

The Mars Hill Messenger

June 12, 2016

Do What's Right -- Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; Love them anyway.

If you are kind, People may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, People may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, Someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, They may be jealous; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, People will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, And it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, It is between you and God; It never was between you and them anyway.

(author unknown)

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

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 – Casey Stocks' Wedding Shower
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 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
November 27 – Contribution to Building Fund
December 25 - Contribution to Building Fund

Bible Class Lessons

Sunday, June 12: Lesson #270 – Review
 Wed., June 15: Lesson #271 – Judges 1
 Sunday, June 19: Lesson #272 – Judges 2
 Wed, June 22: Lesson #273 – Judges 3

June 12, 2016 SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock
Nursery
 Barbara A./Mary M.
ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Mark Mauney
SCRIPTURE READING
 Jade Smith

A.M. SERVICE LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock
LEAD PRAYER
 Josh Moore
 Eddy Jones

LORD'S TABLE

Thomas Martin, b.
 Rodger Moore, c.
 Josh Moore, o.
 Jacob Moore
 Joey Moore
 Aaron Harp

P.M. SERVICE LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle
LEAD PRAYER
 Rodger Moore
 Josh Moore

LORD'S TABLE

Rodney Partee
 Jarod Partee

Wed., June 15, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter
LEAD PRAYER
 Gary Lambert
 Harold Moody
DEVOTIONAL
 Sawyer Floyd

June 19, 2016 SOUND ROOM

Dan Blair
Nursery
 Barbara A./Mary M.
ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Mark Mauney
SCRIPTURE READING
 Steve Shock

A.M. SERVICE LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin
LEAD PRAYER
 Connor Marsh
 Ralph Hunter

LORD'S TABLE

James Moore, b.
 John Carper, c.
 Mark Mauney, o.
 Dan Blair
 Curtis Sawrie
 Rodney Partee

P.M. SERVICE LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter
LEAD PRAYER
 Jacob Moore
 Joey Moore

LORD'S TABLE

Carey Wells
 Rodger Harlan

Wed., June 22, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston
LEAD PRAYER
 Greg Floyd
 Sawyer Floyd
DEVOTIONAL
 Josh Moore

In a Hospital Room

I can identify with Chuck Webster; perhaps you can too. Chuck is a minister who has visited a lot of people in the hospital. Let's learn from his insights:

As a minister I've visited hospitals a lot over the years, usually for a surgery or sickness that kept the patient in the hospital for a day or two, maybe longer. Occasionally, though, it's different. Sometimes people are facing the day that in some sense they've always feared.

A few years ago I got a call from someone I didn't know in another state, and she asked if I would visit a relative of hers who was in a local hospital. I agreed, of course, but when I got to the hospital I realized the situation was more serious than I thought. He was alone in ICU and was in critical condition. I prayed with him, and he seemed to understand what was happening, then he stopped breathing. I summoned the nurses, and they walked in and took over.

When you're in the presence of death your first concern is for the people who are most intimately affected — the person himself, and then his family and close friends. You want to do what you can to comfort them, to bring them peace, to help them feel God's presence.

But then, inevitably, comes self-reflection. This introspection is natural, I think, and probably part of what the Teacher meant when he wrote, "It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart" (Ecclesiastes 7:2). He's talking about funerals, but ICUs and ERs probably work almost as well.

"That day is coming for me," we think. One day my spouse or parent or best friend will be lying in a bed like that one. What will I wish I had done? What will I wish I had said?

And then even closer to home, one day I will be lying on that bed. What will matter then? My hobby, my job? My house, my car, my things?

On that day, I won't think a lot about much of what occupies my thinking now. I won't fret over the outcome of the football game, the worrisome noise in the SUV, the minor annoyances of life.

But I'll want to know that I've walked with Jesus. I'll want to know that I helped the people around me to know the Lord.

I'll have regrets, but I'll find peace in knowing that God won't hold them against me. Jesus put them on his shoulders and carried them up Golgotha's hill — every thoughtless word, every unkind act, every impure thought. He became my sin so that I might become His sinlessness. He took on my guilt so that I could be clothed in His innocence.

When that day comes for you and me, that's all that'll matter — our life with Jesus, and the corollary effects it had on our relationships with others.

*Maybe I can paraphrase the Teacher's words like this: "It's better to go to an ICU room than to a dining room, because the hospital teaches us what's most important." **

Thank you, Chuck, for the poignant reminder that what matters most is our relationship with God.

The good news (the Gospel) is that Jesus, God's Son, died on the cross for our sins so that we might have salvation and receive the gift of eternal life (John 3:16).

God will save those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him 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 in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Won't YOU focus on what really matters: your relationship with God? Won't YOU accept His offer of salvation and eternal life by trusting and obeying Him today?

-- David A. Sargent

PRAYERS NEEDED

Matti Loyd is recovering from knee surgery. She must put no weight on it for two weeks.

Sherri Moore is recovering from surgery.

Sandra Harlan is suffering with shingles.

Lou Riley is having more problems with her neck. She is scheduled for a procedure on June 20th.

Bob Johnston is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Alex Lafferty is continuing to have problems with his back.

Aaron Isom is recovering from injuries from an accident.

Larry Ellinger, Kevin Ellinger's father, is undergoing chemo therapy.

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

CRC Day: A special contribution will be collected this morning for the Bible Department at Crowley's Ridge College.

Wedding Shower: A Wedding Shower for Casey Stocks will be held on Sunday, June 26th. They are registered at Kohl's and at Target.

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

2 – 3 Year Olds: Thank you so much to the 2-3 Year Old Bible Class who collected \$36.33 to give to Camp Areopagus!

3 – 6 Grade Classes: The following schedule of events are scheduled for the 3-6 Grades: June 13 – Bowling in Conway; June 30 – Altitude in Little Rock; July 7 – Putt-Putt Golf in Cabot then Larry's Pizza or picnic at the park; July 30 – New Waterpark in Jacksonville. For more information see Jade and Amy Smith.

High School Camp: The High School Camp at Areopagus begins today. Please pray for a safe and successful camp session for our young people.

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.

Prayer is the most important conversation of the day!