

The Mars Hill Messenger

May 15, 2016

Pockets With Holes

“Then the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, “It is a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of Hosts: Consider your ways. You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes” (Haggai 1:3-6).

I recently had a pair of jeans with a hole in the pocket. I never thought about that hole until I placed my hand in that pocket. Every time I thought it was no big deal, there were other more pressing things, and it will be alright. But then I would absentmindedly drop some coins, or a pen, or my keys into that pocket.

How annoying! (Can you tell I’ve lost more than one thing through that hole in that pocket?) God, through his prophet Haggai, used this same everyday idea to teach a vital spiritual point?

Will those things I’m putting into the “bag of life” last forever (1 John 2:15-17). I brought nothing into this world, and I cannot take anything with me (1 Timothy 6:6-8). Do I believe this?

There are lessons for me in this:

- Life outside of Christ is a bag with holes (Romans 8:31-32).
- Life that revolves around me is bag with holes (Matthew 16:24-26).
- Life without the kingdom of God first is a bag with holes (Matthew 6:33).
- Life without treasures in heaven is a bag without holes (Matthew 6:19-20).

I’m pouring a lot of things into my life. But will they last?

David

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 Youthoutreachuniversity.com
- Truth For Today World Mission School
- Gospel Chariot (Africa)
- Gospel Crusade (Local)
- Camp Areopagus

At A Glance

May 15 – Ethan Lafferty preachers at Mars Hill morning service

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 – CRC Day Special Contribution

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.

September 25 – Contribution to Building Fund

October 30 – Potluck following a.m. service

Bible Class Lessons

Sunday, May 15: Lesson #261 – Acts 13

Wed., May 18: Lesson #262 – Acts 14

Sunday, May 22: Lesson #263 – Acts 15:1-35

Wed, May 25: Lesson #264 – Acts 1

May 15, 2016

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

Nursery

Saundra Harlan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Blair

SCRIPTURE READING

Greg Floyd

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Curtis Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Stanley Gordon

Toby Stocks

LORD’S TABLE

James Moore, b.

John Carper, c.

Mark Mauney, o.

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

Rodney Partee

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Greg Floyd

Sawyer Floyd

LORD’S TABLE

Thomas Martin

Rodger Moore

Wed., May 18, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Carey Wells

Rodger Harlan

DEVOTIONAL

Jack Hancock

May 22, 2016

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

Nursery

Saundra Harlan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josh Moore

SCRIPTURE READING

Caleb Shock

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock

LEAD PRAYER

Jade Smith

Thurman Brown

LORD’S TABLE

Jarrold Partee, b.

Carey Wells, c.

Rodger Harlan, o.

Clay Winn

Keith Moore

Jack Hancock

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Colton Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Caleb Shock

Josh Moore

LORD’S TABLE

Joey Moore

James Moore

Wed., May 25, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Clay Winn

Keith Moore

DEVOTIONAL

Jade Smith

Something to Sing About

Harold Bosley recalled a story out of the days of the Great Depression in the early 1930s...A panel of speakers, including Clarence Darrow, the distinguished attorney and professed atheist, was addressing a meeting of people from Chicago's Southside - most of them African American. The economic conditions were at their worst: money and jobs were scarce, and Darrow used that fact to point out the plight of the African American people. He summed up their woes, concluding,

“And yet you sing? No one can sing like you do! What do you have to sing about?”

Quick as a flash, a lady in the congregation shouted, **“We got Jesus to sing about!”**

And her response was followed by many “Amens” and “Yeses” and “That’s rights.”

Uncharacteristically, Darrow for once had no response, for he was face to face with that which cannot be rationalized, hardly even talked about, in human terms - people who can sing through tears and above their fears because they walk with the One who strengthens them to do all things. *

The Apostle Paul wrote, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13).

In His last discourse to His disciples before He was crucified, Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

Note that Jesus says that in the world, we will have “tribulation” - trouble, problems.

But He also says, **“In ME you may have peace.”**

That peace - the “peace that surpasses all understanding” (Philippians 4:7) - is not found in having ideal circumstances. It is found in Christ. Truly, no matter how difficult life can get, we can have peace in Christ.

Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins so that through Him, we can be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) and enjoy the spiritual blessings that are found in Christ (Ephesians 1:3), including “the peace that surpasses all understanding.”

The way to reconciliation with God and that blessed peace is: placing your faith and trust in Christ (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). The way to continual peace is to continue to walk in the light of His Word. As we do that, the blood of Jesus continues to cleanse us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

Won't YOU trust and obey Jesus? Then, no matter how difficult life may get, you will always have something (or Someone!) to sing about!

-- David A. Sargent

PRAYERS NEEDED

Bob Johnston will undergo hip replacement surgery tomorrow at the Spring Hill Hospital.
Bonnie Adkission is recovering from a procedure to remove an obstruction from her esophagus.
Eddy Jones blacked-out Tuesday morning and is being treated for a possible mini-stroke.
Harmon Sawrie has been very sick this past week.
Joe Gregory is recovering from surgery to his eye.
Ova Lea Leighton is feeling a little better.
Alex Lafferty is continuing to have problems with his back.
Robert Butler, Monteen Ward's son-in-law, is suffering from cancer.

Extended Sick List: Pam Webb, 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, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

FAMILY NEWS

Sympathy: Our love and sympathy are extended to the Barbara Ausbrooks and her family in the death of her step-mother, Marie Stocks.

Guest Speaker: Ethan Lafferty will deliver the message from God's word at the morning worship service.

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 this evening.

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

Fellowship Meal and Singing: Next Saturday! The meal will be served at 1 p.m. Following the meal will be a singing. If you plan to attend, 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.

J.O.Y.: The Just Older Youth group will enjoy a movie night on Saturday, June 4th, at the building. If you have questions please see John and Karen Carper.

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.

Soft Drinks for Camp: Help us collect 40 cases of named-brand soft drinks for the camp sessions at Areopagus. If you are able to help, please bring the drinks to the building and place them in the foyer beside the teen room.