

# The Mars Hill Messenger

May 29, 2016

Memorial Day

Memory is an important part of the human experience. God created our minds in such a way that we can store information regarding past events and recall that information in the future. These facts range from the mundane tasks of life, such as brushing our teeth every day because we learned the necessity of doing so in the past, to more profound concepts, such as the sacrifices made by American soldiers throughout history who fought and died to protect others in our nation and world.

On Monday, May 30, our country will remember those valiant soldiers who donned the uniform of service to their fellowman, and gave their lives for freedom, a cause they deemed greater than themselves. We remember their great sacrifices, and acknowledge the biblical precept of laying down our lives for others (John 15:13).

On Sunday, Christians will gather to remember the One who taught us to sacrifice for others. Jesus lived a life of service, spending His time on earth doing good (Acts 10:38), teaching truth (John 6:63; Eph. 4:21), and ultimately giving His perfect life as an atonement for our sins (John 10:18).

There are many memorials man observes throughout his days. But there is none so important as the one commanded by God: the Lord's supper (Matt. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Let us not fail to remember the supreme sacrifice, and let us proclaim His death until He comes!

Matt Clifton

## 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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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Evangelist

David Riley	796-2052
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### Youth Minister

Dan Blair	514-3450
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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](http://Youthoutreachuniversity.com)
- Truth For Today World Mission School
- Gospel Chariot (Africa)
- Gospel Crusade (Local)
- Camp Areopagus

## At A Glance

**May 29** – Cookout following the evening service  
**May 29** – Contribution to Building Fund  
**June 4** – JOY Group Movie Night. 6:30 p.m.  
**June 4** – Trip to the Memphis Zoo.  
**June 6-9** – Bible-Market Day Camp at Areopagus. K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
**June 12** – CRC Day Special Contribution  
**June 12-18** – Summer Camp at Areopagus. 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Director: Allen Myers  
**June 19-25** – Summer Camp at Areopagus. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Directors: Rod Leslie, Cody Bradford  
**June 26** – Cassie Stocks' Wedding Shower  
**June 26-July 1** - Summer Camp at Areopagus. 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 23-26** – Mars Hill VBS  
**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  
**October 30** – Contribution to Building Fund

### Bible Class Lessons

Sunday, May 29: Lesson #266 – 1 Thessalonians 1-2  
 Wed., June 1: Lesson #267 – 1 Thessalonians 3-4  
 Sunday, June 5: Lesson #268 – 1 Thess 5; 2 Thess 1  
 Wed, June 8: Lesson #269 – 2 Thessalonians 2-3

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### SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock  
**Nursery**  
 Barbara A./Mary M.  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
 Curtis Sawrie  
**SCRIPTURE READING**  
 John Carper  
**A.M. SERVICE**  
**LEAD SINGING**  
 Jacob Moore  
**LEAD PRAYER**  
 Greg Floyd  
 Sawyer Floyd  
**LORD'S TABLE**  
 Caleb Shock, b.  
 Josh Moore, c.  
 Connor Marsh, o.  
 Ralph Hunter  
 Colton Hunter  
 Michael Hunter  
**P.M. SERVICE**  
**LEAD SINGING**  
 Jade Smith  
**LEAD PRAYER**  
 Michael Hunter  
 Thomas Martin  
**LORD'S TABLE**  
 Steve Shock  
 Dan Blair  
**Wed., June 8, 2016**  
**LEAD SINGING**  
 Randy Riddle  
**LEAD PRAYER**  
 Jade Smith  
 Thurman Brown  
**DEVOTIONAL**  
 Greg Floyd

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### SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn  
**Nursery**  
 Saundra Harlan  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
 Dan Blair  
**SCRIPTURE READING**  
 Josh Moore  
**A.M. SERVICE**  
**LEAD SINGING**  
 Thomas Martin  
**LEAD PRAYER**  
 Gary Lambert  
 Harold Moody  
**LORD'S TABLE**  
 Stanley Gordon, b.  
 Toby Stocks, c.  
 Jade Smith, o.  
 Thurman Brown  
 Greg Floyd  
 Sawyer Floyd  
**P.M. SERVICE**  
**LEAD SINGING**  
 Eddy Jones  
**LEAD PRAYER**  
 Ralph Hunter  
 Colton Hunter  
**LORD'S TABLE**  
 John Carper  
 Mark Mauney  
**Wed., June 1, 2016**  
**LEAD SINGING**  
 Colton Hunter  
**LEAD PRAYER**  
 Roy Bulice  
 Stanley Gordon  
**DEVOTIONAL**  
 Gary Lambert

## What's in Your Wallet?

“He was arguably the greatest basketball coach of all time, whether at the college or professional level. He broke all kinds of records. He led the UCLA Bruins to ten national titles in twelve years, including seven consecutive championships. His players at one point won 88 games in a row, and he was chosen as the national coach of the year six times.” Cory Collins wrote this summary about famed UCLA basketball coach, John Wooden.

Collins states that Wooden's “personal principles empowered him to have the great influence he exerted, both on and off the court.”

What made the difference in his life was an item that he kept in his wallet. It was a piece of paper that Wooden's father gave him when he was only twelve. Tattered and worn, it was his constant companion and source of guiding principles. Here's how it read:

***Be true to yourself. Make each day your masterpiece. Help others. Drink deeply from good books, especially the Bible. Make friendship a fine art. Build shelter against a rainy day. Pray for guidance and give thanks for your blessings every day.***

Collins considers one of the greatest people who have ever lived and inquires: “If the Apostle Paul had owned a wallet, what would he have kept in it? What were his guiding principles, his compass points, his fundamental beliefs?”

Philippians 3:8-14, Collins suggests, is a passage of Scripture that could reflect the Apostle's guiding principles:

***“More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”***

To gain Christ and be found in Him, declared righteous through faith in Christ, looking forward to the resurrection that Christ guaranteed by His own, and pressing on toward the goal of eternal life through Christ – these are the greatest and eternal values upon which each of us should live our lives.

The basis for this hope lay in the fact that Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that we might have forgiveness and receive the gift of eternal life (Ephesians 1:7; Romans 6:23).

God has promised to save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sin 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 by the “principles” (the Truth) of His Word (1 John 1:7).

What's in your wallet? What are your guiding principles? Won't YOU follow Jesus and be saved?

David A. Sargent

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Lou Riley** is having more problems with her neck. She is scheduled for a procedure on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Bob Johnston** is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

**Alex Lafferty** is continuing to have problems with his back.

**Larry Ellinger**, Kevin Ellinger's father, has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Donald Rogers**, friend of Mike and Treva Widner, is recovering from cataract surgery.

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

**Extended Sick List:** Pam Webb, 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, Diane Bane, 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

**Building Fund:** The contribution today will go toward the building fund. Please be as generous as possible.

**Cookout:** Everyone is invited to enjoy a cookout following the evening service today. Please invite your family and friends to join you.

**Meeting:** Parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students are asked to meet at the front of the auditorium immediately after the close of worship service this morning for a short meeting.

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

**Zoo Trip:** A trip to the Memphis Zoo is being planned for next Saturday. If you would like to go please sign then sheet in the foyer.

**Wedding Shower:** A Wedding Shower for Cassie Stocks will be held on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Website:** The congregation has a new website that you are encouraged to visit often. You will find immediate news you need, a calendar of upcoming events, the weekly bulletin, audio sermons, and other valuable information. [www.churchofchristmarshill.org](http://www.churchofchristmarshill.org)

**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](http://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.