

The Mars Hill Messenger

June 5, 2016

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 5-8 – Gospel Meeting. Jerusalem C of C. 7 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 – 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 5: Lesson #268 – 1 Thess 5; 2 Thess 1

Wed, June 8: Lesson #269 – 2 Thessalonians 2-3

Sunday, June 12: Lesson #270 – Review

Wed., June 15: Lesson #271 – Judges 1

June 5, 2016

SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock

Nursery

Barbara A./Mary M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Mauney

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

June 12, 2016

SOUND ROOM

Caleb Shock

Nursery

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SCRIPTURE READING

Jade Smith

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LEAD PRAYER

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Eddy Jones

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LEAD SINGING

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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

The story is told of a man who wanted to sell his house in Haiti for \$2,000. There was another man wanted to buy it; but, because he was poor, he could not afford the full price. After some bargaining the seller agreed to sell the house for half the asking price, with one simple stipulation. He wanted the buyer to agree to sell the house back to him if he ever wished to own the house again. To ensure the agreement would be upheld the original owner would retain ownership of one small nail protruding from just over the door. Several years passed. The original owner wanted to repurchase the house, but the new owner did not want to sell. The first owner found the carcass of a dead dog, and hung it on the single nail he still owned. Not long afterwards the house became available.

Sin is real. If we do not fight it daily and confess it when we fail, the devil will come and hang his decaying waste on the exposed nail of our hearts. Therefore, let us resolve to confess our sins and enjoy God's forgiveness.

David

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

Pure Joy

Candace Payne, a wife of nearly 15 years and the mother of two children, posted a video for her friends on Facebook of her unboxing a Chewbacca mask and laughing hysterically. Her video with the caption “It’s the simple joys in life” has gone viral with the number of viewers approaching 150 million at the time of this writing. This number does not include the “shares” and the discussions that have gone on world-wide. See the Facebook video here:

<https://www.facebook.com/candaceSpayne/videos/10209653193067040/>

What is it about her video that has captured so much attention?

I think it’s pure joy.

Payne recently shared how she came to buy the mask at Kohl’s: “I honestly wasn’t there for the mask,” Payne told *Good Morning America*. “I was there for myself for some yoga pants because I’m trying to work out more. And it’s not really going that well, but I ended up going to the toy section because I got discouraged about the yoga pants and I thought, ‘Maybe not today. But I can get a toy for my kids.’ And I walk through the toy section and I accidentally bumped my shoulder into this box. And I had seen this before, but I didn’t realize it made sounds until that moment. It accidentally started making the growl, and I went, ‘I need to get that. Like, I don’t think my kids need that; I think I need that.’”

She was so excited about her find, that a few minutes later in her car, she couldn’t resist opening the box and putting on the Chewbacca mask while making a Facebook video for her friends. She enjoyed it so much that she erupted in jubilant laughter, and it was her joy that has become infectious.

Candace shared on *Good Morning America* that the best note she received as a result of her video is from a mom who has a daughter with autism who laughed over and over for the first time in over two months as she watched Candace’s hilarious stunt. “From one mama heart to another mama, to see a child laugh that you haven’t seen laugh, those are the stories that I’m going to take with me every day,” said Candace.

Now consider the source of true, abiding joy... It is found in Jesus.

The Apostle Peter wrote a letter to some Christians who were undergoing intense persecution (1 Peter 1:6-7). Yet, he acknowledged that they had true joy even in dire circumstances: “Though you have not seen Him (Jesus), you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls” (1 Peter 1:8-9).

That true, abiding joy comes from knowing that through Jesus, we are cleansed of our sins, reconciled to God, and on our way to heaven!

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Joy is the byproduct of salvation in Christ. When a man from Ethiopia learned about Jesus from Philip and was baptized into Christ, he “went on his way rejoicing” (Acts 8:36-39).

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

“For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and **JOY** in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17). True joy comes from knowing Christ.

-- David A. Sargent

PRAYERS NEEDED

Matti Loyd will undergo knee surgery on Thursday.

Sherri Moore is recovering from surgery.

Roy Bulice is improving from problems with his breathing.

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

Sympathy: Robert Butler, son-in-law of Bill and Monteen Ward, passed away this past week. Our love and sympathy is extended to the family.

CRC Day: A special contribution will be collected next Sunday for the Bible Department at Crowley’s Ridge College.

Wedding Shower: A Wedding Shower for Casey Stocks will be held on Sunday, June 26th.

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

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.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver

Proverbs 25:11