

The Mars Hill Messenger

May 1, 2016

Christianity, the Better Way
Charles Box

In life, you can choose to serve Satan as a sinner or serve Christ as a Christian. You can live either way, but Christianity is the better way.

Christianity is the better way because it means salvation. Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved" (John 10:9).

Christianity is the better way because it rids us of our old sinful life. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Christianity is the better way because God can work through the life of a Christian. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Ephesians 3:20).

Christianity is the better way because Christians enjoy the peace of God. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

You will not be sorry for becoming a Christian or for living the Christian life. It is better for now and for eternity. A Christian is a believer in Christ who has repented and been baptized for the remission of sins. "Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). You must obey the gospel to be saved (Mark 16:15-16). The Lord adds the saved to the church (Acts 2:47). The saved person must remain faithful till death (Revelation 2:10; 2 Timothy 4:6-8). Obey the gospel and live for Christ now, so that you may live eternally with Him.

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 Crusade (Local)**
- **Camp Areopagus**

At A Glance

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

May 7 - Southern Christian Home Homecoming

May 9 - Preachers and Wives Day at Areopagus. 10 a.m.

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 4 - JOY Group Movie Night. 6:30 p.m.

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

June 26 - Contribution to Building Fund

July 10-15 - Gospel Crusade at UCA

July 22 - Dixon/Stocks Wedding

July 31 - Potluck Meal following a.m. service

July 31 - Contribution to Building Fund

August 28 - Contribution to Building Fund

September 24 - Hunter/Murphy Wedding at Areopagus.

Bible Class Lessons

Sunday, May 1: Lesson #257 - Acts 9:32-43

Wed., May 4: Lesson #258 - Acts 10

Sunday, May 8: Lesson #259 - Acts 11

Wed, May 11: Lesson #260 - Acts 12

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SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

Nursery

Saundra Harlan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Blair

SCRIPTURE READING

Jade Smith

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Clay Winn

Roy Bulice

LORD'S TABLE

Gary Lambert, b.

Greg Floyd, c.

Caleb Shock, o.

Josh Moore

Connor Marsh

Ralph Hunter

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

LEAD PRAYER

Stanley Gordon

Thurman Brown

LORD'S TABLE

Caleb Shock

Josh Moore

Wed., May 4, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Colton Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

DEVOTIONAL

Roy Bulice

May 8, 2016

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

Nursery

Saundra Harlan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Blair

SCRIPTURE READING

Gary Lambert

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jacob Moore

LEAD PRAYER

Keith Moore

Jack Hancock

LORD'S TABLE

Colton Hunter, b.

Michael Hunter, c.

Thomas Martin, o.

Rodger Moore

Josh Moore

Joey Moore

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

LORD'S TABLE

Ralph Hunter

Colton Hunter

Wed., May 11, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

LEAD PRAYER

Rodney Partee

Jarrod Partee

DEVOTIONAL

Keith Moore

A Long Walk

They call it the “Cerebral Palsy Swagger.” Two brothers are making another long walk together to help raise awareness of cerebral palsy. This year the walk is going to span 111 miles.

On Wednesday, Hunter Gandee, 16, set out from Temperance in southeastern Michigan carrying his 70-pound brother, 9-year-old Braden, who has cerebral palsy and can't walk without assistance. The duo expects to reach the state Capitol in Lansing on Monday, stopping at schools along the way. This year, Braden plans to complete the final half-mile using a walker.

The brothers have made similar walks over the past two years. In 2014, Hunter carried Braden forty miles. They traveled 57 miles together in 2015.

Included in the Associated Press article about the brothers was an overview of cerebral palsy: “Cerebral palsy is a neurological condition that affects the body’s ability to move. It is caused by damage to the brain around the time of birth. Cerebral palsy affects the muscles, movement, and balance. Treatment plans involving therapy, medication, and surgery are used to reduce the impact of symptoms and support independence.”

The pair has also done other things to raise awareness and funding for those who suffer from the condition. Two years ago, while being held in his brother’s arms, Braden tossed the ceremonial first pitch in Detroit’s game against the Colorado Rockies. Hunter was also involved in a project last year to raise money for an accessible playground at Braden’s school.

As these brothers make their long walk together, perhaps the elder brother would echo the sentiment from the old song sung by the Hollies:

“So on we go
His welfare is of my concern
No burden is he to bear
We'll get there
For I know
He would not encumber me
He ain't heavy, he's my brother.”

Jesus made a long walk for you and for me. He made this long walk after being scourged though He was innocent of any wrongdoing. In His physically weakened state, He carried a cross to Golgotha outside Jerusalem, where He would be nailed to that very cross. And on that cross He bore our sins so that we might be saved and receive the gift of eternal life. “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).

So on He went
Our welfare was His concern
Our burden of sin
He bore for us
So that we could live with Him
Eternally.

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). Then, if we will continue to follow Him faithfully, He will continue to cleanse us from sin and lead us to an eternal home in heaven (1 John 1:7).

Won't YOU accept His offer of salvation and eternal life on His terms?

-- David A. Sargent

PRAYERS NEEDED

Ova Lea Leighton has been very ill this past week.

Bonnie Adkission underwent an ultrasound on her liver on Friday.

Alyson Hancock is recovering from a severely sprained ankle.

Pam Webb received a good report regarding her recovery from a broken arm.

Bill Ward has completed radiation treatments.

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

Alex Lafferty is continuing to have problems with his back.

Robert Butler, Monteen Ward’s son-in-law, is suffering from cancer.

Harold Rowe, Winnie Joslin’s nephew, had a kidney removed on Friday.

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

Birth: Bryce Richard Roberts was born to Brian and Stephanie Roberts on Monday. Congratulations!

Building Fund: Last Sunday’s contribution to the building fund was \$3753.

Directory Pictures: John Carper and Debbie Moody are 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.

Senior Banquet: Congratulations to our graduating seniors: Courtney Winn, Colton Hunter, Sawyer Floyd, Abbi Wimberly, Brianna Loyd, Samantha Ellinger, and Sherry Kimbrell. Everyone is invited to a banquet in their honor on Sunday, May 15th. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you will be attending. If you are willing to help with the cost of the food for the meal see Kimberly Sawrie.

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. If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer.

Desserts: If you are willing to prepare a dessert for the Fellowship Meal at Areopagus on May 21st please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer.

Cookout: Everyone is invited to enjoy a cookout following the evening service on Sunday, May 29th.