

The Mars Hill Messenger

May 8, 2016

Every Mother is a Working Mother

Every mother is a working mother.
 When we are small they work hard to keep us fed, clean and dry.
 When we begin to talk they teach us what to say, how to pray,
 and never to lie.
 When we begin to walk they work to keep us from trouble.
 When we're old enough to start school,
 a mother's work begins to double.
 When we reach the teen years and want to be independent,
 a mother prays; walk with Jesus, and with His ways be content.
 Every expression of love shows she cares like no other;
 because every mother is a working mother.

Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure LOVE — Mildred B. Vermont

A suburban mother's role is to deliver children obstetrically once, and by car forever after— Peter De Vries

“All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother”— Abraham Lincoln

Mother is the name for god on the lips and hearts of all children— Brandon Lee

A Mother's love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible— Marion C. Garretty

We never know the love of the parent until we become parents ourselves— Henry Ward Beecher

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 14 – Work Day at Mars Hill
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

Bible Class Lessons

Sunday, May 8: Lesson #259 – Acts 11
 Wed, May 11: Lesson #260 – Acts 12
 Sunday, May 15: Lesson #261 – Acts 13
 Wed., May 18: Lesson #262 – Acts 14

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

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SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

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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

PRAYERS NEEDED

Bob Johnston will have a heart exam tomorrow in advance of hip replacement surgery on May 16th.

Bonnie Adkission will undergo test on her esophagus tomorrow.

Joe Gregory is recovering from surgery to his eye.

Ova Lea Leighton has been very ill.

Bill Ward has completed radiation treatments.

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, is recovering from having a kidney removed.

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, Marie Stocks, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

FAMILY NEWS

Sympathy: Diane Thacker, Curtis Sawrie's sister, passed away last week. Our love and sympathy are extended to Curtis and his family.

Graduate: Congratulations to Alexis House who will graduate from Henderson State University on Friday with a degree in Biology/Pre-Med and Chemistry.

Work Day: There will be a Work Day on Saturday. Power washers and tools for cleaning up the grounds are needed.

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 next Sunday. 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.

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: 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. 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.

Graduation and Decisions

This time of year is filled with anticipation and excitement as young people who have spent more than half of their life in school will graduate and move on to the next phase of their lives. With eagerness graduates will enter the world with expectations and goals. There will be many lessons to learn from the "university of hard knocks" and without proper guidance, these decisions will lead to lifelong regrets. How can the young secure their hearts to make decisions that will offer a life time of rewards? The answer lies within the pages of God's word.

The book of Deuteronomy is a place of transition for a newly formed nation. From the days of Abraham in Genesis through the stories of the Exodus, the nation of Israel was formed and delivered from the bondage of Egyptian oppression. Because of rebellion, the nation had spent forty years wandering through the wilderness. Joshua has taken the lead of the nation following the death of Moses. The Lord's advice to Joshua in Joshua 1 is an important foundation that young people should build their lives upon.

In verse two, Jehovah says to Joshua – *"Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel."* Joshua needed to recognize that the days of Moses were passed and that a new day dawned. There was a time of mourning for Moses (Deuteronomy 34) but those days were passed. There was work to be done and goals to accomplish. Joshua should focus on the task at hand without the regrets and disappointments of yesterday.

God tells Joshua to *"arise and go over this Jordan."* This is the importance of action and direction. Talking about conquering the land of Canaan did not get the job done. Crossing the Jordan and going about the work of God's plan required action. In life, there will be many Jordan's to cross. There will be Jericho's that give us great victory (Joshua 6) and there will be failures as in the day of Ai (Joshua 7). The difference between Jericho and Ai is whether one trusts in the Lord and obeys him.

Joshua was promised by God that in obedience, no man would be able to stand against the people of God nor would God forsake them (Joshua 1:5). The most valuable tool the graduate can take with them in life is the promise of God given to Joshua. If one will fully trust in the Lord and seek His guidance in life, great victories will be achieved. Forsaking Jehovah will only bring failure. It takes courage to face the uncertainties of the future. *"Be strong and of a good courage"* (Joshua 1:6) Be alert to the wiles of the devil (1 Peter 5:8) and follow the admonition of Paul in Ephesians 5:15,16 – *"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."*

The final advice is never to let the word of God depart from your life. *"Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left ... not depart out of thy mouth ... meditate day and night ... observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success"* (Joshua 1:7-8).

The decision is yours, graduate. Let Jehovah God rule in your life and guide your steps.

David