

# The Mars Hill Messenger

July 31, 2016

## Thanks For A Great VBS

We have been blessed with another great Vacation Bible School. There are so many who deserve recognition and I'll no doubt miss mentioning someone. If I do, please know it is not intentional.

Sandra Harlan and Ruth Duncan taught the Cradle Roll class. The 2-3 year olds were taught by Roxanne Cantrell, Lisa Hunter, and Michelle House. The older children rotated through classes taught by Mary Morrison, Barbara Ausbrooks, Kim Wells, Debbie Moody, Jessica Aguirre, Bonnie Adkission, Amy Smith, Treva Widner, Mark Mauney, Moey Mauney, Carey Wells, Clay Winn, Connor Marsh, Rodney Partee, and Josh Moore. Thanks for all your hard work.

The Teenage Class was taught by special teachers: Spencer Cromwell, Dan Blair, Jesse Ellison, Caleb Shock, and Rod Leslie. We cannot express enough appreciation to these men for their hard work.

The adults were taught by outstanding men: Jason Almond, Thomas Martin, Allan Myers, Steve Sexon, and Randy Rankin. These men served us well with great lessons from God's word. Thank you!

Thomas and Becky Martin handled the decorations, Dan and Sarah Beth Blair, Mark Mauney, and some of our teens carried on the puppet plays. Colton Hunter did a marvelous job of leading the singing for the school. Thank you all so much.

A huge thank you and expression of appreciation needs to go to Rodger Harlan for all the organization and putting this great school together. Rodger works hard all year in his office as a deacon, but the time he puts into VBS really shows. We love you, Rodger. Thank you all you do.

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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David Riley	796-2052
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### Youth Minister

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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

**July 25-August 4** – Evangelistic Campaign. Main St. C of C, Stuttgart.  
**July 30** – JOY Group Movie Night. 6 p.m.  
**July 31** – Potluck Meal following a.m. service  
**July 31** – Contribution to Building Fund  
**July 31** – Grade 3-6 Pool Party at the home of Bob Johnston. 4 p.m.  
**August 27** – JOY Group meal at Peyton Creek Fish House and movie at the building  
**August 28** – Contribution to Building Fund  
**September 24** – Hunter/Murphy Wedding at Areopagus.  
**September 25** – Contribution to Building Fund  
**October 15** – Marsh/Gilliam wedding. 2 p.m.  
**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, July 31: Lesson #281 - Judges 13  
 Wed., August 3: Lesson #282 – Judges 14  
 Sunday, August 7: Lesson #283: Judges 15  
 Wed, August 10: Lesson #284: Judges 16

## August 7, 2016 SOUND ROOM

Dan Blair  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
 Curtis Sawrie  
**SCRIPTURE READING**  
 Clay Winn

### A.M. SERVICE LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock  
**LEAD PRAYER**  
 Steve Shock  
 Dan Blair

### LORD'S TABLE

Gary Lambert, b.  
 Harold Moody, c.  
 Greg Floyd, o.  
 Sawyer Floyd  
 Josh Moore  
 Bob Johnston

### P.M. SERVICE LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith  
**LEAD PRAYER**  
 Rodney Partee  
 Jarod Partee

### LORD'S TABLE

Gary Lambert  
 Greg Floyd

### Wed., Aug. 10, 2016

**LEAD SINGING**  
 Colton Hunter  
**LEAD PRAYER**

Sawyer Floyd  
 Josh Moore  
**DEVOTIONAL**  
 Curtis Sawrie

## July 31, 2016 SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
 Dan Blair  
**SCRIPTURE READING**  
 Rodger Harlan

### A.M. SERVICE LEAD SINGING

Curtis Sawrie  
**LEAD PRAYER**  
 John Carper  
 Mark Mauney

### LORD'S TABLE

Clay Winn, b.  
 Jack Hancock, c.  
 Stanley Gordon, o.  
 Toby Stocks  
 Jade Smith  
 Thurman Brown

### P.M. SERVICE LEAD SINGING

Youth  
**LEAD PRAYER**  
 Youth  
 Youth

### LORD'S TABLE

Youth  
 Youth

### Wed., July 27, 2016

**LEAD SINGING**  
 Bob Johnston  
**LEAD PRAYER**

Harold Moody  
 Greg Floyd  
**DEVOTIONAL**  
 Dan Blair

## CALLING OUT THE WOLF!!

I have a close friend who is an avid hunter. He even has his own cable television show. I'm no hunter but I enjoy watching the program.

In a recent program, my friend, his dad, and a camera crew went to Alaska to hunt wolves. It is illegal to kill a wolf so this hunt was different. Cameras replaced guns. The hunt consisted of locating the wolves and "calling the wolves out" into the open.

The church is warned to be aware of wolves! They are among us and we must be aware of them, identify them, and be ready to deal with them. Jesus informed his apostles that he was sending them out as "sheep in the midst of wolves" and urged them to be "wise as serpents and innocent as doves" (Matthew 10:16). In His sermon on the mount, Jesus warned his disciples to beware of false prophets who "come in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matthew 7:15). Paul warned the elders from Ephesus that "fierce wolves would enter in among them sparing not the flock" (Acts 20:29).

The wolf must be called out and identified. This isn't difficult. A wolf has wolfish attributes:

- A wolf is driven by strife and carnal things, so they are attracted and drawn to injury and hurt. Not because they want to help the injured, but to inflict more hurt and, hopefully, death and destruction.
- A wolf in the church has trouble with church leadership. They have problems submitting to shepherds, in fact they hate shepherds. Wolves will seek to defame the shepherds. They wish to draw others to follow the things they are doing. They think negatively about shepherds.
- A wolf is sly, sneaky, and deceitful. A wolf does its best to keep its presence unknown to its prey. Jesus said they sometimes disguise themselves as sheep. This is not because they love sheep and want to be sheep. They disguise themselves as sheep because they hate sheep, hate their shepherds, and want to devour and kill.
- A wolf must be dealt with. You can't be gentle with a ravenous wolf. You can't scare one away. It will always return. It is locked in on its prey and its purpose. It's a wolf! And, a wolf always does what a wolf does!

A shepherd is aware there are wolves around. He wants to protect the sheep so he makes the sheep aware of the wolf's presence and how the wolf operates. The sheep appreciate the shepherd's efforts to protect and respond with cooperation and love.

David

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Carolyn Brown** is in the Conway Hospital room 212 suffering from pneumonia.

**Rodger Moore** is recovering from surgery to remove his gall bladder and repair a hernia.

**Sonny Nealey** is recovering from surgery to remove cancer.

**Eddy Jones** is having problems with his heart and will see a doctor soon.

**Russell Duncan**, Ruth Duncan's husband, is recovering from an infection in his lungs.

**Jeane Harvey** is having some serious health issues.

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

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

**Tami Baker** is recovering from surgery to remove cancer.

**Margret Morgan**, Kim Wells' aunt, is experiencing some very serious health problems.

**Henry Knonnemacher**, Dorothy Glover's nephew, is now under hospice care.

**Extended Sick List:** Paula Stocks, Bob Johnston, Pam Webb, Carolyn Brown, Thurman Brown, Ethan Lafferty, Karen Lambert, Phil Autrey, Karen Carper, Shelia Riddle, Robie Permenter, Monte Ward, Martha Walker, Jerry Walker, Tony Anthony, Jessie Ellison, Sr., Wayne Guess, Larry Ellinger, Carroll Sites, Diane Bane, Gordon Newsome, Ken Cope, John McBee, Jason Elliott, 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 our building payment. Please be as generous as possible.

Congregational Potluck: Everyone is to share in a meal together after the morning service. Our evening service will be held immediately following the meal.

Grades 3-6 Devo and Pool Party: 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders and their families are invited to the home of Bob Johnston at 4 p.m. today. Parents, please help by providing desserts. Everyone bring a lawn chair. Youth, invite your friends!

Appreciation Meal: If you served during the camp session at Areopagus this summer, you are invited to attend a meal in your honor on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at noon. Please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer if you will be attending.

J.O.Y.: The JOY (Just Older Youth) group will go for a meal at the Peyton Creek Fishhouse in Conway followed by a movie at the building on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Invite a friend to join you!

You can come out of the furnace of trouble two ways:  
if you let it consume you, you come out a cinder;  
but there is a kind of metal which refuses to be consumed,  
and comes out a star