

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

January 13, 2019

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Doug Ellison

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Curtis Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Clay Johns

Joey Moore

LORD'S TABLE

Caleb Shock, b.

Bob Johnston, c.

David Hall, c.

Wade Haynie

Bart Davenport

Doug Ellison

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Clay Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Joey Moore

Aaron Harp

LORD'S TABLE

Harmon Sawrie

John Foster

January 16, 2019

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Bob Johnston

David Hall

DEVOTIONAL

Rodney Partee

At A Glance

January 6 – Area-Wide Youth Devo.

Downtown Morrilton. 5 p.m.

January 7 – Ladies' Bible Study. 7 p.m. Sara

Beth Blair's home.

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 at the a.m. service

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

January 16 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

January 19 – Movie Night 5 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 23 – CRC Recruiter teaches Teen Class

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

January 27 – Contribution designated for the Building Fund

January 27 – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.

January 27 – Birthday Celebration after p.m. service

January 30 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

February 6 – Wednesday Meal. 6 p.m.

February 9 – Valentine Sock Exchange.

Bible Class Lessons

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

Sun., Jan. 13: Lesson #113 – Acts 2

Wed., Jan. 20: Lesson #114 – Acts 3

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

January 6, 2019

Make The Most Of What You Have

This is the first Sunday of 2019. I'd like to wish you a very happy and blessed New Year.

I heard about a young man who called his grandparents to wish them a happy New Year. He asked his grandfather about his New Year's resolutions. His grandfather said, "My resolution is to make your grandmother as happy as I can all year!" Then the young man asked his grandmother what her resolution was. She replied, "To see to it that your grandfather keeps his New Year's resolution!"

I can't help but wonder how things will go in this new year. Will we make the best of our time? When the 365 days of 2019 are past, will we look back with satisfaction or regret? The best advice for a New Year is for us to consider the words of God through the Apostle Paul: "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:15-17).

People Magazine published an article a few year ago entitled "Dead Ahead." It told about a new clock that keeps track of how much time you have left to live. All you have to do is program your sex and age into the clock, and from then on, it will tell you how much time you have left. I not suggesting you buy one, but you and I do need to think about how much time we have left.

The fact is the Bible tells us that we can't even count on having tomorrow. All we have is right now. For all we know, today could be our last day. I don't say this to depress us; I say it because it is true.

Since our time on earth is valuable and very limited, we should use it wisely.

PLEASE, Don't Join My Church!

It sounds strange in our age! Preachers say frequently, "Come, join my church." Occasionally, I see billboards and bumper stickers that read, "Attend the church of your choice." It might surprise you that in the forty years I have preached, I have never asked anyone to join my church nor preached "join the church of your choice." Here's why. **I DON'T WANT YOU TO JOIN MY CHURCH.** I don't have a church anyone can join. The church I preach for belongs to Someone else – JESUS CHRIST.

I DON'T WANT YOU TO JOIN THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE. There are organizations a person cannot join. A baseball player cannot say, "I'm joining the all-star team." One is selected for this honor. Similarly, a sinner cannot join the church. The Scripture does not speak of joining but of God adding members to it: "The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). Only the Lord decides on membership in His church (Colossians 1:18).

I WANT YOU TO CHOOSE CHRIST'S CHURCH. Far from wanting to discourage a decision, I very much want to encourage you to make a decision - Follow Jesus and become part of His church. It is vital to choose Christ's church because salvation and church membership are connected. Peter's sermon on the day Christ's church began (Acts 2) shows that salvation and church membership are simultaneous events. Church membership is not the means of salvation; it is the result of salvation. Stated another way, one must be in Christ to be saved (Ephesians 1:3; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 2 Timothy 2:10). We are baptized "into Christ" (Galatians 3:27), which is identical to being in the church (Ephesians 1:22-23). Thus no one can be saved outside of Christ's church. The church is not the Savior, but Christ is its Savior (Ephesians 5:23). It is vital to choose Christ's church.

Choosing a church is an important decision. It impacts the most important part of us, our souls (Matthew 16:26), for the longest time, eternity. When searching for a congregation the criteria should be, "Does this church match the one in the New Testament? Does it teach the true gospel? Does it follow God's Word?" Do not assume that if a preacher stands up with Bible in hand, he speaks for God. He may, or he may not. The Bible warns, "Take heed that you not be deceived" (Luke 21:8) for "many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1; Matthew 7:15). Take your Bible and read along. The ancient Bereans were commended for searching the Scriptures daily to see if the things preached "were so" (Acts 17:11). "Test all things; hold fast what is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Someone observed, "God gave His Word so we can know about His church, and He gave His church so that we can know about His Word" (Ephesians 3:10).

Please don't join my church. Choose His!

David

PRAYERS NEEDED

Gunner Smith is recovering from surgery to repair a severed tendon.
Vanessa Ellison will be undergoing surgery toward the end of the month.
Shelia Riddle is at home now.
Dale Bostic was hospitalized this past week with a heart condition.
Karen Lambert will begin chemo therapy soon.
Danny Morris, Harold Moody's nephew, has begun radiation treatments.

Extended Sick List: , Sonny Nealey, Nell Bostic, Angie Hawks, Paula Stocks, Ray Walker, Terry Turner, Martha Walker, Alex Lafferty, Kathy Hall, Nita Patrom, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Connie Cook, Charlene Lasley, Larry Keathley, Sarah Roderick, Martha Green, Gladys Widner, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Gordon Newsome, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes

FAMILY NEWS.

Sympathy: Mary Hall, David Hall's mother, passed away December 28th. Our love and sympathy are extended to the family.

Youth Devo: Today at the Downtown Morrilton congregation. The van will leave at 4 p.m.

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.

Ladies' Bible Study: Tomorrow, 5 p.m., at Sara Beth Blair's home.

Fellowship Meal: Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. at the Harding St. Church of Christ. If you plan to attend please let David know so preparations can be made.

Teachers' Organization and Recruiting Day: All who are interested in sharing God's word in our Bible School program are asked to stay after services next Sunday morning for an informational and organizational meeting. Lunch will be provided. Come learn of opportunities and how you can help

Movie Night: Everyone is invited to attend a Movie Night at the building on Saturday, January 19th, at 5 p.m.

Peyton Creek: Everyone is invited to go to Peyton Creek Fish House after the morning service on Sunday, January 20th.

Y.O.U.: January 25-28. Robinson and Center Church of Christ.

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.

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 cloths.