

November 27, 2016

Nursery

Mary House

SOUND ROOM

Curtis Sawrie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clay Winn

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark Mauney

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

LORD'S TABLE

Joey Moore, b.

Aaron Harp, c.

James Moore, o.

Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Eddy Jones

LEAD PRAYER

Jarod Partee

Carey Wells

LORD'S TABLE

Ralph Hunter

Michael Hunter

Wed., Nov. 30, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

LEAD PRAYER

Jacob Moore

Joey Moore

DEVOTIONAL

Michael Hunter

December 4, 2016

Nursery

Sabrina Gray

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josh Moore

SCRIPTURE READING

Jade Smith

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jacob Moore

LEAD PRAYER

Carlton Clayton

Jack Hancock

LORD'S TABLE

Curtis Sawrie, b.

Rodney Partee, c.

Jarod Partee, o.

Carey Wells

Rodger Harlan

Clay Winn

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

LEAD PRAYER

Rodger Harlan

Clay Winn

LORD'S TABLE

Thomas Martin

Rodger Moore

Wed., Dec. 7, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

James Moore

Mark Mauney

DEVOTIONAL

Rodger Moore

At A Glance

November 27 – Contribution to Building Fund

November 29 – Boys' Day at Areopagus. 3 – 5 p.m.

December 2 – Painting and Crafts for 4-5 year olds and 1-2 Grades at the building. 6-9 p.m. Hot dogs and chips will be served

December 3 – JOY Group Bingo Night

December 4 – Report from Curtis Sawrie about Romania in a.m.

December 4 – Report from Vladimir about work in Russia in the p.m.

December 9-11 – Area-Wide Youth Retreat at Areopagus

December 11 – Area-Wide Youth Devo at Greenbrier

December 15 – Teen Angel Tree Shopping

December 18 – Holiday Potluck. No 5 p.m. service

December 25 - Contribution to Building Fund

December 25 – No 5 p.m. service

January 8 – Ted Knight report at a.m. worship service

January 13-15 – Youth Outreach University

January 21 – Hobo Stew. 5 p.m.

February 18 -

April 21-22 – Sewing Workshop for Healing Hands International at Camp Areopagus

Bible Class Lessons

Sunday, Nov. 27: Lesson #314 – John 7:1; Mk 7:1-30

Wed, Nov. 30: Lesson #315: Matthew 17

Sunday, Dec. 4: Lesson #316 – Matthew 18:1-35

Wed., Dec. 7: Lesson #317 – John 7:2-52

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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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

The Messenger

November 27, 2016

Some Things Are Vital!

Worship is a privilege only children of God have. There are many blessings we receive from faithful attendance in worship. God has commanded us to assemble regularly to worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). Hebrews 10:25-27 says, "**Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching. **For if we sin willfully** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation." When we forsake the assembly of the church, we are not only disobeying God, but we are robbing ourselves of all the benefits of worship which would have helped us to grow and become spiritually strong.

People seldom fall away from Christ suddenly. They usually start by forsaking an assembly, then another, then another. Oh, some may come back and "visit" several times a year and a few may even attend only the Sunday morning worship with little regularity. But, faithfulness no longer characterizes their walk with Christ.

Why would a Christian start down such a path? Don't they love the Lord and want Him first in their lives?

Let's not lose our souls by unfaithfulness.

It's Good To Be With The Brethren

This past week, I've had the opportunity to be with brethren. Last Saturday, I truly enjoyed helping prepare, serving, and cleaning up following the Thanksgiving meal at Mars Hill. The most pleasant part for me was being with my brothers and sisters in Christ as we worked together. One Monday, I was blessed to attend the Area-Wide Fellowship Meal hosted by the Downtown Morrilton congregation. Again, it was being with the brethren that enjoyed the most. I was happy to see many from the area congregations, to hear how they were doing, and to be informed about the good works that are going on within their congregations. Then on Tuesday, I enjoyed the Thanksgiving Service at Mars Hill. I was encouraged by my brethren.

The Bible shares with us benefits of brotherhood. Let us consider three of these:

1. **Brethren Bear Burdens** (Galatians 6:2). When we have brethren, we are never totally alone during our life's journey. It is true that, like Elijah, there are times we may feel like we are abandoned and the world is against us. However, brethren are here to help us carry whatever burdens oppress us. Brethren are here to help guide us through storms in life and help navigate when things are too foggy for us. Brethren offer support when we need it most and in turn we offer support to others when they are in need.

2. **Brethren Motivate Us During True Worship** (Hebrews 10:24-25). In these verses, the writer shares that brethren need to assemble so that they can stimulate each other to love and good works and encourage each other as well. At Mars Hill, we meet together twice each Sunday and even get together for a Bible study on Wednesday nights. We cannot downplay the value of worship. It puts our focus back on God, where it needs to be, and at the same time encourages and refreshes our soul. True worship with brethren enables us to meet the challenges of life.

3. **Brethren Are Heirs With The Son** (Galatians 4:4-7). Brotherhood comes from our relationship to God through Christ. Jesus makes it possible for us to receive an adoption as sons of God. Jesus makes it possible for us to be born again as a new creation. Jesus is the Son of God and is preeminent in all things, including the resurrection and conquering death. Christ now sits on the throne, entreating all people to obey His gospel, His call to eternal life. Those that do will inherit the promises, eternity with our Lord, to praise and glorify God forever. When we obey His gospel; when we believe on Him as Lord, confess Him as Lord, repent of sin in our lives and are immersed, we become brethren and fellow heirs.

It's good to be with the brethren!

David

PRAYERS NEEDED

Carolyn Brown is at home under hospice care.

Shelia Riddle is recovering from a fall.

Martha Walker is recovering from a broken hip.

Bob Johnston is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Mike Widner is recovering well from recent surgery.

Monteen Ward is having problems with her knees.

Alex Lafferty is in need of our prayers.

Mary Bronson, Dorothy Glover's daughter, is suffering from cirrhosis of the liver.

Allie Sawrie, Curtis Sawrie's mother, fell again this week and has an infection in her arm.

Ken Cope, Jack Hancock's grandfather, is under hospice care.

Judy Riley is undergoing radiation treatments.

Linda Brown has been allowed to go home. She will continue rehabilitation.

Extended Sick List: Barbara Ausbrooks, Nell Bostic, Nita Patrom, Jeane Harvey, Mark Allen, Paula Stocks, Pam Webb, Ethan Lafferty, Karen Lambert, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Charlene Lasley, Jack Moore, Sarah Barker, Tami Baker, Wayne Guess, Larry Ellinger, Carroll Sites, Gordon Newsome, Geraldine Morris, John McBee, Bob Dalton, Sandy Hill, Marjory Stanley, Ava Walker, Ron Smith, John Riddle, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

FAMILY NEWS

Baby Gifts: A box is in the foyer to deposit gifts for Josh and Shea Moore's baby girl.

Building Fund: Today's contribution will go toward our building payment.

Boys' Day At Areopagus: Tuesday, 3-5 p.m. for Grades 4-6. Bible study, food, fun, and activities.

Painting and Crafts: The 4-5 year olds and the 1st – 2nd Graders and invited to come to the building for on Friday, December 2nd, from 6-9 p.m. for painting and crafts. Hot dogs and chips will be served.

JOY Group: The JOY (55+) Group will meet at the building on Saturday, December 3rd, for a Bingo Night. Members of this age group are encouraged to attend and invite friends to come.

Mission Reports: Next Sunday. Curtis Sawrie will report on Sunday morning and Valdimir will report on Sunday evening.

Youth: December 9-11 – Winter Session at Areopagus; December 11 – Area-Wide Youth Devo at Greenbrier; December 15 – Angel Tree Shopping; December 16 – Progressive Dinner

**“Don't worry about failures,
worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try”**