

April 28, 2019

Nursery

Saundra Harlan

SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Shock

SCRIPTURE READING

Caden Johns

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Curtis Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Thomas Martin

Rodger Moore

LORD'S TABLE

Connor Marsh, b.

Ralph Hunter, c.

Michael Hunter, c.

Wade Haynie

David Bayless

Dennis Martin

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

LEAD PRAYER

Clay Johns

Mark Mauney

LORD'S TABLE

Harmon Sawrie

Gary Lambert

May 1, 2019

LEAD SINGING

Ethan Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Harold Moody

Mike Widner

DEVOTIONAL

Thomas Martin

May 5, 2019

Nursery

Marilyn Ellison

SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Blair

SCRIPTURE READING

Harold Moody

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock

LEAD PRAYER

Dennis Martin

Clay Johns

LORD'S TABLE

Ethan Johns, b.

Caden Johns, c.

John Foster, c.

James Moore

Mark Mauney

Steve Dixon

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Harmon Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

James Moore

Steve Shock

LORD'S TABLE

Harold Moody

Mike Widner

May 8, 2019

LEAD SINGING

Clay Johns

LEAD PRAYER

Caleb Shock

Bob Johnston

DEVOTIONAL

Rodger Moore

At A Glance

April 28 – Contribution to the Building Fund

May 5 – Area-Wide Youth Devo. Enola C of C

May 5 – VBS Organizational Meeting

following the a.m. service

May 6 – Preacher's Meeting. Greenbrier C of C. 10 a.m.

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

May 19 – Teachers Meeting following the a.m. service

May 25 – Teen Game Night

May 26 – Contribution to the Building Fund

May 26 – Memorial Day Cookout following p.m. service

June 3-6 – Day Camp at Areopagus. K-3rd Graders.

June 9-15 – Sr. High Camp Session at Areopagus. 9-12th Graders.

June 16-20 – Middle School Session at Areopagus. 4-6th Graders.

June 23-29 – Jr. High Session at Areopagus. 7-8th Graders

July 27-30 – VBS at Mars Hill

June 29 – Teen Game Night

June 30 – Contribution to the Building Fund

June 30 – Potluck and early evening service

June 30 – Elders/Deacons Meeting 3:30 p.m.

July 7-12 – Gospel Gathering. Robinson and Center C of C. 7 p.m.

July 28 – Contribution to the Building Fund

Bible Class Lessons

Sun., April 28: Lesson #142 – 2 Samuel 1

Wed., May 1: Lesson #143 – 2 Samuel 2

Sun., May 5: Lesson #144 – 2 Samuel 3-4

Wed., May 8: Lesson #145 – 2 Samuel 5

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

April 28, 2019

IT IS NOT ABOUT ME

We live in a "me-me-me-I-I-I" world where it is easy to convince our brains that everything we experience in our lives somehow involves us.

That Facebook post that didn't name you was really about YOU. The cable TV news show you watched ticked YOU off. The car in traffic cut YOU off.

Here's a newsflash - it's almost never about you. Even when people criticize you or reject you, it has much more to do with them and their priorities, their values, their circumstances than it does with you. The truth is, other people simply don't think about you that much (after all, they are way too busy believing everything is about them).

One of my favorite books, outside of the Bible of course, reads: "IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU." To the true follower of God, it is about His kingdom and serving others, not being self-centered.

I have learned a few things by experience. Here is one of the most important: The more you move your mind away from YOU to God and others, the happier you will be.

David

Those involved in providing our devotional time on Wednesday evenings are asked to please help us be ready to begin our Bible Study time by 7:15.

Our Stand-In

Bryson Smith recalls reading an article about movie stand-ins. They're the people who replace movie stars in scenes that are dangerous or just uncomfortable. An example is Glenn Duhigg, an ex-lawyer who worked as the stand-in for Tom Cruise in *Mission Impossible 2*. Glenn reckoned, "It sounds very glamorous saying you're the stand-in for Tom Cruise, but I don't think many people realize the long hours and constant demands that deflate your ego very quickly. The days are long. Whatever scene Tom was in, I would be the one standing there, being him sometimes for ages as the crew set up the shot – getting the lighting just right and the props just so. I'd be standing there for hours out in the weather, getting drenched in the rain or sun stroke out in the heat. And then Tom would just walk on the set from his air-conditioned caravan or out of his beautiful sports car once the scene was ready." As one of the other stand-ins said, "I realized very quickly the difference between being a star and being a stand-in."

We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Because of our sins, we deserve sin's punishment: "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Imagine being convicted of a capital crime in the 1st Century in the Roman Empire and being sentenced to death by crucifixion. The criminal would be nailed to a wooden cross through his wrists and his feet. The cross would be dropped into a hole so that the victim would literally hang on that cross in utter agony until death, usually by asphyxiation because he would be unable to push and pull against the nails in his hands and feet in order to exhale. This is what we deserve because of our sins.

This is exactly what Jesus, the Son of God, did for us. He died, not for His own sins, but for the sins of the world, for your sins and for mine (1 John 2:2). He did this because He loves us and in order to save us, for only He – the sinless Son of God – could pay the price for our redemption (Ephesians 1:7).

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit" (1 Peter 3:18).

On the cross, Jesus Christ was our stand-in. He endured the pain and the punishment from God, all in our place. He suffered the full wrath of God against sin on our behalf so that we can be saved and receive the gift of eternal life. Then, having died for our sins and being buried, He victoriously arose again on the third day, defeating Satan and death (Hebrews 2:14-18).

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 from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Jesus, the sinless Son of God, the King of kings and Lord of lords, was our stand-in. He died in our place so that we might live. "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

He did it for **YOU**. Won't **YOU** accept His offer of salvation and eternal life on His terms?

-- David A. Sargent

PRAYERS NEEDED

Roy Bulice is in the rehabilitation center at Greystone. Room 416.

Dorothy Glover is recovering from a broken arm.

Debbie Moody continues to struggle with health issues.

Linda Wood, Bob Johnston's sister-in-law, is recovering from surgery to repair an aneurism.

Sammye Gordon's sister is recovering from surgery to repair an aneurism.

Extended Sick List: Ronnie House, 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

Sympathy: Judy McCannon, Bob Johnston's sister, passed away last Saturday. We extend of love and sympathy to the family.

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

Teachers: A list of current teachers and their contact information is available on the tables in the foyers for all teachers and any others interested to pick up.

VBS Organizational Meeting: Anyone willing to help with Vacation Bible School 2019 is asked to attend a meeting next Sunday following the morning worship service.

Summer Camp Supplies: You are able to help reduce the tuition costs for all attending the Summer Camp sessions at Areopagus by donating needed supplies. Please consider purchasing a case of name-brand soft drinks for the older sessions and Capri Sun for the Day Camp. Please bring place the items in the foyer by the Teen Room.

Magi Boxes: The cost to ship the Magi Boxes is \$7 per box. If you are willing to help with this shipping cost please see Thomas Martin.

Kid's Konnection: Each Sunday evening at 5:00 our children are urged to meet at the front of the auditorium. A special class for them meets each Sunday evening. Today's Lesson: Acts 15: "Old Law Not Binding"

Wednesday Meals: Everyone is invited to a meal each Wednesday at 6 p.m. The last meal this Spring will be May 15th. We will begin them again in the fall. Money for the meals is running short. If anyone would like to contribute to them please see Bob Johnston or Debbie Moody.

Summer Camp: If your child plans to attend a Summer Camp session at Areopagus please register them now. www.campareopagus.org.

The three hardest tasks in the world are neither physical feats nor intellectual achievements, but moral acts: to return love for hate, to include the excluded, and to say "I was wrong."