

September 18, 2016

Nursery

Amanda Winn

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rodney Partee

SCRIPTURE READING

Josh Moore

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Caleb Shock

LEAD PRAYER

Jade Smith

Thurman Brown

LORD'S TABLE

Michael Hunter, b.

Thomas Martin, c.

Rodger Moore, o.

Dennis Martin

Jacob Moore

Joey Moore

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Eddy Jones

LEAD PRAYER

Gary Lambert

Harold Moody

LORD'S TABLE

Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

Wed., Sept 21, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Randy Riddle

LEAD PRAYER

Mark Mauney

Steve Shock

DEVOTIONAL

Josh Moore

September 25, 2016

Nursery

Amanda Winn

SOUND ROOM

Clay Winn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rodney Partee

SCRIPTURE READING

Bob Johnston

A.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Thomas Martin

LEAD PRAYER

Gary Lambert

Mike Widner

LORD'S TABLE

Arron Harp, b.

James Moore, c.

Mark Mauney, o.

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

Curtis Sawrie

P.M. SERVICE

LEAD SINGING

Jade Smith

LEAD PRAYER

Caleb Shock

Josh Moore

LORD'S TABLE

Dan Blair

Steve Shock

Wed., Sept 28, 2016

LEAD SINGING

Michael Hunter

LEAD PRAYER

Steve Shock

Dan Blair

DEVOTIONAL

Mike Widner

At A Glance

September 18 – Wedding Celebration for Doug and Vanessa Ellison

September 19 – Preacher's Meeting at the building of the Greenbrier C of C. 10 a.m.

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 18: Lesson #295: 1 Samuel 4-5

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

Sunday, Sept 25: Lesson #297 – 1 Samuel 8-9

Wed., Sept 28: Lesson #298 – 1 Samuel 10-11

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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- Ted & Barbara Knight (U.S.A., Romania)
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- 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

The *Mars Hill* Messenger

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A Bad Trade!

It is not uncommon for me to be approached about trading something I have for something someone else has. Honestly, I've probably made more bad trades than good ones.

A Sunday school teacher asked her class if they could give Bible examples of anyone making a bad bargain. The first said, "Esau made a bad bargain when he sold his birthright for a mess of pottage". Another said, "Judas made a bad bargain when he sold Jesus for 30 pieces of silver". A third said, "Ananias and Sapphira made a bad bargain when they lied about the price of their land". A fourth said, "Jesus said it is a bad bargain when a man gains the whole world and loses his own soul".

We might add another to this list. It is a bad bargain for you and me to trade our hope of heaven for the pleasures, riches, power and glory of this world.

Jesus was shown all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time and told he could have all these if he bowed down to Satan. Jesus knew that would be a bad bargain.

What kinds of bargains do we make? Do we trade the worship time for things far less valuable? Do we trade Christian service for idle pleasures?

David

A Heartwarming Letter

He was known as “the Crocodile Hunter.” Stephen Robert “Steve” Irwin was an Australian wildlife expert, television personality, and conservationist. Irwin achieved worldwide fame from the television series *The Crocodile Hunter*, an internationally broadcast wildlife documentary series which he co-hosted with his wife, Terri. Together, the couple also owned and operated Australia Zoo, founded by Irwin's parents.

Irwin died on September 4, 2006, after being pierced in the chest by a stingray barb while filming an underwater documentary film titled *Ocean's Deadliest*.

Recently, Bob Irwin, the late Steve Irwin's father, revealed that his son penned a touching note to him and his wife Judy. Bob states that he recently discovered the heartwarming letter in an unopened envelope while doing research for his memoir, “The Last Crocodile Hunter: A Father and Son Legacy,” to be released in November, 2016.

In the handwritten note, at the age of 32, Steve informed his parents how much they meant to him:

Dear Dad & Mum,

Probably one of the most unfortunate things in a “Bloke's Life” is that it takes over 30 years to realize how essential you have been to build my character, my ethics and, most importantly, my HAPPINESS. At 32, I am finally starting to figure it out.

In good times and in bad, you were there. Your strength and endurance to raise me will not go unrewarded. My love for you is my strength! For the rest of my life I will reflect on the unbelievably GREAT times we've shared and will continue to share. You're my best friends!"

Steve Irwin closed the note by saying, "Thank you."

There is another “letter” that reveals the great love of a Father and Son for YOU and ME... Here are some of the contents of that “letter”:

“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 NIV).

“This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins” (1 John 4:9-10 NIV).

The heavenly Father and His Son Jesus expressed this great love for you and me, not because we were “loveable,” but because God created us and because we needed a Savior due to our sin.

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

God, because of His great love for us, sent Jesus to die on the cross to pay the price for our redemption from sin (Ephesians 1:7).

God will save and give eternal life to those who will 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).

The Bible is much more than a love letter; it is God's revelation to us that reveals God's identity and reveals our origin, our purpose, and our destiny. Yet, the central message of the Book is that God loves us so much that He gave His Son to die for us so that we can be saved and receive the gift of eternal life.

-- David A. Sargent

PRAYERS NEEDED

Barbara Ausbrooks is recovering from surgery to repair a broken shoulder.

Gunner Smith has been very sick this past week.

Mike Widner will visit a surgeon on Tuesday to schedule surgery to remove melanoma.

Deborah Nealey has been very sick this past week.

Eddy Jones is recovering from a procedure on his heart.

Thurman Brown is feeling better and was able to be in services Wednesday.

Alex Lafferty will not be having surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.

Sarah Moore is recovering from surgery in Dallas.

Linda Brown, Ova Leah Leighton's daughter-in-law, is recovering from injuries sustained in a car accident. She is in the Baptist Hospital.

Bill Lafferty, Alex Lafferty's brother, is recovering from a heart attack. He is 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, 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, Sandy Hill, Marjory Stanley, Ava Walker, Ron Smith, John Riddle, Jerry Almond, Anna Kay Jones, Barbara Fowlkes, Jim Canter

FAMILY NEWS

Wedding Celebration: Everyone is invited to stay after services this morning for a Wedding Celebration for Doug and Vanessa Ellison. A meal will be provided

Fellowship Supper: Tomorrow 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 for a meal together. If you plan to go, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Wedding: Everyone is invited to the wedding for Chad Hunter and Audreonna Murphy on Saturday at 5 p.m. here at the building.

Building Fund: The contribution next Sunday will go toward the payment on the building. Please be as generous as possible.

Fish Fry: Everyone is invited to share in a Fish Fry on Saturday, October 1st, at the Mars Hill building. Catfish, chicken, French fries, and hush puppies will be provided. Please bring and dish or dessert you would like to fill out the meal. Be sure and invite your family and friends.

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.