

October 30, 2016

Nursery

Michelle House

SOUND ROOM

Dan Blair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rodger Harlan

SCRIPTURE READING

Jacob Moore

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

LORD'S TABLE

Curtis Sawrie, b.

Rodney Partee, c.

Carey Wells, o.

Rodger Harlan

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

LEAD PRAYER

Jacob Moore

Joey Moore

LORD'S TABLE

Jack Hancock

Stanley Gordon

Wed., Nov. 2, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Stanley Gordon

Jade Smith

DEVOTIONAL

Gary Lambert

November 6, 2016

Nursery

Mary House

SOUND ROOM

Josh Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clay Winn

SCRIPTURE READING

Jacob Moore

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jacob Moore

LEAD PRAYER

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

LORD'S TABLE

Mike Widner, b.

Jack Hancock, c.

Stanley Gordon, o.

Toby Stocks

Jade Smith

Thurman Brown

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

James Moore

Mark Mauney

LORD'S TABLE

Jade Smith

Thurman Brown

Wed., Nov. 9, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

LEAD PRAYER

Thurman Brown

Gary Lambert

DEVOTIONAL

Josh Moore

At A Glance

October 30 – Potluck following a.m. service

October 30 – Contribution to Building Fund

November 6 – Daylight Savings Time ends

November 19 – Work Day at Mars Hill

November 19 – Thanksgiving Meal at noon at Mars Hill

November 20 – Baby Shower for Melodie and Matt Mauney. 3:30 p.m.

November 22 – Mid-Week Service moved to Tuesday evening

November 27 – Contribution to Building Fund

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 4 – Report from Vladimir about work in Russia

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

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 21 – Hobo Stew. 5 p.m.

Bible Class Lessons

Sunday, October 30: Lesson #307: 1 Samuel 23

Wed, November 2: Lesson #308: 1 Samuel 24

Sunday, November 6: Lesson #309 – 1 Samuel 25

Wed., November 9: Lesson #310 – 1 Samuel 26-27

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 Youth outreach university.com
- Truth For Today World Mission School
- Gospel Chariot (Africa)
- Gospel Crusade (Local)
- Camp Areopagus

The Messenger

October 30, 2016

The Greatest Need in America

We've been thinking much about the state of our country.

Economic woes, fear of enemies, health concerns, natural disasters, spiritual decline, and confused morality call for our attention; and we continually ask what God's will is for this country.

We are perplexed but not surprised that the fastest growing religious group in America is the group that identifies themselves as having "no religion." According to the American Religious Identification Survey taken in 2001, adults who do not subscribe to any religious identification has more than doubled from 14.3 million in 1990 to 29.4 million in 2001; their proportion has grown from just eight percent of the total in 1990 to over fourteen percent in 2001. Only 77 percent of Americans now claim to be Christians.

Many of those who claim to be Christians have convictions far different from the teaching of the New Testament. For instance, the Pew Forum recently released a survey saying that 65 percent of American Christians say that many religions can lead to eternal life, a fact that contradicts Jesus' plain statement in John 14:6 (see also Acts 4:12; Ephesians 4:4-6).

What America needs most is the gospel, the old story of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. That divine story will lead them to change their hearts and lives in repentance and to unite with Christ in baptism. The gospel will open their hearts to faith, hope, and love.

—Phil Sanders

Differing Paths

Often, when traveling through the Appalachians, I have noted the markers indicating the Eastern Continental Divide. This line denotes the watershed between streams that feed into the Atlantic Ocean and those that feed into the Gulf of Mexico. Two drops of rain, falling only inches apart on the ground, will end up separated by hundreds of miles before they reach the end of their journeys.

As we consider, personally, the choices we make day by day, we should recall the words of our Lord, "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much." (Luke 16:10) The small things in our lives can well lead to big changes, either for good or for evil. This principle extends to congregations, as well.

Frequently, an emphasis on doctrinal exactness is greeted with a roll of the eyes. Why should we, after all, be concerned over small departures here and there? Isn't it just nit-picking to question everything that doesn't measure up to the truths we understand from Scripture?

We should be concerned about apostasy, even in the smallest measure, because it is a step down a path which will end in destruction. Every heresy that has divided the church began with a small departure from the truth, which lead to greater and greater departures over time.

Our fellowship must stand firm on the inerrancy of Scripture, the total truth and authority of God's word. We must stand firm in attempting to understand and follow the pattern of faith and practice outlined in the Bible. Most centrally, we must stand firm in teaching the exclusive truth of God's way of salvation through Jesus Christ. Even the slightest deviation in our commitment to these basic truths will plunge the church quickly into all manner of false teaching.

When Christian teachers and preachers depart from a complete confidence in Scripture, they stand in danger of losing their faith altogether. When congregations begin introducing unauthorized elements into the worship and work of the church, there is no end to the changes which will occur. When the church begins fellowshiping outsiders as if they were members of the Lord's church, soon the very heart of the gospel is laid aside. Constant vigilance is needed to keep the Lord's church true to the Lord's way.

—**Gregory Alan Tidwell**
Editor, the ***Gospel Advocate***

PRAYERS NEEDED

Matti Loyd is having some health problems and undergoing tests.

Martha Walker was able to be in worship last Sunday.

Bob Johnston is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Mike Widner is recovering from surgery.

Monteen Ward is having problems with her knees.

Alex Lafferty is in need of our prayers.

Charlene Lasley is suffering from extremely high blood pressure.

Jack Moore, Rodger and James Moore's brother, is recovering from heart surgery.

Sarah Barker, Carey Wells' daughter, is recovering from back surgery.

Diane Bane, wife of Charles Bane who preaches for the Harding Street congregation in Morrilton, is very weak.

Judy Riley will begin radiation treatments soon.

W.R. Perkins, Sabrina Gray's grandfather, has suffered a stroke.

Linda Brown, Ova Leah Leighton's daughter-in-law, is recovering from the latest surgery to her leg.

Extended Sick List: Barbara Ausbrooks, Nell Bostic, Nita Patrom, Jeane Harvey, Mark Allen, Paula Stocks, Pam Webb, Carolyn Brown, Ethan Lafferty, Karen Lambert, Shelia Riddle, Robie Permenter, Monteen Ward, Jerry Walker, Allie Sawrie, Tami Baker, Wayne Guess, Larry Ellinger, Carroll Sites, Gordon Newsome, Ken Cope, Geraldine Morris, John McBee, Bob Dalton, Pam Johnson, Sandy Hill, Marjory Stanley, Ava Walker, Ron Smith, John Riddle, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

FAMILY NEWS

Family Day and Fellowship Meal: Today is a special day at Mars Hill. The father-son team of Aris Ortis, Sr., Aris Ortis, Jr., and Jonathan Ortis will deliver three powerful messages for us. Following the morning worship service, we will share in a fellowship meal. The evening service will immediately follow the meal. There will be no 5 p.m. service.

Building Fund: The contribution today will go toward our building payment. Please be as generous as possible.

Daylight Savings Time: Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday morning. Please remember to move your clock back one hour.

Workday: There will be a workday at the building on Saturday, November 19th. Everyone's help is needed.

Thanksgiving Meal: Noon on Saturday, November 19th. If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet in the foyer. If you are willing to help deliver meals to the please indicate this on the sheet also. If you are willing to help purchase food for the meal, have names of those you feel could use a meal, or would like to help in some way see Kim Wells and Debbie Moody.