

September 11, 2016

Nursery

Amanda Winn

SOUND ROOM

Josh Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rodney Partee

SCRIPTURE READING

Rodger Moore

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Curtis Sawrie

LEAD PRAYER

Jack Hancock

Stanley Gordon

LORD'S TABLE

Gary Lambert, b.

Harold Moody, c.

Caleb Shock, o.

Josh Moore

Connor Marsh

Ralph Hunter

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Bob Johnston

LEAD PRAYER

Jade Smith

Thurman Brown

LORD'S TABLE

James Moore

John Carper

Wed., Sept 14, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

LEAD PRAYER

Joey Moore

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DEVOTIONAL

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Jacob Moore

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Eddy Jones

LEAD PRAYER

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

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Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

Wed., Sept 21, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

DEVOTIONAL

Josh Moore

At A Glance

September 11-14 – Gospel Meeting at Foothills C of C, Searcy. Speaker: Brad Harrub

September 17 – Ice Cream Fellowship. Grades 3-6. At the home of Bob Johnston

September 18 – Wedding Celebration for Doug and Vanessa Ellison

September 19 – Fellowship Supper at Downtown, Morrilton. 5:30 p.m.

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

September 24 – Chad and Audreonna Hunter wedding

September 25 – Contribution to Building Fund

September 25-28 – Gospel Meeting at Woodrow C of C. Speaker: Jason Almond

October 1 – Fish Fry at Mars Hill.

October 15 – Marsh/Gilliam wedding. 2 p.m.

October 30 – Goal Day: 250

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, Sept 11: Lesson #293 – 1 Samuel 1 – 2:11

Wed., Sept 14: Lesson #294 – 1 Samuel 2:12 – 3:21

Sunday, Sept 18: Lesson #295: 1 Samuel 4-5

Wed, Sept 21: Lesson #296: 1 Samuel 6-7

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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- Truth For Today World Mission School
- Gospel Chariot (Africa)
- Gospel Crusade (Local)
- Camp Areopagus

The *Mars Hill* Messenger

September 11, 2016

“My Daddy Came To Church!”

A couple of Sundays ago, I saw one of the happiest children I think I've ever seen.

I was in the foyer greeting folks as I'm accustomed to doing. A car drove into the covered drive of the church building, a woman and her children got out, and the driver went to park.

One of the children ran ahead into the building. The child came directly to me with an outstretched hand. You could see the sheer joy and happiness in the child's eyes. The child didn't say “Hello” or even “Good morning.” There was only one thing on this child's mind. There was only one thing that was important to this child on this day. The child said, “My Daddy came with me today!”

I wish every father and mother of every child that comes to Mars Hill could have seen and heard what I heard and saw in this child. I'm absolutely sure it would make every father and mother a better parent. I'm certain it would make every one of us commit to a better life.

Mom and Dad, you only have them for a very short time. Right now, your child is saying, “I want to be just like you.” If you postpone faithful service to God you have probably lost the opportunity to influence your child for the Lord. These things may not be important to you today; but the day will come when these thought will consume your heart with regret. You can't change the past, but you can determine the future (Mathew 7:13-14).

David

His Name is Mercy

Anita Geurink works with *Beautiful Africa*, a campaign devoted to the care of children who have been abandoned or orphaned as a result of poverty and HIV/AIDS. *Beautiful Gate* is a home providing such care that is supported by the *Beautiful Africa* campaign. Anita recently wrote about an experience at the Beautiful Gate home in Maseru, Lesotho, in southern Africa.

Yesterday we had a visitor and I took her into the baby houses to see some of our kids. One of the babies began to cry so I picked him up and was given a bottle to feed him. We received several babies all at one time a few weeks ago, so it took me a moment to figure out which baby I was holding. Then I just had to look at him and smile. I will never forget who he is again because he has a story of grace and mercy. What the devil meant for harm, God turned to good in his little life.

While I was away at a missionary ladies' retreat, a new baby boy was brought to Beautiful Gate. He was only a month old and was found abandoned in the forest just outside of town. This is very significant based on the events that followed on Friday evening.

In her blog, Anita told about a terrible hail storm that struck the area on the previous Friday night. The hail beat down on Maseru for seven minutes damaging windows and causing leaks in roofs, including their own home. Marble sized hail drummed down to earth in the exact spot where that baby boy had been lying only a few hours before. However, the abandoned boy had been found before the storm hit and was safe at *Beautiful Gate*.

The boy's name, translated, means "mercy". His name reflects the mercy that had been demonstrated in his being rescued from abandonment, serious injury, and likely death. *

Neal Pollard reminds us that we should "see ourselves as the little orphaned Lesothoan boy, vulnerable and helpless and in need of rescue" due to our sins. *

The Apostle Paul wrote to some people who had been rescued from their helpless and grave condition: "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:4-9).

When we were lost in sin, God sent Jesus into the world to save us (John 3:16). In order for us to be rescued from sin and death, Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins (Ephesians 1:7). He "gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father" (Galatians 1:4).

God will rescue 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).

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5).

-- David A. Sargent

PRAYERS NEEDED

Eddy Jones is recovering from a procedure on his heart.

Thurman Brown has been sick this past week.

Alex Lafferty's appointment for consultation regarding back surgery has been rescheduled for Wednesday.

Bill Lafferty, Alex Lafferty's brother, is very ill in the Baptist Hospital.

Allie Sawrie, Curtis Sawrie's mother, is having health issues.

Extended Sick List: Nell Bostic, Jeane Harvey, Nita Patrom, 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, Tami Baker, Wayne Guess, Larry Ellinger, Carroll Sites, Diane Bane, Gordon Newsome, Ken Cope, Geraldine Morris, 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

Ice Cream Fellowship: Next Saturday, 3-6 p.m. For Grades 3-6 and their families at the home of Bob Johnston. Please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer if you plan to attend. Please indicate if you are willing to prepare homemade ice cream. Come prepared to swim if you wish. Dress code for swimming is the same as that for the camp.

Wedding Celebration: Everyone is invited to stay after services next Sunday morning for a Wedding Celebration for Doug and Vanessa Ellison. A meal will be provided. Ladies are asked to bring a gift for Vanessa; men bring a gift for Doug.

Fellowship Supper: Monday, September 19th, at 5:30 p.m. at the building of the Downtown Church of Christ in Morrilton. Cost: \$6. If you plan to attend let David know.

JOY Group: The JOY Group will be going to Dondee's Catfish House in Des Arc on Thursday, September 22nd, for a meal together. If you plan to go please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Workday at Areopagus: Everyone's help is needed on Saturday morning, September 24th. There will be light cleanup of the grounds that can be done by the men and boys. There is cleanup of the Cafeteria/Activities Center and cabins that can be done by women and girls. 8 a.m. – 12 noon.

Attending: If you are planning to attend the reception following Chad Hunter's wedding on September 24th, please sign RSVP sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Gifts: Since Chad and Audreonna Hunter will only be in Vilonia for a short time. If you plan to give them a wedding gift, please bring the presents or gift cards to the building on the day of their wedding ceremony (September 24th) or the Sunday before.

Pantry: If you would like to assist the Vilonia Church of Christ pantry, they are currently in need of tuna and green beans. Bring these items to the building and they will be delivered to Vilonia.