

Alive Because Of Another Person

Kevin Payne writes:

“I am alive today because of the death of another person. One afternoon when I was 16 years old, I began to feel sick while at school. I finished the school day, but by the time I got home, I was feeling very badly. My symptoms were not unusual: fever, chills, fatigue, body aches. My wife and my mother will both tell you that I don't get sick very often, and when I do I usually do my best to ignore it. This time something was different, and for some reason I was scared. When I called my mother at work, she could hear it in my voice. Instead of telling me to get some fluids and go to bed, she had my father come pick me up and take me to the doctor. It was at this juncture that my life was spared due to the death of another.

About a year earlier, a boy name Ricky, who was 1 or 2 years younger than I, had become ill with the same sort of symptoms. His family doctor was not too concerned by it and treated him for Strep. Three days later, Ricky was dead. What the doctor had thought was a Strep infection had in fact been Septicemic Plague. Septicemic is the rarest of the 3 major forms of plague, and it is also the most deadly. In medieval times, the mortality rate was 99-100%. But now, if caught early and with the right treatment, it can be cured in most cases.

Because of Ricky's death, the doctors in our community were on the lookout for this disease. When I arrived at the doctor's office, I had a 104 degree fever, and they did a blood draw and found my white blood count was extremely high. I was admitted to the hospital, and treatments were started immediately for the Plague. Here I am 30 years later because of it.”

Each and every one of us is “plagued” by sin: “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). But as Payne notes: “Left untreated, the plague of sin has a 100% mortality rate. But with the right treatment, it is 100% curable.”

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit” (1 Peter 3:18).

The gift of Jesus is God's cure for our “plague” of sin. “For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

God will save and give the gift of eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Payne observes: “Young Ricky did not knowingly give his life so that mine would be spared. However Christ knowingly and willingly gave His life so that each of us would be spared.”

Jesus died for us – for our sins – so that we might live.

Won't YOU accept His offer of salvation and eternal life on His terms?

-- David A. Sargent

PRAYERS NEEDED

Bob Johnston is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Alex Lafferty is continuing to have problems with his back.

Diane Bane, wife of Charles Bane who preaches for the Harding St. congregation in Morrilton, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer that has spread throughout her body.

Larry Ellinger, Kevin Ellinger's father, has been diagnosed with cancer.

Robert Butler, Monteen Ward's son-in-law, is suffering from cancer.

Extended Sick List: Pam Webb, Lou Riley, Carolyn Brown, Thurman Brown, Ethan Lafferty, Karen Lambert, Phil Autrey, Karen Carper, Shelia Riddle, Robie Permenter, Monteen Ward, Paula Stocks, Martha Walker, Jerry Walker, Carroll Sites, Gordon Newsome, Ken Cope, John McBee, Henry Knonnemacher, Jason Elliott, Jessie Ellison, Sr., Bob Dalton, Pam Johnson, Ruby McKenny, Sandy Hill, Varnell Wood, Leah Nugent, Chester Hale, Marjory Stanley, Ava Walker, Ron Smith, John Riddle, Jerry Almond, Rick Miller, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

FAMILY NEWS

Building Fund: The contribution next Sunday will go toward the building fund. Please be as generous as possible.

Cookout: Everyone is invited to enjoy a cookout following the evening service next Sunday. Please invite your family and friends to join you.

J.O.Y.: The Just Older Youth group will enjoy a movie night on Saturday, June 4th, at the building. If you have questions please see John and Karen Carper.

Zoo Trip: A trip to the Memphis Zoo is being planned for June 4th. If you would like to go please see Dan Blair.

Wedding Shower: A Wedding Shower for Cassie Stocks will be held on Sunday, June 26th.

Directory Pictures: John Carper and Debbie Moody are taking pictures for an updated membership directory. Everyone's cooperation is needed in this effort.

Areopagus Summer Camp Sessions: Application forms for the session this summer are available on the tables in the foyer. Or, you may register online at www.campareopagus.org.

Soft Drinks for Camp: Help us collect 40 cases of named-brand soft drinks for the camp sessions at Areopagus. If you are able to help, please bring the drinks to the building and place them in the foyer beside the teen room.

Needed: 8 pop-up canopies are needed for the Bible Market Day Camp at Areopagus. The canopies are needed for the period June 1-9. If you are willing to loan a canopy to us for that time period please see David Riley.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver

Proverbs 25:11

The Mars Hill Messenger

May 22, 2016



NEXT SUNDAY EVENING

Everyone, Please Attend!
 Invite your family and friends
 to join us!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday	
Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.
Evening Service	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	
Bible Class	7:00 p.m.

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Youth Minister

Dan Blair	514-3450
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Missions

- Ted & Barbara Knight (U.S.A., Romania)
- Roberto Sarmiento, Costa Rica
- Main Street Church of Christ (Stuttgart, Arkansas)
- Youth Outreach University Youthoutreachuniversity.com
- Truth For Today World Mission School
- Gospel Chariot (Africa)
- Gospel Crusade (Local)
- Camp Areopagus

At A Glance

May 29 – Cookout following the evening service
May 29 – Contribution to Building Fund
June 4 – JOY Group Movie Night. 6:30 p.m.
June 4 – Trip to the Memphis Zoo.
June 6-9 – Bible-Market Day Camp at Areopagus. K-3rd grade
June 12 – CRC Day Special Contribution
June 12-18 – Summer Camp at Areopagus. 9th-12th Grade. Director: Allen Myers
June 19-25 – Summer Camp at Areopagus. 4th-6th Grade. Directors: Rod Leslie, Cody Bradford
June 26 – Cassie Stocks' Wedding Shower
June 26-July 1 - Summer Camp at Areopagus. 7th-8th Grade. Directors: Stephen McFaddend, Spencer Cromwell
June 26 – Contribution to Building Fund
July 10-15 – Gospel Crusade at UCA
July 22 – Dixon/Stocks Wedding
July 23-26 – Mars Hill VBS
July 31 – Potluck Meal following a.m. service
July 31 – Contribution to Building Fund
August 28 – Contribution to Building Fund
September 24 – Hunter/Murphy Wedding at Areopagus.
September 25 – Contribution to Building Fund
October 30 – Potluck following a.m. service
October 30 – Contribution to Building Fund

Bible Class Lessons

Sunday, May 22: Lesson #263 – Acts 15:1-35
 Wed, May 25: Lesson #264 – Acts 15:36-41; 16:1-40
 Sunday, May 29: Lesson #265 – Acts 17; 18:1-22
 Wed., June 1: Lesson #266 – 1 Thessalonians 1-2

May 29, 2016 SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn
Nursery
 Saundra Harlan
ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Dan Blair
SCRIPTURE READING

Josh Moore
A.M. SERVICE
LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin
LEAD PRAYER

Gary Lambert
 Harold Moody
LORD'S TABLE

Stanley Gordon, b.
 Toby Stocks, c.
 Jade Smith, o.
 Thurman Brown
 Greg Floyd
 Sawyer Floyd
P.M. SERVICE
LEAD SINGING

Eddy Jones
LEAD PRAYER

Ralph Hunter
 Colton Hunter
LORD'S TABLE

John Carper
 Mark Mauney
Wed., June 1, 2016
LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston
LEAD PRAYER

Roy Bulice
 Stanley Gordon
DEVOTIONAL
 Gary Lambert

May 22, 2016 SOUND ROOM

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Caleb Shock
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 Thurman Brown
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Jarrod Partee, b.
 Carey Wells, c.
 Rodger Harlan, o.
 Clay Winn
 Keith Moore
 Jack Hancock
P.M. SERVICE
LEAD SINGING

Colton Hunter
LEAD PRAYER

Caleb Shock
 Josh Moore
LORD'S TABLE

Joey Moore
 James Moore
Wed., May 25, 2016
LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter
LEAD PRAYER

Clay Winn
 Keith Moore
DEVOTIONAL
 Jade Smith