

**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

**October 2, 2016**

**Nursery**

Michelle House

**SOUND ROOM**

Clay Winn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rodger Harlan

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Connor Marsh

**A.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Jacob Moore

**LEAD PRAYER**

Harold Moody

Caleb Shock

**LORD'S TABLE**

Rodney Partee, b.

Jarod Partee, c.

Carey Wells, o.

Rodger Harlan

Clay Winn

Roy Bulicde

**P.M. SERVICE**

**LEAD SINGING**

Randy Riddle

**LEAD PRAYER**

Bob Johnston

Eddy Jones

**LORD'S TABLE**

Curtis Sawrie

Rodney Partee

**Wed., Oct. 5, 2016**

**LEAD SINGING**

Bob Johnston

**LEAD PRAYER**

Curtis Sawrie

Rodney Partee

**DEVOTIONAL**

Josh Moore

***At A Glance***

**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 25: Lesson #297 – 1 Samuel 8-9

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

Sunday, October 2: Lesson #299: 1 Samuel 12-13

Wed, October 5: Lesson #300: 1 Samuel 14

**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](http://Youthoutreachuniversity.com)
- Truth For Today World Mission School
- Gospel Chariot (Africa)
- Gospel Crusade (Local)
- Camp Areopagus

# The *Mars Hill* Messenger

September 25, 2016



**Everyone Is Invited!**

**Saturday, 5 p.m.**

Please encourage your family and friends to join you!

The catfish, chicken, French fries, and hushpuppies will be provided.

Mars Hill members are asked to help provide desserts and dishes to compliment the meal.

## Undeliverable

Have you seen a mailbox like the one Keith Wishum describes?

*It was just a few miles out Highway 30, just a few feet off the ground. It was just a few letters, just an ordinary mailbox. The message took a moment to register, and I almost didn't notice as I drove by daydreaming of other matters. But it communicated clearly. And, I laughed.*

*Standing about 10 feet high, this mailbox had stenciled on the side, "Bills."*

*It is just a joke. The owner knows that moving the mailbox so that the postman can't deliver the mail doesn't really make the bills go away. They are still very much due. So, the guy has a regular-height mailbox for his bills to actually go into.*

Now observe Wishum's astute application:

***Are we ever tempted to move the mailbox just because we don't like the message we receive? Take concepts like the wrath and judgment of God, for example. Because those are unpleasant ideas, are we tempted to ignore them even though they are plainly part of the message God has sent us in Scripture?***

*Consider God's "mail" to His church in Thessalonica. He cautions (in 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9):*

This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with His powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of His power.

*What harsh words! Blazing fire? Punishment? Everlasting destruction? That doesn't sound like God as we would like for Him to be. He must be talking about serial killers and terrorists, right? No, the destruction is for those who "do not know God and do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus."*

***Many don't like that and "move the mailbox"; they ignore the message. But ignoring it doesn't change it.***

*The Gospel, which must be obeyed, is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (see 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). It is obeyed by dying to sin, being buried in baptism, and being raised to live a new life (see Romans 6:1-4).*

The Good News (the Gospel) is that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. His death was part of God's loving plan for our redemption. Jesus suffered the wrath of God for sin on our behalf. His death satisfied the justice of God while also demonstrating His supreme love for us (see Romans 3:23-26). Jesus died for us so that we might have forgiveness of our sins and receive the gift of eternal life – IF – we will humbly accept His offer on His terms by obeying the Gospel.

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). This is how we "obey the Gospel" – the Good News that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again, so that we can be saved! Then, as we continue to walk in the light of His Word, the blood of Jesus continues to cleanse us from sin (1 John 1:7).

Wishum concludes: **"Moving the mailbox doesn't change the message. Obeying the message does change things."**

**Won't YOU accept the Good News through your trusting obedience?**

-- David A. Sargent

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Nita Patrom** is in the Conway Hospital dealing with heart problems.

**Carolyn Brown** has been hospitalized this week with dehydration.

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

**Gus Smith** has strep.

**Mike Widner** will undergo surgery on October 12<sup>th</sup> to remove melanoma.

**Eddy Jones** is continuing to have problems with his heart.

**Alex Lafferty** is in need of our prayers.

**Sarah Roderick**, James and Debbie Moore's daughter, is recovering from surgery.

**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 in the Baptist Hospital recovering from heart surgery.

**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

Sympathy: Taylor Reaves, grandson of Dale and Diane Edwards, passed away on Wednesday. Visitation is 6 – 8 p.m. this evening and the funeral will be a graveside service tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Cypress Valley Cemetery.

Birth: Katie Mae Shock was born to Caleb and Danielle Shock on Wednesday. Steve and Sue Shock are the grandparents. Stanley and Sammye Gordon are the great-grandparents.

Building Fund: The contribution today 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 at 5 p.m. 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.

Wedding: Connor Marsh and Jessica Gilliam will be married in a ceremony at the Mars Hill building on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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.

**Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting!**