

July 29, 2018

Nursery

Ruth Duncan

SOUND ROOM

Dan Blair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Mauney

SCRIPTURE READING

Aaron Harp

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jacob Moore

LEAD PRAYER

Harmon Sawrie

Gary Lambert

LORD'S TABLE

James Moore, b.

Mark Mauney, c.

Steve Shock, c.

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

Byron Sawrie

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Harmon Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Jack Hancock

Tom Hedrick

LORD'S TABLE

Steve Shock

Mark Mauney

August 1, 2018

LEAD SINGING

Byron Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

DEVOTIONAL

Rodger Harlan

August 5, 2018

Nursery

B. Riley, M. Hendrix

SOUND ROOM

Josh Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Blair

SCRIPTURE READING

Caleb Shock

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Curtis Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Harold Moody

Mike Widner

LORD'S TABLE

Rodney Partee, b.

Jarod Partee, c.

Rodger Harlan, c.

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

Jack Hancock

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Byron Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Stanley Gordon

Jade Smith

LORD'S TABLE

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

August 8, 2018

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Carey Wells

Rodger Harlan

DEVOTIONAL

Clay Winn

At A Glance

July 29 – Contribution to Building Fund

July 29 – Potluck Meal following a.m. service and early evening service

July 29 – August 1 – Gospel Meeting. Jerusalem C of C. 7 p.m.

August 1 – Report from Southern Christian Home

August 4 – Girl's Baking Day

August 4 – VBS. Vilonia C of C. 10 a.m.

August 25 – Contribution to Building Fund

September 1 – Girl's Baking Day

September 9 – Meal at Hidden Valley Catfish House following a.m. service

September 22 – Mars Hill Ladies' Day

September 30 – Contribution to Building Fund

September 30 – Potluck Meal after the a.m. service and early evening service

October 6 – Girl's Baking Day

October 13 – J.O.Y. Group trip to Smokin' Buns Restaurant

October 27 – Fall Festival and Trunk & Treat

November 3 – Girl's Baking Day

November 10 – J.O.Y. Group Game Night at Carey and Kim Well's house

November 22 – Thanksgiving Potluck after a.m. service

December 1 – Movie and Crafts for K-6 Grades

December 8 – Holiday Potluck after a.m. service

Bible Class Lessons

Sun., July 29: Lesson #65 – Exodus 17

Wed., August 1: Lesson #66 – Exodus 18

Sun., August 5: Lesson #67 – Exodus 19

Wed., August 8: Lesson #68 – Exodus 20

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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- **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 Mars Hill Messenger

July 29, 2018

Be A Berean

“Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men” (Acts 17:10-12).

Paul never knew how successful he would be in any city. Sometimes he reached a few and faced great opposition; other times, he had great success. The Bereans were like a fresh breath of air because they listened without letting their preconceived ideas get in the way. Also, they carefully searched the Scriptures to see if what he was saying was true. Once they did, many of them believed because they were humble enough to change their view because Paul's teaching was Scriptural.

Oh how I wish more people were like the Bereans. Many today will not search the Scriptures at all (much less daily) to find out if the truth is being taught. Instead, they blindly follow what their preacher or others teach them. Even when they see that the Bible teaches something different from what they were taught, they choose to cling to what they have been taught.

I encourage you to test all things (1 Thessalonians 5:21), and stop assuming your preacher and others are right. Be a Berean and search the Scriptures daily to see if you are being taught the truth.

David

The Practice of Truth

Many preachers spend their time to combat the sects, to expose their errors and show the mistakes they make. This is all right if this work is kept in its right place and not permitted to crowd out other more important work. There is great danger that we let opposition to the sects and to error usurp the place of fidelity to God and the practice of truth. It is easier to fight error than it is to practice truth. It is more in harmony with our fleshly nature to fight error and errorists than to subdue the flesh and obey God. So we often substitute that for this. Much of our zeal is for party dogmas rather than for practice of the truth.

Much of the preaching consists in opposing and exposing the errors of others. This party zeal becomes a substitute for love of truth and the practice of godliness. Many preachers seem to think that the way to convert the world is to expose religious error. Hence the preaching to the world is chiefly opposition to the sects. If the sects were all destroyed, it might be easier to convert the world, but the work of converting the world would still have to be done.

The wisdom of the serpent, as well as the harmlessness of the dove, is needed in preaching the Gospel. It is more important to preach the truth than to expose error. This was the order of Jesus and the apostles. They first presented the truth of God, the working principles of the religion of Christ. Jesus first gave the Sermon on the Mount, the exhibit of the practical truths of the religion he came to establish. He then opposed error as it conflicted with these truths. If we would practice this order now, it would greatly help us in our work. We would do better work and do it more effectively.

When we go to a new place, especially to preach, it seems to me common sense, as well as divine wisdom, would prompt us to first present the truth of God concerning the way of salvation and stir up opposition as little as possible until they had seen the truth as a connected whole. To stir up the prejudices of the people is to prevent their seeing the truth with impartiality and fairness. It does them a wrong and defeats the end in view. There is very great danger in making ourselves sectarians in opposing sectarians. When we go to a new place, let us present the truth in as kind and gentle, yet as earnest, spirit as possible. Present the truth in the spirit of the truth and oppose errors only as others bring them up to conflict with truth. Do it with earnestness but do it in a spirit of kindness and love and prove by experience that the order of Jesus and the apostles is the best for us and for the world.

David Lipscomb

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PRAYERS NEEDED

Mike and **Treva Widner** have both been dealing with health issues.

Vanessa Ellison will undergo surgery on August 13th.

Shelia Riddle is scheduled for angioplasty on Friday.

Terry Turner is having some serious health issues.

Martha Walker will be undergoing more tests.

Scotty Vance, Rodney Partee's uncle, has been diagnosed with cancer.

Terry Sanders, Todd Sanders' father, will have part of his colon removed on August 20th.

Chad Hunter has been deployed.

Extended Sick List: Nell Bostic, Alex Lafferty, Roy Bulice, Kathy Hall, Jean Harvey, Sabrina Gray, Paula Stocks, Nell Bostic, Nita Patrom, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Mike Knappier, Victoria Taylor, Gerri Smith, Larry Keathley, Larry Harris, Sarah Roderick, Hannah Cupp, Karen Barger, Martha Green, Linda Brown, Beth Moreno, Gladys Widner, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Charlene Lasley, Gordon Newsome, Ava Walker, John Riddle, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

FAMILY NEWS.

Appointing Elders: Mars Hill is in the exciting time of appointing elders. You are asked to seek God's will in this matter by praying diligently and identifying men who meet God's qualifications (1 Timothy 3; Titus 1). Once you have done these things, please submit the names of the men you see God selecting to Josh Moore or Gary Lambert. Those men whose names are submitted will be met with. If they are qualified and willing to do this good work, their name will be placed before the entire congregation for consideration. Please help in this process.

Building Fund: Today's contribution will go toward our building payment. Please be as generous as possible.

Potluck and Early Service: Everyone is invited to share in a potluck meal after the morning service. Our afternoon worship service will take place immediately following the meal and there will be no 5 p.m. service.

Baby Blair: A play-pen is in the foyer for you to deposit gifts for the upcoming child of Dan and Sara Beth Blair.

Thank You: We wish to thank everyone who helped make VBS so successful. It was another very special time.

Southern Christian Home Report: A representative from Southern Christian Home will be at Mars Hill on Wednesday to report. All are urged to be in attendance for the report.

**The Christian shoemaker does his duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes,
but by making good shoes.**

You see, a Christian shoemaker is at work for the Lord