, faculty and staff are invited to attend a brunch at the home of President and Mrs. Copley in honor of the graduating seniors on Saturday, April 26, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Please remember to RSVP to Joan Gaines in the President's Office.

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member choir. Todd even arranged one of the songs and some of the music in the cantata, and wrote the script himself.

Ken Parker, junior, is the full-time minister of music and youth at Jerome Lake Baptist in Illinois. Since he came in May, 1985, he has seen many of God's accomplishments -- most notably the beginning of a senior adult choir ("They're lively!") which visits a Waterloo nursing home regularly and the performance of "King of Love," a Christmas cantata. Ken is planning a youth retreat and a Bible school in June, a backyard Bible club and a children's music camp in July, and a youth opportunity camp in August. On April 27, he will be giving a concert in Harrimann, Tennessee, at Trenton Baptist Church. Also, he will be cutting a record in Gulf Breeze, Florida, sometime this summer.

POWELL PUBLISHES

Mr. Jack Powell, MBC's assistant professor of psychology, is to have two articles published next month. The first article, "Touch, Compliance, and Interpersonal Affect," will be published in the Journal of Nonverbal Behavior. In this experiment, subjects were requested to help with various tasks. It was found that the subjects would comply more to a request when they were touched on the shoulder when asked. The touch compliance link was not mediated by attraction, but probably status or power differences. It was also found that females helped females more than any other combination.

The second article, "Emotions and the Writing Process: A Description of Apprentice Writers," will be printed in the Journal of Educational Research. In this experiment, a test was written for subjects to take before and after writing a paper. This test was created for subjects to take before and after writing a paper in order to examine the emotions of the writers. It was found that positive emotions increase during writing and negative emotions decrease. This emotions test was developed by Brand and Powell and will be published in the Journal of Educational and Psychological Measurement in 1987.

MUSIC MAN REVIEW

For three nights last week, River City, Iowa, came alive in MBC's chapel. This vibrant musical offered an enjoyable evening to all who attended.

David Blazer sparkled in a lively performance as the swindling salesman, Professor Harold Hill. The object of Hill's romantic attention, Marion Paroo, was given a fantastic portrayal by Cheryl Ballenger.

Each character was well cast, with everyone giving their best efforts to see that the play ran smoothly. The cast and crew put in long hours for several weeks prior to production while perfecting their lines, rehearsing songs and choreography, and even building their own sets. The orchestra, made up primarily of MBC students, played exceptionally well each evening. All performances went well, with only minor flaws, most of which went unnoticed by the audience. One near disaster struck on Saturday afternoon when Lori Lawson fell ill, but Kathleen McCaffrey did an excellent job of filling in with little notice.

The Music Man's director, Kerry Brooks, did a fine job of pulling the cast and crew together for an enjoyable show. Hopefully, productions of this sort will soon become a yearly tradition at MBC. --Kris French.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- 11 Baseball: SIU-Edwardsville
3:00 p.m. Away
 - 11-12 Softball: Greenville
Tournament
 - 12 Baseball: Baptist Bible
1:00 p.m. Away
 - 13 Baseball: School of Ozarks
1:00 p.m. Away (DH*)
 - 15 Chapel: Senior Class
 - 15 Softball: SIU-Edwardsville
5:00 p.m. Away (DH)
 - 16 Softball: Hannibal-La Grange
1:00 p.m. Away (DH)
 - 17 Softball: UMSL 2:00 p.m.
Home (DH)
 - 17-18 Pre-registration: May,
Summer I and Summer II
 - 18 Classes End
 - 18 Baseball: Westminster
1:00 p.m. Home (DH)
 - 19 Baseball: William Jewell
1:00 p.m. Home (DH)
- * DH=Double-Header

Spirit Wing try-outs will be held April 25-26, Friday and Saturday. See Steve Rice or Kerry Brooks for more information.

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BASEBALL

The Missouri Baptist baseball Spartans started a long, game-filled week on March 31 when they split a double-header at Harrist Stowe, 12-9 and 3-9. James Sutherlin hit a homerun in the first game to spark the Spartans.

On April Fool's Day, MBC hosted Southeast Missouri State University for another double-header split, 4-3 and 3-9. In the first game, three of MBC's four runs were homers.

The Spartans then played at UMSL on April 4 and were defeated in both games, 4-3 and 8-3. Baptist Bible College cancelled their game with Mo. Bap. which gave the Spartans much needed rest. But on April 6, MBC pummeled the University of Missouri - Rolla for two victories, 14-0 and 8-1. Sutherlin had one homerun in the first game. Paul Ammonette and David Baker each had a homer in the second game. The Spartans' season record is now 17-10.

SOFTBALL

This past week has been quite an exciting week for the Missouri Baptist softball team. On Tuesday, the team defeated Hannibal-LaGrange in a double-header. The next day, the team split with the Greenville Panthers losing the first game 5-2 and winning the second game 5-3.

Going into the Missouri Southern Tournament in Joplin after winning three of their last four games, the team was able to continue winning. They defeated Central Methodist (11-4) in five innings, Missouri Western (8-6) in a battle that lasted over two hours, and Southwest Baptist (4-0).

Going up against William Woods, the team ran into a little trouble losing 5-0. The Spartans then lost to Missouri Southern, 9-1. The team came out of this tournament with a record of 3-2--much better than the previous two other tournaments.

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TRACK

MBC's women's and men's track teams travelled to Cape Girardeau to compete against some Division I powerhouses like Alabama, Memphis State, and Western Kentucky. Placing second, Anthony Leaks clocked in at 52.7 for the 400 meter hurdles. Jamie Burnham placed third in the 10 kilometer run with 32:52; Danny Bryant, fourth (15:02) in the 5k; and Tom DeClue, sixth (9:46) in the steeplechase. In the sprint medley, Letorre Swinney, Larry Woodson, Toney Chatman and Anthony Leaks came in third at 3:22.3. John Anderson along with Swinney, Chatman, and Woodson, worked together for sixth place (41.6) in the 4 x 10 relay.