

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACK-TO-SUNDAY-SCHOOL

September was our Annual Back-to-Sunday-School-Contest! In our closest contest ever, all 4 churches again saw an increase of attendance, and MCC was in 2nd place throughout the contest. However... thanks to a big effort at the end...

# MCC WINS!

A Big THANK YOU for everyone who brought treats for the reception Sunday Night. The fellowship with our sister churches was incredible as usual! Thanks to Sidney, Saybrook and Fisher Churches for making this another great time of fellowship. We look forward to being "Together Forever" with one another!

David Johnson, Minister

Jeff Dyson, Youth Minister

Marsha Colclasure, Secretary

### SERMONS ON-LINE

Sermons are now available on-line to listen to or download. Visit our website at: [www.mahometchristian.org](http://www.mahometchristian.org)

### OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sept 25-Nov 13		Nominations for 2012 Leadership Open
Oct 1		Bible Bowl team competition
Oct 2,9,16,23	4:30 pm	Living Flag practice in Garden Room
Oct 2,9,16,23,30	5:30 pm	HS Youth Group meeting
Oct 5,12,19,26	6:00 pm	JH Youth Group meeting
Oct 9	10:00 am	David Wright, TCM Guest Speaker
Oct 6	11:30 am	OASIS Seniors, brown bag lunch & Down Memory Lane
Oct 11	10:00 am	OASIS Seniors, News Gazette Tour & Za's to eat
Oct 28,29		Assemble Living Flag

### Elder on Call

Sept 26-Oct 2	Frank Armetta	778-6711
Oct 3-9	Mike Cornwell	897-6459
Oct 10-16	Mike Dyson	586-2254
Oct 17-23	Mike Wattles	586-2776
Oct 24-30	Frank Armetta	778-6711

### Statistics

Averages for September (4 weeks)	
Kids SS & Adult Bible Fellowship	80
Worship Hour Attendance	205
Ministry Operations	\$ 5,777.81
FTC (debt retirement)	\$ 1,539.00

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Office Hours M-F 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

217-586-3095

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

908 N Lake of the Woods Rd

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# Mahomet Christian Church MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2011



The Spirit of *Freedom*  
The Spirit of *Adventure*  
The Spirit of *Hope*  
The Spirit of *Sacrifice*  
The Spirit of *Divine Purpose*  
THAT is... *The Spirit of AMERICA!*

November 5 & 6

## Mahomet Christian Church invites you to join us for the SEVENTH annual presentation of The Living Flag

Join us as "Old Glory Sings", The Spirit of America! There will be three presentations of this year's veterans celebration...

**Saturday, November 5 at 2 pm and 7 pm**

**Sunday, November 6 at 7pm**

This musical and multi-media "Spirit of America" will again feature a salute to the Armed Forces, and many special guests including Lincoln's Challenge Academy Color Guard, The Singing Men of GNN, and our own Small Wonders Preschool Singers. Guest Speaker is Matt Kreeb, former Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier! For more information call the church office at 217-586-3095.

# October is Pastor Appreciation Month

"A place where you can make a difference"

ELDERS CORNER

Of the many ministries at MCC, I believe one of the most important is our youth program. We have made a major commitment to this program but we still need your help to make it a real success. How can you help? I have a few suggestions:

1. Bring your children to Sunday school, don't just send them. Set an example for them to follow. The deeper you are into the Word, the better prepared you will be to answer questions they may have from their own studies. Make it a point to attend every Sunday as a family.
2. Teach or assist. We have a dedicated group of teachers who believe in the importance of teaching our youth, but they could use a quarter off once in a while. We can always use more qualified and approved teachers. If you can't commit to a full quarter, act as a substitute teacher. We also need assistants in most classrooms. Don't worry about the lessons. Jeff has selected an excellent series that has everything ready for you.
3. Don't limit their (or your) Bible education to one day a week. Discuss their lessons with them. Study Bible passages together. Support the youth activities on week days. Use the Church library. Pray together.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14 NIV)

Are you hindering your children from knowing Jesus?

See you Sunday.

Mike Cornwell

PLAYGROUND GETS FACELIFT

A big thank you to everyone who came out to help paint, repair, remove and replace lots of things around our playground. Many repairs were made to the structures, fresh paint with bright colors was applied, swings and more were replaced, new pea-gravel was hauled and distributed, and a lot of brush and debris were removed. Look at our playground now!

Our children and Small Wonders Preschool thank you for a job well done!



BIBLE BOWL 2010 -1011 Recap

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Southern Illinois Round Robin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Lincoln Christian University Tournament
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place National Bible Bowl Pod 4 Round Robin
- Tied 33<sup>rd</sup> National Bible Bowl Tournament

As you can see, the students involved with Bible Bowl are doing quite well! MCC is very generous and includes a large part of the funds for Bible Bowl in our youth budget. However, the 2012 National Tournament will be in Orlando, Florida making the expenses higher than normal. So, we can use a "boost" to get them there! We're asking you to



prayerfully consider becoming a **Bible Bowl Booster** by giving just \$1 a week, over and above your tithes and offerings, during the 2012 Bible Bowl Season... 40 weeks beginning September 4<sup>th</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please call or email Barby, Jeff or the Church office. We're looking forward to a great year with your support!

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Attention Teens!

**5th Quarter Get Togethers**  
(following MSHS football games)  
October 7th & 21st  
(until 11:00pm) at  
Grace Church

October 9th  
Special HS Youth Group  
5:30—8 pm.  
NOG NIGHT  
Watch for information!

November 4,5,6th MayHEM HS Fall Retreat @ the 4-H camp in Allerton, IL. Estimated cost for this year's retreat is \$80.00. More information to follow. Any questions see or email Jeff Dyson, jeff@mahometchristian.org



Mission Trip July 2012!

Students 7th-12th grades interested in going

**J.A.M. Kids Christmas Play**  
Rehearsals continue during junior church. Performance of "It all Happened in the Country" on December 18th.



"Touching the World with God's Love...Teaching Them with His Word"

Fall Sunday School Classes  
Join us Sundays at 9:00 am

We have classes for every member of the family!

Max Lucado's Life Lessons from Romans

Teachers: Mike Tilford and Ron Ross,  
Meets in the Garden Room

Being Yourself: How Do I Take Off This Mask

Teachers: Diane Wattles, Laura Oschwald and Mindy May. Meets in the Fellowship Hall

Family and Young Married Class, Colossians

Teachers: David Johnson & Mike Dyson  
Meets in the Shed



September 8th OASIS Recap —

OASIS had our annual Amish lunch and as always, the food was amazing, the weather was perfect, our hostess was cordial, and the fellowship was sweet. What more could you ask for our trip. We can't wait to go again next year..

October 11, 10:00 am. On this Oasis News Gazette Tour we will discover what goes into putting a newspaper together, see real reporters getting the latest news leads on stories, happenings and events. We'll eat at Za's.

Who does not love PEANUT BUTTER! What is better than a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, except perhaps for a peanut butter and honey sandwich!

Our Sunday School/Junior Church kids were asked to bring peanut butter for our Helping Hands bin in September. For October, we are simply going to add to that request. We are asking our kids to share with others by donating peanut butter or jelly or honey or all three! Let's make sure that all kids (not just our own) have the opportunity to take this common (delicacy) in their school lunch bags.

And adults, we would love to fill not only the Helping Hands bin in the junior church area but also those in the welcome center. Besides these items, please feel free to bring any donation of food and/or paper product.

Join this local out-reach by helping to fill the three Helping Hands! bins to an overflow!

Mike and I are eager to fill our car full for transport! If you have any questions, contact Mike or Diane Wattles: 586-2776.