

**April 7, 2019**

**Nursery**

Saundra Harlan

**SOUND ROOM**

Curtis Sawrie

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Steve Shock

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gus Smith

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Curtis Sawrie

**LEAD PRAYER**

David Hall

Doug Ellison

**LORD'S TABLE**

Rodney Partee, b.

Jarod Partee, c.

Rodger Harlan, c.

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

Mike Widner

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Randy Riddle

**LEAD PRAYER**

Ralph Hunter

Michael Hunter

**LORD'S TABLE**

Jarod Partee

Rodger Harlan

**April 10, 2019**

**LEAD SINGING**

Michael Hunter

**LEAD PRAYER**

Clay Winn

Roy Bulcie

**DEVOTIONAL**

Doug Ellison

**April 14, 2019**

**Nursery**

Saundra Harlan

**SOUND ROOM**

Clay Winn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Steve Shock

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Harmon Sawrie

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Caleb Shock

**LEAD PRAYER**

Eddy Jones

Connor Marsh

**LORD'S TABLE**

Jack Hancock, b.

Stanley Gordon, c.

Jade Smith, c.

Gus Smith

Harmon Sawrie

Gary Lambert

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Michael Hunter

**LEAD PRAYER**

Thomas Martin

Rodger Moore

**LORD'S TABLE**

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

**April 17, 2019**

**LEAD SINGING**

Bob Johnston

**LEAD PRAYER**

Stanley Gordon

Harmon Sawrie

**DEVOTIONAL**

Ralph Hunter

***At A Glance***

**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.

**June 3-6** – Day Camp at Areopagus. K-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders.

**June 9-15** – Sr. High Camp Session at Areopagus. 9-12<sup>th</sup> Graders.

**June 16-20** – Middle School Session at Areopagus. 4-6<sup>th</sup> Graders.

**June 23-29** – Jr. High Session at Areopagus. 7-8<sup>th</sup> Graders

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

**September 29-October 2** – Harding University Lectures. Theme: Fan the Flame

**Bible Class Lessons**

Sun., April 7: Lesson #136 – Genesis 30

Wed., April 10: Lesson #137 – Genesis 31

Sun., April 14: Lesson #138 – Genesis 32-33

Wed., April 17: Lesson #139 – Genesis 34-36

**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](http://Youthoutreachuniversity.com)**
- **Truth For Today World Mission School**
- **Gospel Chariot (Africa)**
- **Gospel Gathering (Local)**
- **Camp Areopagus**

# The Mars Hill Messenger

**April 7, 2019**

**Five Finger Prayer**

The five finger prayer is a great way to teach someone to pray, or a good model for anyone to use to pray. Remember, James 5:13-16 teaches us to pray for one another.

**First, your thumb is nearest you.** Begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you.

**Second, the next finger, is the pointing finger.** Pray for those who teach, instruct and offer comfort. This can include teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.

**Third comes the tallest finger.** It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide the public in many different ways. They need God's guidance.

**Fourth comes our ring finger.** We could pray for marriages and families. We could also pray for those who are weak, because our ring finger is the weakest of the five. You cannot pray too much for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain.

**Fifth comes our little finger.** It is the smallest of the five. It should remind us of our place in relation to God and others. God's Word teaches us that, "the least shall be the greatest among you" (Matthew 23:11). Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Are you praying?

*Lance Morrisett*

## Pray Boldly

Television interviewer and journalist Larry King describes three farmers who gather daily in a field during a horrible drought. The men are down on their knees, looking upward, and praying the skies will open and pour forth a much-needed rain. Unfortunately, the heavens are silent, and the petitioners become discouraged, but they continue to meet every morning to lift up their request to God.

One morning an uninvited stranger approaches and asks the men what they are doing. They respond, “We’re praying for rain.” The newcomer looks at each of them and shakes his head, “No, I don’t think so.”

The first farmer says, “Of course we’re praying. We are down on our knees pleading for rain. Look around, see the drought. We haven’t had rain in more than a year!”

The outsider continues to nod his head and advises them their efforts will never work. The second farmer jumps in and says, “We need the rain; we aren’t asking only for ourselves, but for our families and livestock.”

The man listens, nods, and says he still isn’t impressed. “You’re wasting your time,” he says.

The third farmer can’t take any more, and in anger he says, “Okay, what would you do if you were in our shoes?”

The visitor asks, “You really want to know?”

The three landowners answer, “We really want to know! The future of our farmlands is at stake.”

The guest announces, “I would have brought an umbrella!”

So when you pray, pray boldly to the Lord! He came to earth; He suffered; He suffered crucifixion. He died for you. With that kind of love for you. Always and ever, when you pray, Pray Boldly!

James 5:16 tells us, “The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.” Are you a righteous person? Have you obeyed the Gospel by confessing your faith in Christ (Mt. 10:32-33), repenting of your sins (Lk. 13:3,5), and putting Christ on in baptism (Mk. 16:16)?

*Mark T. Tonkery*

**Someone once said that God answers our prayers one of four ways:**

- **If the request is wrong, God says, “No.”**
- **If the timing is wrong, God says, “Slow.”**
- **If your maturity is at the wrong level, God says, “Grow.”**
- **But if the request is right, the timing is right, and you are right, God says, “Go!”**

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Dorothy Glover** is recovering from a broken arm.

**Debra Nealey** is recovering from surgery.

**Sylvia Ransom** is waiting on results from recent tests.

**Kathy Hall** is recovering from surgery.

**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

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Today at 3:30 p.m.

Building Fund: Last week’s contribution to the Building Fund totaled \$5,742. Thank you for your generosity.

Fellowship Supper and Singing: Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Downtown Morrilton congregation. If you plan to attend please let David know so a count can be called in.

Ladies’ Sewing: April 26-27 at Camp Areopagus. For more information see Treva Widner.

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 12: “Liberated Again”

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).

**“Father, where shall I work today?”  
And my love flowed warm and free.  
Then He pointed out a tiny spot  
And said, “Tend that for Me.”**

**I answered quickly, “Oh no, not there,  
Why, no one would ever see  
No matter how well my work was done.  
Not a little place for me!”**

**And the word He spoke, it was not stern,  
He answered me tenderly;  
“Ah, little one, search that heart of thine,  
Art thou working for them or Me?  
Nazareth was a little place  
And so was Galilee.”**