

August 14, 2016
SOUND ROOM

Dan Blair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Curtis Sawrie

SCRIPTURE READING

Jade Smith

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Curtis Sawrie

Rodney Partee

LORD'S TABLE

Connor Marsh, b.

Ralph Hunter, c.

Colton Hunter, o.

Michael Hunter

Rodger Moore

Dennis Martin

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Youth

LEAD PRAYER

Youth

Youth

LORD'S TABLE

Youth

Youth

Wed., Aug. 17, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Eddy Jones

LEAD PRAYER

Bob Johnston

Eddy Jones

DEVOTIONAL

Rodney Partee

August 21, 2016
SOUND ROOM

John Carper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Curtis Sawrie

SCRIPTURE READING

Gary Lambert

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock

LEAD PRAYER

Jarod Partee

Carey Wells

LORD'S TABLE

Josh Moore, b.

Jacob Moore, c.

Joey Moore, o.

Aaron Harp

James Moore

Mark Mauney

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

LEAD PRAYER

Rodney Partee

Jarod Partee

LORD'S TABLE

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

Wed., Aug. 24, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Connor Marsh

Ralph Hunter

DEVOTIONAL

Jarod Partee

At A Glance

August 14 – Back-To-School Bash. 4 p.m.

August 21 – Baby Shower for Danielle and Caleb Shock. 3:30 p.m.

August 27 – JOY Group meal at Peyton Creek Fish House and movie at the building

August 28 – Contribution to Building Fund

September 4 – Wedding Shower for Connor Marsh and Jessica Gillham. 3:30 p.m.

September 4-7 – Gospel Meeting. Higden C of C. Speaker: Mike Crowley

September 22 – JOY Group trip to Dondeee's Catfish House in Des Arc.

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, August 14: Lesson #285 - Judges 17

Wed., August 17: Lesson #286 – Judges 18

Sunday, August 21: Lesson #287: Judges 19-20

Wed, August 24: Lesson #288: Judges 21

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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- **Roberto Sarmiento, Costa Rica**
- **Main Street Church of Christ (Stuttgart, Arkansas)**
- **Youth Outreach University**
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- **Truth For Today World Mission School**
- **Gospel Chariot (Africa)**
- **Gospel Crusade (Local)**
- **Camp Areopagus**

The *Mars Hill* Messenger

August 14, 2016

All Things Work Together For Good

We've heard it said or maybe even said it ourselves, "Nothing good ever happens to me." We get some bad news, things don't go as planned, etc., and we immediately respond negatively. I recognize that some folks experience more misfortune than others, and maybe you're one who has dealt with an overwhelming amount of heartache.

Hardship seemed to follow the apostle Paul everywhere he went (2 Corinthians 11:24ff). Job could easily win the "MISFORTUNATE MAN OF THE YEAR" award. Even David, in those years before becoming king over all of Israel, faced terrible heartache and pain (1 Samuel 18:1ff).

What about Joseph? You think you've had it bad. A quick journey with Joseph (Genesis 37-50) will make you realize just how truly blessed you are. Speaking of this man Joseph, it would do us well to remember his words to his brothers who had, by their evil deeds, brought about his many sorrows: "*Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive*" (Genesis 50:20). You read it correctly, "*but God meant it unto good.*" Instead of complaining and being critical of all the misfortune he had endured, Joseph, as he looks back on his life, recognized the providential workings of God and the ultimate good that resulted. We, like Joseph, need to focus more on the big picture and not the big problem!

David

God Brings Big Things from Little Seeds

I read an article not long ago about a team of scientists that attempted to construct a kernel of corn. They had analyzed an actual kernel of corn and broken it down to its molecular makeup and had determined exactly what it was made of. Then, using the same “materials” they constructed an exact replica of the kernel of corn. When they planted it, however, it didn’t grow. You see, even though they could duplicate the physical makeup of the seed, they couldn’t create the germ of life.

Ironically this experiment cost thousands of dollars, when God could give them a kernel of corn for free. It is amazing how God puts life in each seed and how, when the conditions are right, that seed grows to produce a plant that will bear even more seeds (Matthew 13:8). As the old saying goes: you can count the number of seeds in an apple, but you cannot count the number of apples in a seed! One seed brings forth amazing things when God is involved.

In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul touched on some important points concerning what we know today as annual plants – and this information is related to our salvation. *“But someone will say, ‘How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?’ Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain – perhaps wheat or some other grain. But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.”* (1 Corinthians 15:35-38)

In this passage, it is revealed that the plant must die to produce the seed that will bring new life. We also see that seed must be sown (planted) to produce. And finally it is important to note that seeds do not directly grow from the seed that is planted, but a plant grows from the seed.

Now, let’s make the spiritual application for us today. Just as only God can make a seed grow, so He is the only one who can give us true life. Men have developed many plans of salvation, but when “planted” they will not grow into eternal life. We must give up on trying to make salvation for ourselves and accept God’s. When we die to self (are “planted”) in faith and baptism, God gives us a new life (Rom. 6:3-5). Then when we are “planted” in faithful death, on that final day God will raise us up with new bodies fit for heaven (1 Corinthians 15:42-57).

Just be the submissive seed and let God be God and He will grow you into something beautiful – in this life and the next.

Suppose you could gain everything in the whole world, and lost your soul.

Was it worth it?

PRAYERS NEEDED

Heather Partee received a good report from recent tests.

Eddy Jones underwent tests on his heart this past week.

Jeane Harvey is having some serious health issues.

Alex Lafferty will undergo surgery on his back soon.

Tami Baker is recovering from surgery to remove cancer.

Extended Sick List: Mark Allen, Paula Stocks, Bob Johnston, Pam Webb, Carolyn Brown, Ethan Lafferty, Karen Lambert, Karen Carper, Shelia Riddle, Robie Permenter, Monteen Ward, Martha Walker, Jerry Walker, Wayne Guess, Larry Ellinger, Carroll Sites, Diane Bane, Gordon Newsome, Ken Cope, John McBee, Bob Dalton, Pam Johnson, Ruby McKenny, Sandy Hill, Chester Hale, Marjory Stanley, Ava Walker, Ron Smith, John Riddle, Jerry Almond, Rick Miller, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

FAMILY NEWS

Sympathy: Margret Morgan, Kim Wells’ aunt, passed away on Thursday. Our love and sympathy are extended to the family.

Baby: Nathan Aaron Mills was born on Friday to Karen and Steven Mills. Congratulations!

Back-To-School Bash: Today. Games at 4 p.m.; Worship at 5 p.m.; Meal following the worship service.

Appreciation Meal: If you served during the camp sessions at Areopagus this summer, you are invited to attend a meal in your honor next Saturday at noon. Please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer today if you will be attending.

Baby Shower: A Baby Shower will be held for Danielle and Caleb Shock next Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the Mars Hill building.

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 27th. Invite a friend to join you!

Shower Fund: The fund to provide for showers is running low. If you are willing to help with this special need please give the money to Debbie Moody or Becky Martin.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor anything above, nor anything below,

***nor anything else in all creation
can separate us from the love of God
that is ours in union with the Christ Jesus, our Lord***
(Romans 8:38-39)

Three Assurances of the Believer