

April 10, 2016
SOUND ROOM

Thomas Martin

Nursery

Ruth Duncan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Mauney

SCRIPTURE READING

Roy Bulice

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jacob Moore

LEAD PRAYER

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

LORD'S TABLE

Colton Hunter, b.

Michael Hunter, c.

Thomas Martin, o.

Rodger Moore

Josh Moore

Joey Moore

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Jarod Partee

Carey Wells

LORD'S TABLE

Jade Smith

Thurman Brown

Wed., April 13, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Jacob Moore

Joey Moore

DEVOTIONAL

Jarod Partee

April 17, 2016
SOUND ROOM

Thomas Martin

Nursery

Ruth Duncan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Mauney

SCRIPTURE READING

Keith Moore

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Curtis Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

LORD'S TABLE

James Moore, b.

John Carper, c.

Steve Shock, o.

Mark Mauney

Dan Blair

Carey Wells

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

LEAD PRAYER

Rodger Harlan

Roy Bulice

LORD'S TABLE

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

Wed., April 20, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

James Moore

John Carper

DEVOTIONAL

Rodger Harlan

At A Glance

April 10 – Gospel Meeting at the Judsonia C of C. Speaker: Carroll Sites

April 10-13 – Crowley's Ridge College Lectureship. Theme: 1 Samuel

April 10-12 – Gospel Meeting. Velvet Ridge C of C. Speaker: Steve Smith

April 18 – Preacher's Meeting. Greenbrier C of C. 10 a.m.

April 18 – Area-Wide Fellowship Supper

April 23 – Men/Boy's Breakfast at Areopagus.

April 24 – Contribution to Building Fund

May 1-4 - Gospel Meeting. Perryville C of C. Speaker: Carroll Sites

May 7 – Southern Christian Home Homecoming

May 15 – Senior Banquet

May 21 – Fellowship Meal and Singing at Areopagus.

May 29 – Cookout following the evening service

May 29 – Contribution to Building Fund

June 6-9 – Bible-Market Day Camp at Areopagus. K-3rd grade

June 12-18 – Summer Camp at Areopagus. 9th-12th Grade. Director: Allen Myers

June 19-25 – Summer Camp at Areopagus. 4th-6th Grade. Directors: Rod Leslie, Cody Bradford

June 26-July 1 - Summer Camp at Areopagus. 7th-8th Grade. Directors: Stephen McFaddend, Spencer Cromwell

Bible Class Lessons

Sunday, April 17: Lesson #253 – Mark 6:30-56

Wed, April 20: Lesson #254 – John 6:22-71

Sunday, April 10: Lesson #251 – Review

Wed., April 13: Lesson #252 – Acts 9:1-31

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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- **Ted & Barbara Knight (U.S.A., Romania)**
- **Roberto Sarmiento, Costa Rica**
- **Main Street Church of Christ (Stuttgart, Arkansas)**
- **Youth Outreach University Youth outreach university.com**
- **Truth For Today World Mission School**
- **Gospel Chariot (Africa)**
- **Gospel Crusade (Local)**
- **Camp Areopagus**

The *Mars Hill* Messenger

April 10, 2016

The Laughter of God

Travis L. Quetermous

We often think of laughter as a good thing, something we do when we are happy. For years, Reader's Digest has had a popular feature called "Laughter: The Best Medicine." And the Bible agrees with that. In Proverbs 17:22 we read, "A merry spirit does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones."

But when God laughs, it is definitely not a good thing! Laughter can also be a sign of disdain and contempt and so it is with God's laughter. It is an expression of His wrath against impenitent sinners who have broken His holy laws. Every time the Bible mentions God laughing, someone is in trouble! For example, in Psalms 37:12-13, King David wrote, "The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes at him with his teeth. The Lord laughs at him, for He sees that his day is coming."

The day of which David spoke was any day in which God in His providence brings judgment upon the wicked. Of course, the ultimate day of reckoning will be the Judgment Day. When that day comes, will God laugh at you for your folly in not obeying His word? Or will He say, "Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of the Lord" (Matthew 25:21)?

Am I Glad To Be In God's House?

Recently in our worship on Sunday evening, I listened to a prayer of a senior saint asking God to help us come to a time when our attendance was equal at all services. It's been a while since I heard such a prayer and desire expressed before the Father. Why is there such a disparity?

What is it that makes one assembly more appealing to some than others? Is there something missing (other than people) in some of our assemblies that makes them less of a draw for the saints?

Isn't it important for us to reflect "why do I go to some but not all of the services?" Is it a spiritual reason? Is it a stewardship thing? Is it that I feel that my needs are not being met? Did I worship, praise, pray, study, admonish, encourage, all that I needed to?

We all have busy lives. No one has a schedule less than crammed to maximum capacity. Yet, some folks still find time, energy, and desire to meet together for Bible study and worship every time the saints meet.

The writer of Hebrews told us to "spur one another on to love and good works." He tells us to be careful not to grow derelict in meeting together. (He. 10:24-25). Paul reminds us twice, not to grow weary in doing good (Ga. 6:9; 2Th. 3:13). Isaiah preached to an obstinate people who had lost their fervor for service and worship to God. God's words through Isaiah were stern and heartbreaking. God showed just how selfish Israel had become:

"You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities." (Isaiah 43:23-24 ESV)

We cannot say that everyone who worships four or five times per week at the church building is a spiritual giant. However, knowing that it is good to be in the house of the Lord, shouldn't I develop a desire to be there as much as I can? David showed a righteous attitude "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"'" (Ps. 122:1 ESV).

I echo the prayer of that older brother; that we would all desire to be with the Lord more often. Let us find joy and desire to be in the Lord's presence.

"For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness." (Ps. 84:10 ESV).

"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple." (Ps. 27:4 ESV).

Joseph D. Chase

PRAYERS NEEDED

Pam Webb is recovering from surgery to repair a broken arm.

Bill Ward has one more radiation treatment.

Dorothy Glover is in the Conway Hospital suffering from pneumonia.

Bob Johnston is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on May 16th.

Karen Lambert was released from the hospital last Sunday.

Alex Lafferty is continuing to have problems with his back.

Jack Moore, brother of James and Rodger Moore, is undergoing tests.

Extended Sick List: Lou Riley, Carolyn Brown, Thurman Brown, Ethan Lafferty, Karen Lambert, Phil Autrey, Karen Carper, Shelia Riddle, Robie Permenter, Monteen Ward, Paula Stocks, Martha Walker, Jerry Walker, Carroll Sites, Gordon Newsome, Ken Cope, John McBee, Henry Knonnemacher, Jason Elliott, Jessie Ellison, Sr., Bob Dalton, Pam Johnson, Ruby McKenny, Sandy Hill, Varnell Wood, Leah Nugent, Chester Hale, Marjory Stanley, Ava Walker, Ron Smith, John Riddle, Jerry Almond, Rick Miller, Marie Stocks, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

FAMILY NEWS

Pizza and Games: The students in Kindergarten – 2nd Grade are invited to pizza and games following the morning service next Sunday. Parents of the children should arrange to pick them up at 2 p.m. If you have questions see Kim Wells.

Men and Boys' Breakfast: All the men and boys of the congregation are invited to share in a breakfast at Camp Areopagus on Saturday, April 23rd. The meal will be served at 8 a.m. If you will be attending please sign the sheet on the table in foyer.

Directory Pictures: Next Sunday, John Carper and Debbie Moody will begin taking pictures for an updated membership directory. Everyone's cooperation is needed in this effort.

Little Leaders: Our boys and girls meet each Sunday at 4:30 p.m. There is a training program for both boys and girls. Please invite your friends to join you! Please parents, make sure your sons are involved.

Areopagus Summer Camp Sessions: Application forms for the session this summer are available on the tables in the foyer. Or, you may register online at www.campareopagus.org.

Deadline: The deadline for registering children for the Day Camp at Areopagus is May 1st.

Fellowship Meal and Singing: Everyone is invited to a meal and singing at Camp Areopagus on Saturday, May 21st. The meal will be served at noon. Following the meal will be a singing. The cost of the meal is \$6. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of fellowship.

"But Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope"

Hebrews 13:6