

The Mars Hill Messenger

August 7, 2016

WHO CARES?

Have you ever felt as though no one love you...no one cared about you? David must have been in the depths of despair when he wrote: "No one cares for my soul" (Psalms 142:4). While earthly friends may sometimes fail to care as they should, we can be sure that someone does care about us. "Who cares?," you ask. Notice carefully that:

1. **ANGELS CARE.** The scriptures demonstrate that angelic beings are concerned with our welfare. Jesus said, "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents..." (Luke 15:10). From 1 Peter 1:12 observe that angels are concerned with the salvation of mankind. Angels care!
 2. **JESUS CARES.** A well-known hymn asks, "Does Jesus care?" The refrain answers, "O yes, He cares; I know He cares..." Jesus, the loving shepherd, laid down his life because he cared for his sheep (John 10:13,14). "Greater love hath no man than this, than a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Truly, Jesus is one who cares for us.

3. **OUR HEAVENLY FATHER CARES.** The giving of His only begotten son shows the extent of God's great love (John 3:16). Indeed he is "the father of mercies and God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3). Paul said that "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

When you are depressed, lonely and feeling as though no one cares, do as David did, turn to God in prayer. He prayed saying: "I cried out to You, O Lord; I said, 'You are my refuge...'" (Psalms 142:5). Remember that there are those who care!

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

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 5 – 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 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 7: Lesson #283: Judges 15
 Wed, August 10: Lesson #284: Judges 16
 Sunday, August 14: Lesson #285 - Judges 17
 Wed., August 17: Lesson #286 – Judges 18

August 7, 2016 SOUND ROOM

Dan Blair
ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Curtis Sawrie
SCRIPTURE READING
 Clay Winn

A.M. SERVICE LEAD SINGING

Jacob Moore
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

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

Christians

Acts 11:26

The Christian is one who has undergone a metamorphosis in life. The Apostle Paul writes, "give thanks unto the Father, who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love..."(Col. 1:12-13). The word "translated" (metestesen) means to go from one state to another. A change has taken place in the mind of one who would put on Christ through baptism (Romans 12:12). The title Christian continues to be a popular self-designation by many today. We want to identify the Bible Christian in this lesson.

The Christian is:

A. **A Believer** - Mark 16:16; Acts 2:44; 4:4, 32; 5:13-14, 32; 6:7; 8:12, 37-38; 9:41-42; 10:43; 11:21; 13:12, 38, 48; 14:1-2; 16:1, 31; 17:34; 18:8

B. A Saint - (Greek hagios) "of persons, holy, and pure". Arndt and Gingrich's Greek English lexicon defines the word as, "Of human beings consecrated to God, holy... what is holy". Moulton defines the word as, "Members of the first Christian communities; pure, righteous, ceremonially or morally; holy" (Moulton 3). Christians are saints because they meet the highest standard of holiness found in the Lord (see Matthew 5:48; 1 Peter 1:15-17; 1 John 4:17). See: Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Ephesians 1:1.

C. A Disciple (Acts 11:26) – (Greek mathetes) meaning "a learner". The disciple is one willing to hear and learn (John 6:44-45; Romans 10:17). To be a disciple one must be meek - the ability to examine one's self and make honest assessments. Meek people say, "Not my will but thy will O Lord." Disciples are willing not only to learn but to permit their lives to be guided by the Holy Spirit (Jeremiah 10:23). The learner of God's truths develop a friendship with God that is nurtured through time spent in study (2 Timothy 2:15).

D. The Christian has a Peculiar Attitude - Hates sin and feels the sting of guilt and remorse when participating in it (Romans 12:9). Deeply bothered by sin - Psalms 51; Isaiah 57:15; 66:2; Acts 8:22 E. Has a Peculiar (unusual - not common) Character - Care and concern for others physical and spiritual well being (James 1:27; 1 John 3:16-17 - Acts 18:5-6; Ephesians 5:11).

Conclusion: There are those who call themselves Christians and then there are those who ARE Christians. A Christian is a believer who has been forgiven of their sins. He is one that desires others to be forgiven of their sins and thereby sows the seeds of the gospel. The Christian's purpose is to live holy as God is holy. The true Christian does not treat others as though they were lesser of a person or lesser in intelligence. The true Christian recognizes their great flaws and gives God thanks for his mercy in their lives. Love motivates the Christian's every action. He learns and exhibits a peculiar character and attitude revealed in the truths of the gospel. Hope governs the Christians' life. Why don't you become a Christian today?

PRAYERS NEEDED

Heather Partee will see the doctor on Tuesday to find out result on recent tests.

Carolyn Brown is at home recovering from pneumonia.

Eddy Jones is at home recovering from issues with his heart.

Jeane Harvey is having some serious health issues.

Mark Allen received a good report this week from his cardiologist.

Alex Lafferty will undergo a milligram Thursday in advance of surgery that will be performed on his back.

Tami Baker is recovering from surgery to remove cancer.

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

Extended Sick List: Paula Stocks, Bob Johnston, Pam Webb, Carolyn Brown, Thurman Brown, Ethan Lafferty, Karen Lambert, Karen Carper, Shelia Riddle, Robie Permenter, Monteen Ward, Martha Walker, Jerry Walker, Tony Anthony, Wayne Guess, Larry Ellinger, Carroll Sites, Diane Bane, Gordon Newsome, Ken Cope, John McBee, Jason Elliott, 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: Henry Knonnemacher, Dorothy Glover's nephew passed away last week. Sue Ruvolo, Mary Walker's niece, passed away this past week. Jesse Ellison, Sr, Doug Ellison's father, passed away this week. The visitation will be at 1 p.m. and funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the building of the Greenbrier Church of Christ. Our love and sympathy are extended to these families.

Back-To-School Bash: Next Sunday. Games at 4 p.m.; Worship at 5 p.m.; Meal following the worship service. If you are willing to help prepare sandwiches for the meal please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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

Baby Shower: A Baby Shower will be held for Danielle and Caleb Shock on Sunday, August 21st, 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.

"Whosoever trusteth in the Lord,
happy is he."

- Proverbs 16:20