

December 30, 2018

Nursery

Britney Wells

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Lambert

SCRIPTURE READING

Bob Johnston

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock

LEAD PRAYER

Michael Hunter

Thomas Martin

LORD'S TABLE

Rodney Partee, b.

Jarod Partee, c.

Rodger Harlan, c.

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

Mike Widner

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Harmon Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Thomas Martin

Rodger Moore

LORD'S TABLE

Mike Widner

Stanley Gordon

January 2, 2019

LEAD SINGING

Ethan Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

DEVOTIONAL

Dan Blair

January 6, 2019

Nursery

Kim Wells

SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thomas Martin

SCRIPTURE READING

David Hall

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Rodger Moore

Dennis Martin

LORD'S TABLE

Stanley Gordon, b.

Jade Smith, c.

Harmon Sawrie, c.

Gus Smith

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Ethan Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Dennis Martin

Clay Johns

LORD'S TABLE

Jade Smith

Gus Smith

January 9, 2019

LEAD SINGING

Clay Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Mike Widner

Caleb Shock

DEVOTIONAL

Curtis Sawrie

At A Glance

December 30 – Contribution to the Building Fund

December 30 – Ted Knight mission report
January 2 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

January 8 – Fellowship Meal and Singing.
Harding St. C of C. 5:30 p.m.

January 9 – Wednesday Meal. 6 pm.

January 13 – Teacher's Meeting

January 14 – Preacher's Meeting. Greenbrier
C of C. 10 a.m.

January 16 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

January 20 – Meal at Peyton Creek Fish
House after a.m. service

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

January 23 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

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

January 30 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

February 6 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

February 9 – Valentine Sock Exchange.
Debbie Moody's house. 6 p.m.

February 13 – Valentine's Meal. 6 p.m.

February 20 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

February 22-24 – Ladies' Weekend at
Areopagus

February 27 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

March 6 – CRC Choralaires at Mars Hill

April 26-27 – Ladies' Sewing Day at
Areopagus

Bible Class Lessons

Sun., Dec. 30: Lesson #109 – Jn 20:24-31; 21:1-25

Wed., Jan. 2: Lesson #110 – Matt. 28:16-20; 1 Cor
15:7; Lk 24:44-49

Sun., Jan. 6: Lesson #111 – Lk. 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12;
Mark 16:19

Wed., Jan. 9: Lesson #112 – Acts 1:1-8; 13-26

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
- Truth For Today World Mission School
- Gospel Chariot (Africa)
- Gospel Gathering (Local)
- Camp Areopagus

The Mars Hill Messenger

December 30, 2018

Let Us Pray...

Two young boys were spending the night that their grandparents. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs. "I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE...I PRAY FOR A NEW PLAYSTATION...I PRAY FOR A NEW SMARTPHONE..." His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf." To which the little brother replied, "No, but grandma is!"

There is the temptation to pray to people rather than to God. We've all heard public prayers, I'm sure, that were worded in such a way so as to "preach" to the congregation rather than to approach the throne of God. That's why Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount: "*And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.*" (Matthew 6:5-6).

Jesus was not forbidding public prayer. Jesus offered many public prayers Himself. However, He was warning us about the tendency to pray for the purpose of being heard by other people.

David

What Will You Do With The New?

Toward the end of the year, we begin to focus on the “new.” We enjoy giving and receiving “new” presents, and we look forward to the hope of a “new” year. A blank calendar page represents fresh opportunity, but what will we do with it?

Hezekiah was known as a man who received renewed opportunity from the Lord. A godly king, Hezekiah destroyed the idols in Judah (2 Kings 18:4) and trusted God (2 Kings 18:5-6).

When Assyria came knocking on the door threatening to destroy Jerusalem, Hezekiah prayed (2 Kings 19:15-19), and God spared Judah. When Hezekiah fell ill, and God told him that he would not survive, Hezekiah again went to the Lord in earnest prayer, and God extended his life by 15 years (2 Kings 20:1-6).

Two challenges in Hezekiah’s day were overcome by going to God in prayer. The nation now had renewed hope, and Hezekiah especially should have been filled with new enthusiasm for the future after God spared his life.

However, when a third challenge presents itself, Hezekiah seems to display resignation and selfishness. Isaiah reveals to him that Babylon would soon come and take away the wealth of Judah, as well as Hezekiah’s own descendants (2 Kings 20:16-18). Instead of meeting this challenge with more prayer, Hezekiah says, “The word of the Lord which you have spoken is good!” and “Will there not be peace and truth at least in my days?” (2 Kings 20:19). Hezekiah was given new opportunities, but he was content to live with his personal blessings, and gave no prayer for the future generations.

As Christians, we have been cleansed by the blood of Christ, and walk in newness of life. We’ve had our lives extended eternally! But what about the lost around us? What about future generations? Will we be content with our own salvation, and give no thought, prayer, or action for the salvation of others?

What will we do with the new?

Matt Clifton

- Pain nourishes courage. You cannot be brave if you’ve only had wonderful things happen to you.
- There are two kinds of people in this world: those who come into a room and say, “Well, here I am” and those who come into a room and say, “Ah, there you are.”
- All things change, both good times and hard times come and go. The Bible often says, “And it came to pass.” It never says, “It came to stay.”

PRAYERS NEEDED

Gunner Smith is recovering from surgery to repair a severed tendon. He will meet with an Orthopedic specialist on Wednesday.

Steve Shock is recovering from Carpel Tunnel surgery.

Shelia Riddle is in Conway Baptist Hospital room 201 with a severe UTI.

Sonny Nealey and family are in need of our prayers.

Nell Bostic is now under hospice care.

Karen Lambert is recovering from cancer surgery.

Danny Morris, Harold Moody’s nephew, has lung cancer.

Extended Sick List: Shelia Riddle, Angie Hawks, Paula Stocks, Ray Walker, Terry Turner, Martha Walker, Alex Lafferty, Kathy Hall, Nita Patrom, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Connie Cook, 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.

Mission Report: Ted Knight will be at Mars Hill next Sunday morning to give a mission report.

Building Fund: The contribution next week will go toward our building payment. This is the last payment for 2018. Please be as generous as you possibly can.

Evening Speaker: Caleb Shock will be preaching this evening.

Ladies’ Retreat Meeting: After services this morning.

Kid’s Konnection: The youth of the congregation are urged to meet at 5 p.m. at the front of the auditorium each Sunday. Following a few minutes of memory work a special class for them will be conducted.

Birthdays: December birthdays will be celebrated after services this evening.

JOY GROUP: There is a signup sheet on the table in the foyer for anyone who would like to be responsible for a group activity in 2019. Please sign up if you are willing to serve in this way.

Calendar: The elders are putting together a calendar of events for 2019. If you have anything you wish to be included please see one of the elders.

Nursery Duties: If you are willing to serve in the nursery during the morning worship service in 2019, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Wednesday Meals: Everyone is invited to a meal each Wednesday at 6 p.m. If you are willing to be responsible for preparations for a meal in January or February, please sign the sheet in the foyer or see Bob Johnston. If you will be attending on Wednesday please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer.

Magi Boxes: In January please bring toothpaste and wash clothes.