

March 24, 2019

**Nursery**

Winnie Joslin

**SOUND ROOM**

Dan Blair

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mark Mauney

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mike Widner

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Caleb Shock

**LEAD PRAYER**

Harold Moody

Mike Widner

**LORD'S TABLE**

Curtis Sawrie, b.

Rodney Partee, c.

Jarod Partee, c.

Rodger Harlan

Byron Sawrie

Caden Johns

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Harmon Sawrie

**LEAD PRAYER**

Caleb Shock

Bob Johnston

**LORD'S TABLE**

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

**March 27, 2019**

**LEAD SINGING**

Ethan Johns

**LEAD PRAYER**

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

**DEVOTIONAL**

Bob Johnston

March 31, 2019

**Nursery**

Winnie Joslin

**SOUND ROOM**

Curtis Sawrie

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mark Mauney

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Jade Smith

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Thomas Martin

**LEAD PRAYER**

Caleb Shock

Bob Johnston

**LORD'S TABLE**

John Foster, b.

Aaron Harp, c.

James Moore, c.

Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Ethan Johns

**LEAD PRAYER**

David Hall

Doug Ellison

**LORD'S TABLE**

Caden Johns

Rodney Partee

**April 3, 2019**

**LEAD SINGING**

Clay Johns

**LEAD PRAYER**

Ethan Johns

Rodger Harlan

**DEVOTIONAL**

David Hall

***At A Glance***

**March 24** – Friend and Family Day. Speaker: Keith Almond

**March 24-28** – Gospel Meeting. Center Ridge C of C. Speaker: Jason Almond

**March 31** – Contribution to the Building Fund

**March 31-April 3** – Gospel Meeting. Foothills C of C. Speaker: Robby Eversole

**April 6** – Ladies' Day. Robinson and Center C of C. 9 -11:30 a.m.

**April 7** – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.

**April 8** – Preacher's Meeting at Southern Christian Home, Morrilton. 10 a.m.

**April 9** – Fellowship Supper and Singing. Harding St. C of C. 5:30 a.m.

**April 13** – Conway County Ladies' Day. Harding St. C of C. 8:30 a.m. - Noon

**April 14** – Area-Wide Youth Devo at Vilonia C of C.

**April 26-27** – Ladies' Sewing Day at Areopagus

**April 27-28** – Gospel Meeting. Downtown, Morrilton C of C. Speaker: Kyle Butt

**April 27** – Singing. Devil's Fork Park, Higden. Burgers and Hotdogs: 4 p.m. Singing: 6 p.m.

**April 28** – Contribution to the Building Fund

**April 28** – Elders/Deacons Meeting. 3:30 p.m.

**May 12-15** – Gospel Meeting. Harding St. C of C.

**Bible Class Lessons**

Sun., March 24: Lesson #132 – Genesis 26

Wed., March 27: Lesson #133 – Genesis 27

Sun., March 31: Lesson #134 – Genesis 28

Wed., April 3: Lesson #135 – Genesis 29

**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)
- 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

March 27, 2019

**LESSONS FROM JOSHUA ONE**

1. God keeps His promises. Joshua 1:3 "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses."
2. Prepare for success by determining God's will from God's word. Joshua 1:7-8 "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."
3. Difficulties that are faced seem overwhelming when God's power is forgotten. The walls of Jericho must have looked insurmountable.
4. God gives His children victory over their enemies.
5. The challenges of life call for dependence upon God. Joshua 1:9 "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."
6. God had given all the land to Israel, but they were responsible for going in to possess it.

Mel Martin

## VENOM AND THE CURE

My daughter first introduced me to Steve Irwin. When Sandy and I were visiting with her last year, she turned the television to a channel that featured this seemingly crazed man who had a passion for snakes. His name is Steve Irwin, and he is also known as the "Crocodile Hunter." He has stared into the mouth of a yawning crocodile, jumping back out of harm's way just as the creature lunges at him. He will 'toy' with venomous snakes, risking being bitten by them and having their venom injected into him. He is a risk taker.

There are many people today who seemingly are willing to take the risk of being the victim of a venomous attack. Not by animals, but by Satan. The evil that is around us is strong enough to cripple and to kill. Although there is much evil, I have frequently heard preachers narrow the evil down to what is referred to as the "Seven Deadly Sins."

Consider for a few moments the sin of envy. It has the ability to linger and rob us of seeing the blessings that we have been given year after year.

How about the sin of selfishness? It has the tendency to cause us to become unruffled in our life. We retreat into the refuge of our own cocoon and neglect to see the needs of the world around us.

Maybe the sin most **prevalent** in your life is that of despair. I am not referring to depression. I am speaking about getting such a dose of reality that we find ourselves experiencing physical symptoms that urge us to want to simply curl up and die.

We could spend more time speaking about pride, lust, laziness and/or greed, but space does not allow.

We have all been infected at one time or another by the venom of sin. Romans 3:23 reports that "all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God." We have all been stung. It wasn't a deadly dose of venom we received, because Jesus came into this world to neutralize its effects. Jesus came into this world to be stung. His ministry brought renewal of life to the sick, the poor, the oppressed, and the possessed. He took the sin of the world on Himself when He went to the cross. As a result, we are free to join Him in enjoying eternal life with God.

It is one thing to be bitten by a poisonous spider, snake, lizard, or be stung by a bee. It is a different thing to be stung by sin. I will let Steve Irwin and others like him get bitten by animals. But if some critter does bite me, I will get the necessary medical attention to regain my health. If I get infected with the poison of sin, I will take that to Jesus Christ. Only He can render that venom powerless.

Dennis Russell

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Debra Nealey** is now at home recovering from surgery.

**Ronnie House** is recovering from surgery to install a pacemaker and defibrillator.

**Lou Riley** is recovering from surgery to replace stints in her kidneys.

**Sylvia Ransom** will be undergoing tests in the next few days.

**Extended Sick List:** Karen Lambert, Shelia Riddle, Nell Bostic, Angie Hawks, Paula Stocks, Martha Walker, Alex Lafferty, Kathy Hall, Nita Patrom, Mark Allen, Pam Webb, Ronnie Kirkland, Charlene Lasley, Martha Green, Gladys Widner, Robie Permenter, Jerry Walker, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes

## FAMILY NEWS

Friend and Family Sunday: We welcome our guests and wish to invite them to come again every time they can. Today is Friend and Family Day and we are blessed to have Keith Almond preaching for us. Everyone is invited to share in a meal following the morning service. Our afternoon service will be conducted immediately following the meal. There will be no 5 p.m. service.

Sympathy: William Kirkland, Lou Riley's brother, passed away Wednesday. We extend our love and sympathy to the family.

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

Egg Hunt: Saturday at 2 p.m. at the church building for ages 0-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Bring 12 plastic eggs and a basket. There is a signup sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Kid's Konnection: No Kid's Konnection today but continue working on your memory work and we will pick up again next Sunday at 5 p.m.

Wednesday Meals: Everyone is invited to a meal each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Summer Camp: If your child plans to attend a Summer Camp session at Areopagus please register them now. [www.campareopagus.org](http://www.campareopagus.org).

What did I do to deserve this? Many make this statement in anger and confusion, trying to make sense of some wrong that they feel has been burdened upon them. When I make this statement, I make it in wonder and amazement.

What did I do to deserve the grace and love that God shows to me with each breath I take? Why does he listen when I pray and ask for his help? He knows me. He knows that I will trip and make the same mistake over again. He knows that although I don't mean to, I will again fall and need His hand to guide me.

So why... What did I do to deserve this? Because I believe! I believe that this world was not just created by a big bang, but by a loving hand. I believe that the sun didn't just rise this morning but that He willed it to be another day. I believe that He has interceded in my behalf more times than I can remember. I believe He gives us obstacles so that we may learn from them, and perhaps He is testing our faith in Him. He is wanting us to call on Him.

I believe that He loved us so much that he sent His Son to die for a world of people who are amazed and don't know what they did to deserve Him.