

**November 25, 2018**

**Nursery**

Michelle House

**SOUND ROOM**

Dan Blair

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Clay Winn

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark Mauney

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Thomas Martin

**LEAD PRAYER**

Harmon Sawrie

Gary Lambert

**LORD'S TABLE**

Rodney Partee, b.

Jarod Partee, c.

Byron Sawrie, c.

Rodger Harlan

Clay Winn

Mike Widner

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Clay Johns

**LEAD PRAYER**

Harold Moody

Mike Widner

**LORD'S TABLE**

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

**November 28, 2018**

**LEAD SINGING**

Michael Hunter

**LEAD PRAYER**

Carey Wells

Rodger Harlan

**DEVOTIONAL**

Clay Johns

**December 2, 2018**

**Nursery**

Britney Wells

**SOUND ROOM**

Dan Blair

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Gary Lambert

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Jade Smith

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Curtis Sawrie

**LEAD PRAYER**

Harold Moody

Mike Widner

**LORD'S TABLE**

Stanley Gordon, b.

Jade Smith, c.

Gus Smith, c.

Harmon Sawrie

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Randy Riddle

**LEAD PRAYER**

Caleb Shock

Bob Johnston

**LORD'S TABLE**

Curtis Sawrie

Byron Sawrie

**December 5, 2018**

**LEAD SINGING**

Bob Johnston

**LEAD PRAYER**

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

**DEVOTIONAL**

Ethan Johns

***At A Glance***

**November 25** – Contribution to the Building Fund

**November 28** – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

**November 30 – December 2** – Winter

Session at Camp Areopagus

**December 1** – Movie and Crafts for K-6 Grades

**December 5** – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

**December 9** – Holiday Potluck after a.m. service

**December 9** – Area-Wide Youth Devo. Oppelo C of C. 5 p.m.

**December 12** – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

**December 13** – Ladies' Purse Exchange at the home of Winnie Joslin. 6 p.m.

**December 30** – Contribution to the Building Fund

**December 30** – Ted Knight mission report

**January 25-27** – Y.O.U. Robinson and Center C of C.

**January 26** – Girl's Bake Day. 1-4 p.m.

**Bible Class Lessons**

Sun., Nov. 25: Lesson #98 – Jn. 13:21-28; Mk. 14:22-25

Wed., Nov. 28: Lesson #99 – Jn. 14

Sun., Dec. 2: Lesson #100 – Jn. 15

Wed., Dec. 5: Lesson #101 – Jn. 16

**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 Youthourreachuniversity.com**
- **Truth For Today World Mission School**
- **Gospel Chariot (Africa)**
- **Gospel Crusade (Local)**
- **Camp Areopagus**

# The Mars Hill Messenger

**November 25, 2018**

## **A Story of a President**

The story is told of President Garfield's first Sunday in Washington after his inauguration. A member of his cabinet insisted that a cabinet meeting must be called at 10 a.m. the following day (Sunday) to handle a matter that threatened a national crisis. Garfield refused on the ground of another appointment. The cabinet member then insisted that the national matter was of such grave importance that the President should break his engagement.

Garfield refused. Then the cabinet member remarked, "I should be interested to know with whom you could have an appointment so important that it cannot be broken." Garfield replied, "I will be as frank as you are. My engagement is with the Lord to meet Him at His house and at His table at 10:30 tomorrow, and I shall be there."

He was there. The crisis passed. The nation survived. President Garfield was faithful to his obligations. You may recall that Garfield was a member of the Lord's church. The Lord's statement is still true: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..." Do you keep your appointments with the Lord?

(via 20<sup>th</sup> Century Christian)

## The Monument

One of the most well-known landmarks in the United States is the Washington Monument which stands tall on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. It was built to commemorate George Washington, once commander-in-chief of the Continental Army and the first President of the United States. The monument, an obelisk made of marble, granite, and bluestone gneiss, is the world's tallest predominately stone structure at 555 feet 5-1/8 inches according to the National Park Service. Construction of the Washington Monument began in 1848 and finally, after delays due to funding, the Civil War, and other setbacks, the capstone was set on December 6, 1884.

About 100 years later, the monument underwent some renovating. It was then that there was an interesting discovery. As workers removed marble wainscoting, some nineteenth-century graffiti was discovered. Yes, graffiti!

Among the graffiti was found this slightly misspelled inscription: "Whoever is the human instrument under God in the conversion of one soul, erects a monument to his own memory more lofty and enduing (sic) than this." It is signed "B.F.B." The signer has not been identified, but according to Gary Scott, a National Park Service regional historian, B.F.B. probably carved the message between 1854 and 1880 when construction was halted on the monument because of a lack of funds.

This writer does not want to encourage the practice of drawing graffiti on public property, but he does want to note the truthfulness of B.F.B.'s statement. "Whoever is the human instrument under God in the conversion of one soul, erects a monument to his own memory loftier and more enduring than" the Washington Monument.

As majestic and meaningful as the Washington Monument is, there is a greater and more lasting "monument" in the "conversion of one soul." That "conversion" of which B.F.B. wrote refers to the salvation of a sinner whose sins have been cleansed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son. Sin separates a person from God (Isaiah 59:1-2) and leads to eternal destruction (Matthew 7:13-14). But "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

God will save and give eternal life to those who 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 by the blood of Jesus those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

This is the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 15:1-3). And the one who shares this Good News with a sinner who trusts and obeys Christ has, in a sense, erected a monument "more lofty and enduring than" the Washington Monument. Why? Because one day the Washington Monument and everything else associated with this world will crumble and melt with fervent heat (2 Peter 3:10), but "he who does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:17).

Won't **YOU** accept God's offer of salvation and eternal life? Then, won't **YOU** share the Good News with others? There is no greater monument.

-- David A. Sargent

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Shelia Riddle** is in the Conway Baptist Hospital recovering from surgery to install stents in her kidneys.

**Nell Bostic** is now under hospice care.

**Karen Lambert** will see a doctor on November 28<sup>th</sup> to determine treatment for cancer.

**Anna Lee Davenport**, Bart Davenport's mother, is in the Mt. Home hospital recovering from surgery for repair a broken hip.

**Ronnie House**, Mary House's husband, is waiting test results.

**Connie Cook**, Debbie Moody's cousin, is having some serious health issues.

**Extended Sick List:** Angie Hawks, Paula Stocks, Ray Walker, Terry Turner, Shelia Riddle, Martha Walker, Alex Lafferty, Kathy Hall, Nita Patrom, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Charlene Lasley, Terry Sanders, Mike Knappier, Victoria Taylor, Larry Keathley, Sarah Roderick, Martha Green, Gladys Widner, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Gordon Newsome, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes

## FAMILY NEWS.

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

**Kid's Konnection:** Each Sunday at 5 p.m. Today's Lesson: Kid's Need To Learn Leadership.

**Wednesday Meals:** Everyone is invited to a meal each Wednesday at 6 p.m. If you will be attending on Wednesday please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer.

**Kids, Movie, and Crafts:** Saturday 1-5 p.m. for K – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders. Enjoy doing a craft project, watching a movie, and refreshments. Bring a \$5 gift for exchange. If your child will be will participating, please sign the sheet in the foyer.

**Holiday Potluck:** As a congregation, we will enjoy a potluck meal after services on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Our evening worship service will be moved to immediately following the meal and there will be no 5 p.m. service. Please invite your family and friends to join us in worship and the meal.

**Ladies' Purse Exchange:** Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. at the home of Winnie Joslin. Please bring an old purse for exchange and a \$5 gift. Food will be provided.

**Winter Session:** Winter Camp Session at Areopagus is November 30 – December 2. If you have questions or wish to register please see Sara Beth Blair. Help is needed providing soft drinks and candy bars for the session. If you are willing to help please see Dan or Sara Beth.

**Magi Boxes:** In November please bring Chap Stick and Deodorant.

- The only thing to ever become successful by sitting around is a hen.
- We choose the clothes we wear; we choose the food we eat and drink; but even more important, are the thoughts we choose to think.