

# The Mars Hill Messenger

June 19, 2016

*Happy Father's Day*

It's not easy to be a father. Our modern culture has demeaned fatherhood. The older I become the more I appreciate the godly Christian men who make up the body of Christ. I see them continue trying though they seldom receive expressions of appreciation. I see them do their very best while few ever take much notice.

**The fathers I know seek no recognition. They would much rather their children would:**

I. **Remember that they have a heavenly Father.** Augustine wrote, "Our souls are restless until they are at rest in Thee. All have a heavenly Father by creation; especially blessed are those who also have a heavenly Father by re-creation." That is worth remembering on this Father's Day.

II. **Remember that their heavenly Father provides for them.** He blesses all, just or unjust. If we look around us, we see quickly that God blesses His creation. An even greater blessing comes to those who are children of the heavenly Father by re-creation in Christ Jesus. God provides for eternity, God saves, God sustains. That is worth remembering on this Father's Day.

III. **Remember that their heavenly Father loves them.** His love is based on the One loving, not on the one being loved. His love does not mean He never disciplines or punishes (Heb. 12:7). Rather, discipline is a mark of His love. That is worth remembering on this Father's Day.

On this Father's Day, I want to thank, especially, the fathers of the Mars Hill congregation. We owe you so much!

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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### 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

**June 19-25** – Summer Camp at Areopagus. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Directors: Rod Leslie, Cody Bradford

**June 26** – Casey 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

**June 30** – 3-6 Grade trip to Altitude in Little Rock

**July 7** – 3-7 Grade Putt-Putt Golf

**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 19: Lesson #272 – Judges 2

Wed, June 22: Lesson #273 – Judges 3

Sunday, June 26: Lesson #274 – Judges 4-5

Wed., June 29: Lesson #275 – Judges 6

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### 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

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### LEAD SINGING

Jacob Moore

### LEAD PRAYER

Colton Hunter

Michael Hunter

### LORD'S TABLE

Jarrod Partee, b.

Carey Wells, c.

Rodger Harlan, o.

Clay Winn

Keith Moore

Jack Hancock

### P.M. SERVICE

### LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

### LEAD PRAYER

James Moore

John Carper

### LORD'S TABLE

Clay Winn

Keith Moore

### Wed., June 29, 2016

### LEAD SINGING

Colton Hunter

### LEAD PRAYER

Josh Moore

Bob Johnston

### DEVOTIONAL

Jacob Moore

## Faithful Fathers

*“Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD; and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate” (Psa. 127:3-5).*

What an awesome blessing, as well as responsibility, rearing children is! If only more fathers and mothers had a greater appreciation of this gift and took more seriously their God-given roles as parents (cf. Deut. 6:1ff; Pro. 22:6; 31:1ff; Eph. 5:22ff; 6:4).

“Father’s Day” is a day set aside each year to honor our fathers for a job well-done. In addition, it is a day to remind fathers of the influential impact they have on their children as well as society. It is true, “as the home goes, so goes the nation (society).” A strong nation is comprised of strong godly homes; homes led by strong and faithful fathers who...

1. ...love the Lord (Mark 12:30; Mat. 6:33).
2. ...love their wife (Eph. 5:25-26).
3. ...love God’s Word and shares it with family (2 Tim. 2:15; Eph. 6:4; Acts 10:33).
4. ...are faithful to the Lord and His church (1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 2:10).
5. ...communicate well (Jam. 1:19).
6. ...provide for their family (1 Tim. 5:8).
7. ...pray fervently and without ceasing (Jam. 5:16; 1 The. 5:17).
8. ...non-abusively discipline their children when necessary (Pro. 13:24; 22:15).

May all men strive toward these teachings of scripture, and thus build strong homes and a strong nation!

*Terry R. Townsend*

*He didn't tell me how to live, he lived,  
and let me watch him do it*

- I love you, Dad!

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Mark Allen** is struggling with some very difficult health issues.

**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** will undergo injections into her neck tomorrow.

**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, suffered a stroke this past week. He continues chemo treatments.

**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: If you were unable to contribute to the special contribution for Crowley’s Ridge College last Sunday, it is not too late. If you want to help please give your gift to one of the elders or deacons.

Building Fund: The contribution next Sunday will go toward the building payment. Please be as generous as possible.

Wedding Shower: A Wedding Shower for Casey Stocks will be held next Sunday at 3:30 p.m. 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 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.

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

**Happy Father’s Day!**