

# The Mars Hill Messenger

July 9, 2017

"All The Children Of The World"

VBS 2017

Mars Hill Church of Christ

1020 Countyline Rd.  
Vilonia, Arkansas

Saturday, July 15th : 7 p.m.  
Sunday, July 16th: 9:30 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Monday – Tuesday, July 17-18: 7 p.m.

Classes  
for All  
Ages!

Bible Classes  
Singing  
Puppets  
Fellowship

### Special Adult Classes

Saturday: Jason Almond  
"Jesus Died For All The Children" – What is the Gospel?  
Sunday: Chris Eubanks  
"They Are Weak But He Is Strong" – Is The Gospel Really Needed?  
Monday: Glen Elliot  
"Red and Yellow, Black and White" – Is The Gospel Really For Everyone?  
Tuesday: Keith Moore  
"Jesus Love Me" – Does He Really Love Me?

### Special Teen Classes

Saturday: Matthew Martin – Joseph  
Sunday A.M.: Dan Blair – Daniel  
Sunday P.M.: Caleb Shock – Timothy  
Monday: Keith Almond – David  
Tuesday: Spencer Cromwell – Samuel

### 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.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Elders

Thomas Martin	796-3741
David Riley	472-5108

### Deacons

Rodger Harlan	207-2334
Rodger Moore	288-0135
Curtis Sawrie	849-2365
Steve Shock	796-8889

### Evangelist

David Riley	796-2052
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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](http://youthoutreachuniversity.com)
- Truth For Today World Mission School
- Gospel Chariot (Africa)
- Gospel Crusade (Local)
- Camp Areopagus

### At A Glance

**July 9** – VBS Organizational Meeting after morning service.  
**July 9** – Maggi boxes will be assembled after the morning service.  
**July 9** – No 5 p.m. service at the Mars Hill building. Attend the Gospel Gathering  
**July 9-14** – Area-Wide Gospel Gathering. Robinson and Center C of C. 7 – 8:15 p.m.  
**July 12** – No 7 p.m. service at the Mars Hill building. Attend the Gospel Gathering  
**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  
**July 23** – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.  
**July 30** – Potluck and Early Evening Service  
**July 30** – Contribution to Building Fund

### Bible Class Lessons

Sun., July 9: Lesson #376 – Ephesians 5-6  
Wed., July 12 : Gospel Gathering  
Sun, July 16: Lesson #377 – Philippians 1-2  
Wed., July 19: Lesson #378 – Philippians 3-4

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### Nursery

B. Riley/M. Hendrix

### SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Lambert

### SCRIPTURE READING

Harold Moody

### A.M. SERVICE

### LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock

### LEAD PRAYER

Aaron Harp

James Moore

### LORD'S TABLE

Mark Mauney, b.

Steve Shock, c.

Curtis Sawrie, o.

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

Carey Wells

### P.M. SERVICE

### LEAD SINGING

Gospel Gathering

### LEAD PRAYER

Gospel Gathering

Gospel Gathering

### LORD'S TABLE

Gospel Gathering

Gospel Gathering

### July 12, 2017

### LEAD SINGING

Gospel Gathering

### LEAD PRAYER

Gospel Gathering

Gospel Gathering

### DEVOTIONAL

Gospel Gathering

July 16, 2017

### Nursery

B. Riley/M. Hendrix

### SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Lambert

### SCRIPTURE READING

Josh Moore

### A.M. SERVICE

### LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

### LEAD PRAYER

Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

### LORD'S TABLE

Rodger Harlan, b.

Clay Winn, c.

Mike Widner, o.

Jack Hancock

Stanley Gordon

Toby Stocks

### P.M. SERVICE

### LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

### LEAD PRAYER

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

### LORD'S TABLE

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

### July 19, 2017

### LEAD SINGING

Colton Hunter

### LEAD PRAYER

Michael Hunter

Thomas Martin

### DEVOTIONAL

Caleb Shock

## Broken Hearted

Steve Higginbotham recently introduced me to a new term, a new art, and a new perspective on a great truth. He asks:

*Have you ever heard of "Kintsugi"? Kintsugi is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with a "glue" made of gold. Rather than throwing away a vase, bowl, or cup that had been dropped and broken, these items can be repaired by gluing the pieces back together with gold. The repair can actually make the piece of pottery more beautiful and more valuable than it was before it was broken.*

Instead of broken pottery, consider broken hearts. Here's a beautiful truth: God specializes in mending broken hearts.

Steve Higginbotham informs us that he knows the blessing of this truth personally: *On a personal level, I have learned the value of brokenness. For the majority of my life, everything was easy. The biggest challenges I faced throughout my youth seem trifling to me today. My life, along with my wife, had a fairy-tale beginning, but eventually we began to experience "breaks" (e.g. the miscarriage of a child; the death of my father-in-law, mother-in-law, and my dad; and most shattering, the choices of one of our children).*

*These breaks, and countless others, could cause one to retreat, give up, and become bitter. They hurt (present tense), but my wife and I refuse to allow our life together to be little more than useless, broken shards of pottery littering the floor. No, instead, we've given the broken pieces to the Lord who has put us back together, I believe, even more valuable in His service than before. The breaks haven't been desired, but they have been profitable in the hands of "The Potter" (Romans 9:20-23).*

As Steve indicates, there are many different things – situations, trials – that can break our hearts. One thing that *should* break our hearts, however, is sin. "The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise." -- Psalm 51:17

These words were written by David in a penitential psalm that he wrote after Nathan the prophet confronted him about his sin with Bathsheba (see 2 Samuel 12). David acknowledges his sin and his heart is broken. He desperately seeks the cleansing of his sin by God (see Psalm 51:1-4). God, observing David's repentance and confession, forgave him (see 2 Samuel 12:13-14; Psalm 32:1-5).

A broken and contrite heart, God will not despise. The brokenness is evidence of true godly sorrow which leads to repentance. God "honors" the heart that is broken by sin by healing it with His forgiveness and love.

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."  
--Psalm 147:3

Even though we are sinners, God loves us so much that He gave His One and only Son to die on the cross for our sin (John 3:16). Through Jesus, we can have our sins washed away by His blood (Ephesians 1:7).

God will forgive and give the gift of eternal life to those who will 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).

Steve Higginbotham encourages the broken-hearted: "If your life has been shattered by loss, disappointment, and sin, don't give up (Galatians 6:9). God can do amazing things with the pieces of your life. In fact, He can make you more useful and beautiful than you were before you were broken."

And He will, if only you will submit your heart and your life to Him. **Won't YOU?**

-- David A. Sargent

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Heather Partee** received a good report from test conducted in Texas but will undergo more tests.

**Mike Widner** has been under the weather this week.

**Pam Webb** is recovering from a dog bite.

**Eddy Jones** has a problem with his heart last Sunday.

**Bob Johnston** spent overnight in the hospital last weekend due to breathing problems.

**Alex Lafferty** will undergo back surgery on Tuesday.

**Carroll Sites**, of the Higden congregation, and his family are in need of our prayers.

**Hannah Cupp**, Shea Moore's sister, is struggling with some health issues.

**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, John Kimbrell, Sunny Moody, Martha Green, Karen Barger, Linda Brown, Beth Moreno, Gladys Widner, Guillermina Chavez, Allie Sawrie, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Charlene Lasley, Gordon Newsome, Ava Walker, John Riddle, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

## FAMILY NEWS.

**Baptism:** Kaitlyn Ellinger was baptized into Christ last Sunday evening. We congratulate her on her decision and welcome her to the family of God.

**VBS Organizational Meeting:** There will be a short meeting after services this morning to ensure everything is ready for VBS. Everyone's attendance is needed.

**Magi Boxes:** The boxes will be assembled after services this morning. If you are interested in helping please see Treva Widner.

**Gospel Gathering:** Today – Friday. The services will be conducted at the building of the Robinson and Center congregation at 7:00 each evening. Every member is encouraged to attend every service. If you have been asked to serve in any capacity please be at the R&C building by 6:30 p.m. There will be no 5 p.m. service at the Mars Hill building today or Wednesday. The van will leave nightly at 6 p.m.

**VBS 2017:** Begins Saturday at 7 p.m. Vacation Bible School at Mars Hill will be conducted July 15-18 at 7:00 each evening. The theme is "All The Children Of The World."

**Joy Group (55+):** August 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. "The Secret Garden" at the Center on the Square in Searcy. Cost: \$35. A count must be turned in by July 16<sup>th</sup> so please sign the sheet in the foyer. Payment must be made individually by July 29<sup>th</sup> and can be done by calling 501-368-0111. For more information see Debbie Moody.

