

# The Mars Hill Messenger

June 4, 2017

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**Nursery**

Heather Partee

**SOUND ROOM**

Josh Moore

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rodger Harlan

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Jacob Moore

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Curtis Sawrie

**LEAD PRAYER**

Stanley Gordon

Toby Stocks

**LORD'S TABLE**

Joey Moore, b.

Aaron Harp, c.

James Moore, o.

Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Jade Smith

**LEAD PRAYER**

Thomas Martin

Rodger Moore

**LORD'S TABLE**

Caleb Shock

Josh Moore

**June 7, 2017**

**LEAD SINGING**

Colton Hunter

**LEAD PRAYER**

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

**DEVOTIONAL**

Gary Lambert

**June 11, 2017**

**Nursery**

Heather Partee

**SOUND ROOM**

Josh Moore

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rodger Harlan

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Joey Moore

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Caleb Shock

**LEAD PRAYER**

Jade Smith

Thurman Brown

**LORD'S TABLE**

Curtis Sawrie, b.

Rodney Partee, c.

Jarod Partee, o.

Carey Wells

Rodger Harlan

Clay Winn

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Randy Riddle

**LEAD PRAYER**

Dennis Martin

Josh Moore

**LORD'S TABLE**

Bob Johnston

Connor Marsh

**June 14, 2017**

**LEAD SINGING**

Eddy Jones

**LEAD PRAYER**

Jack Hancock

Stanley Gordon

**DEVOTIONAL**

Caleb Shock

**At A Glance**

**June 5-8** – Day Camp Session of Summer Camp at Areopagus

**June 11** – CRC Day

**June 11-17** – High School Session of Summer Camp at Areopagus

**June 18** – Elders/Deacons Meeting

**June 18-24** – Middle School Session of Summer Camp at Areopagus

**June 25-July 1** – Jr. High Session of Summer Camp at Areopagus

**July 9-14** – Area-Wide Gospel Gathering. Robinson and Center C of C. 7 – 8:15 p.m.

**July 15-18** – Mars Hill VBS 2017

**July 16-20** – VBS at Opello C of C

**July 16-20** – VBS at Perryville C of C

**Bible Class Lessons**

Sun, June 4: Lesson #366 – Acts 24

Wed., June 7: Lesson #367 – Acts 25

Sun., June 11: Lesson #368 – Acts 26

Wed., June 14: Lesson #369 – Acts 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 [Youthoutreachuniversity.com](http://Youthoutreachuniversity.com)
- Truth For Today World Mission School
- Gospel Chariot (Africa)
- Gospel Crusade (Local)
- Camp Areopagus

**TRAIN THE LITTLE FELLOW**

IF a fellow seems a little shy  
 When first he stands before you,  
 And every point he tries to make  
 Seems, more or less, to bore you,  
 Just give him opportunities,  
 One after another,  
 Till he can speak, or lead a song,  
 As if to his own brother.  
 He doesn't sound too spiritual  
 When first he leads a prayer.  
 He won't get any better  
 If he keeps on sitting there.  
 So, use that young beginner,  
 Give him lots of things to do  
 And when he becomes an elder...  
 Elder! He'll remember you!

Betty Griffin

## Come Home!

In his book, *Moments for Mothers*, Robert Strand wrote about the conflicts of a family in Glasgow, Scotland. After years of rebellion, a daughter finally rejected her parents, their values, and their faith. She set out on her own to enjoy a life without restraints, but soon became enslaved to her liberated choices.

Years of misery followed as she lived on the streets, sold herself for pennies, and depended on rescue missions for survival. Because of her self-imposed detachment from family, she didn't know her father died, or that her mother never quit looking for her. One day she saw a picture that her mom had posted in each of the city's homeless shelters. Scrawled across the photo of her mother were the words, **"I love you still... come home!"**

In wonder and disbelief she set out for her home in hopes that she was indeed still loved. By the time she arrived it was the middle of the night. Her heart raced as she stood on the porch and prepared to knock, but her countenance suddenly changed when she tapped on the door and it crept open. She ran to her mother's bedroom in fear that someone had broken in and harmed her. She desperately reached for her mom and the woman awoke quickly to embrace her wayward daughter. When the young woman explained her fears about the open door, her mother replied, "No dear. From the day you left, that door has never been locked."

The love and hopes of this mother reflect the love and hopes of the Father in Jesus' story about the Prodigal Son (read Luke 15:11-24).

You and I can see ourselves in the prodigal son, for we have also chosen to go our own way into sin. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Yet, just like the Father in Jesus' story, who represents our Heavenly Father, God still loves us and wants us to "come home" to Him.

And, He's left the door unlocked so that we may enter.

God loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16). Jesus paid the price for our sins and "opened up the door" for us to receive salvation, union with the Father, and the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23). Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

God will forgive, welcome home, and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin 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).

**No matter how far you've wondered into the depths of sin, God says, "I love you still... come home."**

**Won't YOU?**

-- David A. Sargent

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Heather Mears** will undergo surgery on Thursday.

**Gary Lambert** is recovering from sinus surgery.

**Doug Ellison** is waiting on results of a biopsy on his thyroid.

**Gus Smith** underwent an endoscopy on Thursday.

**Heather Partee** will see a doctor in Dallas at the end of June.

**Alex Lafferty** will undergo back surgery sometime toward the end of June.

**Martha Green** is in St. Vincent Hospital with breathing problems.

**Sunny Moody**, Harold Moody's brother, has been diagnosed with brain cancer.

**John Kimbrell**, Sherry Kimbrell's father, is improving. He is still in the Conway Hospital.

**Karen Barger**, Amy Smith's mother, is improving but still waiting on test results.

**Extended Sick List:** Paula Stocks, Eddy Jones, Shelia Riddle, Roy Bulice, Sabrina Gray, Alex Lafferty, Bob Johnston, Monteen Ward, Bill Ward, Shelia Riddle, Martha Walker, Nell Bostic, Nita Patrom, Jeane Harvey, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Ethan Lafferty, Linda Brown, Mary Bronson, Beth Moreno, Hannah Cupp, Gladys Widner, Pansy Smith, Guillermina Chavez, Linda Brown, Judy Riley, Allie Sawrie, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Hannah Smalley, Charlene Lasley, Tami Baker, Gordon Newsome, Ava Walker, John Riddle, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

## FAMILY NEWS.

Building Fund: \$3134 was contributed to the Building Fund last Sunday. A payment of \$3400 was paid on Thursday.

VBS Organizational Meeting: There will be a meeting immediately after service this morning to organize for Vacation Bible School. Everyone's help is needed.

CRC Day: A special contribution will be taken in addition to the regular contribution next Sunday morning for use in the Bible Department of Crowley's Ridge College. Please make checks payable to the Mars Hill Church of Christ and one check will be mailed to CRC.

Magi Boxes: There are 2 tubs in the foyer by the Fellowship Room door and a list of items needed for the boxes is on the counter in the foyer. If you would like to contribute to the boxes please place the items in the tubs. If you would like to contribute cash please see Thomas Martin. If you have questions see Treva Widner. Item requested for this week: Toothpaste.

## You Finish This Story . . .

Once there was a congregation in which every member was just like I am. Each one cooperated and supported all the teaching programs, just the way I do. Each one attended the Lord's services and gospel meetings just like I do. Each member had the same interest I do concerning the growth of the church, the lost who live in our community, and the edification of our brethren. Each member put the same emphasis on their recreation, business, and other affairs of this life, to the same degree I do. Each member "gave of their means," as I do. With a year or so, this congregation . . .